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# Lecture-24



## International Law

- **Prosecuting War Criminals:** By prosecuting and convicting war criminals, the **UN tribunals established for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda** have helped to expand international humanitarian and international criminal law dealing with genocide and other violations of international law.
  - **The International Criminal Court** is an independent permanent court that investigates and prosecutes persons accused of the most serious international crimes—genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes—if national authorities are unwilling or unable to do so.
- **Helping to Resolve Major International Disputes:** By delivering judgments and advisory opinions, the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** has helped to settle international disputes involving territorial questions, maritime boundaries, diplomatic relations, State responsibility, the treatment of aliens and the use of force, among others.
- **Stability and Order in the World's Oceans:**
  - **The 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea**, which has gained nearly universal acceptance, provides the **legal framework** for all activities in the oceans and seas.
  - It also includes mechanisms for settling disputes.
- **Combating International Crime: The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** works with countries and organizations to counter transnational organized crime by providing legal and technical assistance to fight corruption, money-laundering, drug trafficking and smuggling of migrants, as well as by strengthening criminal justice systems.
  - It has played a key role in brokering and implementing relevant international Treaties, such as the **UN Convention against Corruption-2005** and the **UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime-2003**.
  - It works to reduce the supply of and demand for **illicit drugs** under the three main **UN conventions on drug control**:
    - the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 (amended 1972),
    - the Convention on Psychotropic Substances-1971,
    - and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances-1988
- **Encouraging Creativity and Innovation:** The World Intellectual Property Organization (**WIPO**) promotes the protection of intellectual property rights and ensures that all countries are in a position to harness the benefits of an effective intellectual property system.

## Humanitarian Affairs

- **Assisting refugees:** Refugees fleeing **persecution, violence and war** have received aid from the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (**UNHCR**).

- UNHCR seeks long-term or "durable" solutions by helping refugees **repatriate** to their homelands, if conditions warrant, or by helping them to integrate in their countries of **asylum** or to resettle in third countries.
- Refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced persons, mostly women and children, are receiving food, shelter, medical aid, education, and repatriation assistance from the UN.
- **Aiding Palestinian Refugees:** UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (**UNRWA**), a relief and human development agency, has **assisted four generations of Palestinian refugees** with education, health care, social services, microfinance and emergency aid.
- **Reducing the Effects of Natural Disasters:** The World Meteorological Organization (**WMO**) has helped to spare millions of people from the calamitous effects of natural and man-made disasters.
  - Its early warning system, which includes thousands of surface monitors, as well as satellites,
    - has made it possible to predict with greater accuracy **weather-related disasters**,
    - has provided information on the **dispersal of oil spills** and chemical and nuclear leaks and has predicted long-term droughts.
- **Providing Food to the Neediest:** The World Food Programme (**WFP**) is fighting hunger worldwide, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience.

## Health

- **Promoting Reproductive and Maternal Health:** United Nations Population Fund (**UNFPA**) is promoting the right of individuals to make their own decisions on the number and spacing of their children through **voluntary family planning programmes**.
- **Responding to HIV/AIDS:** United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (**UNAIDS**) coordinates global action against an epidemic that affects some 35 million people.
- **Wiping Out Polio: Poliomyelitis** has been eliminated from all but three countries—Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan—as a result of the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative**.
- **Eradicating Smallpox:** A 13-year effort by the World Health Organization (WHO) resulted in smallpox being declared officially **eradicated from the planet in 1980**.
- **Fighting Tropical Diseases:**
  - WHO programme - **African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control** reduced levels of river blindness (onchocerciasis) in 10 West African countries while **opening up 25 million hectares of fertile land to farming**.
    - **Guinea-worm disease** is on the verge of being eradicated.
    - **Schistosomiasis** and **sleeping sickness** are now under control.
    - **Halting the Spread of Epidemics**

## MCQ

1. Agenda-21 refers to

- A. UN secretary General's Report to the Security Council
- B. Rio Earth Summit's document
- C. Charter of Demands of the Developing countries
- D. India's modernization programme to usher in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

2. The main thrust of Panchsheel consists in

- A. peaceful ,co-existence
- B. Non-alignment
- C. Disarmament agreements
- D. Trade agreements

3. Operation Rhino was directed against

- A. PWG
- B. LTTE
- C. ULFA
- D. ULTRA

4. Reagan's strategic Defence Initiative Programme was popularly known as

- A. Nuclear Umbrella
- B. NATO Seize
- C. Killer Shark Programme
- D. Star Wars

5. The Peace Accord between Israel and PLO was signed on Sep. 13, 1993 at

- A. London
- B. Jerusalem
- C. Tel Aviv
- D. Washington