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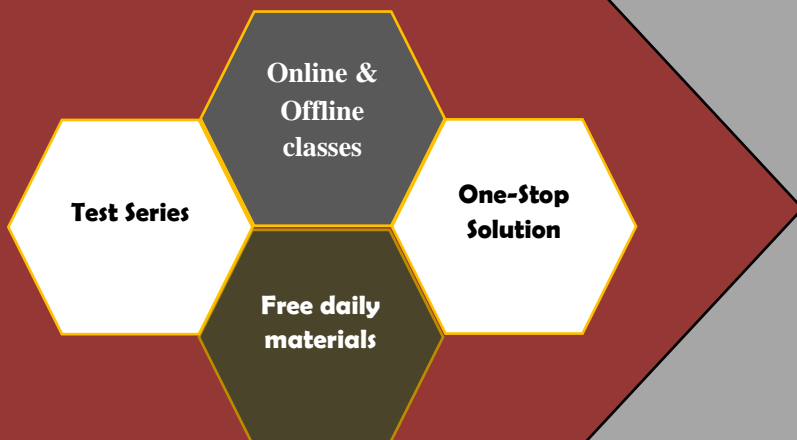
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World Meteorological Organization

About:

- It is an intergovernmental organization with a membership of 192 Member States and Territories. India is a member.
- It originated from the **International Meteorological Organization (IMO)**, which was established after the 1873 Vienna International Meteorological Congress.

Establishment:

- Established by the ratification of the WMO Convention on 23rd March 1950, WMO became the **specialized agency of the United Nations** for meteorology (weather and climate), operational hydrology and related geophysical science.

Headquarters:

- Geneva, Switzerland.
- Recently, the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)** released its annual **State of the Global Climate for 2020**.
- The report was released ahead of the **Leaders Summit on Climate**, hosted by the US.
- Extreme weather combined with **Covid-19** was a double blow for millions of people in 2020. However, the **pandemic-related economic slowdown failed to put a brake on climate change drivers and accelerating impacts**.