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## Important Events for celebration under ECO-Club

Dates	Events
<p>12 January</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>National Youth Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Birthday of Swami Vivekananda, India's great thinker and patron of youth, is observed as National Youth Day. He was born on January 12, 1863.</li> <li>The celebration encourages the young to work for national integration and communal harmony and to engage in acts of courage and adventure, realizing their potential for constructive contributions to society.</li> <li>The National Youth Day is observed all over India at schools and colleges, with processions, speeches, recitations, music, youth conventions, seminars, Yogasanas, presentations, competitions in essay-writing, drawing competition and sports on 12 January every year.</li> </ul>
<p>24<sup>th</sup> January</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>National Girl Child Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every year, 24<sup>th</sup> of January is celebrated as National girl child day as a national observance day for the girl child.</li> <li>It is celebrated to increase the awareness among people about the inequalities faced by the girl child in the society.</li> <li>This day was aimed to offer more supports and new opportunities to the girls in the country on the basis of equality.</li> <li>inequality in education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care, protection, honor, child marriage and so many is a</li> </ul>

<p>30 January</p> 	<p>vast problem to girl child.</p> <p>National Cleanliness Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleanliness is the absence of dust, polythene, stains, bad smells solid material, non-biodegradable material and garbage.</li> <li>• Most public places in India, be it street, a lane, a government office, a railway station, a bus station, a hospital, or a public park, look filthy. The sites of littered garbage, overflowing sewage, defaced walls, people in hordes easing out in the public and water logged are common sites in our city and country.</li> <li>• Personal Cleanliness &amp; Personal Hygiene would be meaningless if we are living in an unclean environment. Therefore, cleanliness should begin from our own surroundings and even as we clean our abode daily,</li> <li>• we should spare some effort to keep clean our city, roads, office premises &amp; public places as well. It is the duty of all to keep the environment clean and healthy. The cleanliness of a city, village or an entire town begins from the cleanliness of individual homes.</li> <li>• The Environmental cleanliness is highlighted by the observation of National Cleanliness Day on January 30 th in India.</li> </ul> <p>Events to be held on the Day:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanitation campaigns are required to be held by panchayats and villages. Debates, painting, essay and quiz competitions are to be organized for the school children under the campaign.</li> <li>• Individual toilets are being</li> </ul>
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	<p>constructed in villages to make the State completely free of open defecation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solutions to garbage segregation, vermin-composting of organic waste, sanitary landfills for inorganic waste, drains to channel water, waste water treatment and reuse, biogas for cooking and regular cleaning of the village are advised.</li> <li>• The Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) Government of India has initiated an incentive scheme for fully sanitized and open defecation free gram panchayats, blocks, and districts called the 'Nirmal Gram Puraskar'. Students and educational institutions play a major role in generating mass awareness.</li> <li>• The government is aiming to achieve an <a href="#">Open-Defecation Free (ODF) India</a> by 2 October 2019.</li> </ul>
<p>2 February</p> 	<p>World Wetland Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 2nd February 1971, at Ramsar in Iran, an intergovernmental treaty was signed to promote country-level actions and international cooperation in protecting wetlands.</li> <li>• This day is celebrated to commemorate the signing of the Ramsar convention and to raise public awareness of the ecological value and benefits of wetlands. Wetlands are a very important part of our biodiversity and it is essential to see that they are well protected.</li> </ul>
<p>28 February</p>	<p>National Science Day</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In India, every year, February 28 is celebrated as National Science Day to mark the discovery of Raman effect by C.V. Raman.</li> <li>• The event is commemorated in honour of Sir C.V. Raman for discovery of the Raman effect on February 28, 1928, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930.</li> <li>• The day must be celebrated to highlight the role of science among the school children in the protection of the environment. The day help us in creating the interest of children's into the theory of Science.</li> </ul>
<p>3<sup>rd</sup> March</p> 	<p>Peach Blossom Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peach Blossom Day is observed on March 03, 2017.</li> <li>• It is a day to celebrate peach blossoms and a day for girls to celebrate being girls.</li> <li>• Peach Blossom Day refers to the Japanese Doll Festival, which takes place on March 3.</li> <li>• The peach, <i>Prunus persica</i>, is a deciduous tree, native to China and South Asia, where it was first cultivated. It bears an edible juicy fruit also called a peach. The flowers are produced in early spring before the leaves.</li> </ul>
<p>12<sup>th</sup> March</p> 	<p>Plant a Flower Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every year this day is dedicated to the planting of flowers and looking forward to the spring season.</li> <li>• Plant a Flower Day is a start to the new season each year.</li> </ul>
<p>20 March</p>	<p>World Sparrow Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Sparrow Day is a day designated to raise Awareness</li> </ul>

	<p>of the <a href="#">house sparrow</a> and then other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations, observed on 20 March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Sparrow Day also has a broader vision to provide a platform where people who are working on the conservation of the house sparrow and other common birds can network, collaborate and exchange conservation ideas which will lead to better science and improved results.</li> </ul>
<p>21 March</p> 	<p>World Forestry Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 1971, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), declared March 21st as World Forestry Day.</li> <li>This forestry is important for maintaining green atmosphere and provides lot of fresh air.</li> <li>This day serves to remind us of the important contributions of forests and forestry to the health of the global environment and to maintaining the quality of human life.</li> <li>It is Celebrated the world over on what is the spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and autumn equinox in the Southern Hemisphere,</li> <li>Activities such as the planting of trees and highlighting the urgency to increase the green cover.</li> </ul>
<p>22 March</p>	<p>World Water Day</p> <p>The decision to celebrate this day has been taken recently as drinking water sources are fast depleting. The world must wake up to the problem and begin conserving it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Less than 1 per cent of all water on Earth is available for human use and that too is under severe stress.</i></li> </ul>

	<p>✚ <i>Things you can do to Conserve Water :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Use water judiciously.</li> <li>✚ Stop leakage from taps.</li> <li>✚ Turn off the tap while brushing or washing.</li> <li>✚ Collect and store rainwater wherever possible.</li> <li>✚ Don't use running water for rinsing vegetable, pulses, etc.</li> <li>✚ Think of ways for reusing water for instance, water used for rinsing vegetable can be reused for watering plants.</li> </ul>
<p>23 March</p>	<p>World Meteorological Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 23 March 1950, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) was formed for meteorology (weather and climate), operational hydrology and related geophysical sciences. It has 189 members.</li> <li>• World Meteorological Day is celebrated worldwide by the meteorological community every year on March 23 to commemorate the organization of WMO. Each year a different theme is chosen for the occasion.</li> <li>• Various events as conferences, symposia and exhibitions for meteorological professionals, community leaders and the general public are held on World Meteorological Day.</li> <li>• Many countries issue postage stamps or special postage stamp cancellation marks to celebrate World Meteorological Day.</li> <li>• These stamps bear the theme of the event or a country's meteorology achievements</li> <li>• Everyone has to be reminded that weather is an integral part of the environment.</li> </ul>
<p>13 April</p>	<p>International Plant Appreciation Day</p>

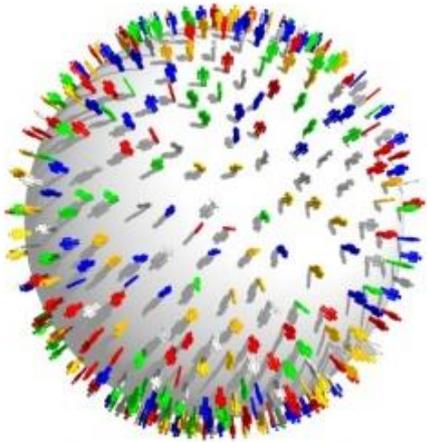
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Plant Appreciation Day takes place on April 13, 2017. Plants are living multi-cellular organisms of the kingdom Plantae.</li> <li>• They form a clade that includes the flowering plants, conifers and other gymnosperms, ferns, club mosses, hornworts, liverworts and mosses, as well as, depending on definition, the green algae. Plants exclude the red and brown algae, and some seaweeds such as kelp, the fungi, archaea and bacteria.</li> <li>• Much of human nutrition depends on land plants, either directly or indirectly. Human nutrition depends to a large extent on cereals, especially maize (or corn), wheat and rice. Other staple crops include potato, cassava, and legumes. Human food also includes vegetables, spices, and certain fruits, nuts, herbs, and edible flowers.</li> <li>• Beverages produced from plants include coffee, tea, wine, beer and alcohol. Thousands of plant species are cultivated for aesthetic purposes as well as to provide shade, modify temperatures, reduce wind, abate noise, provide privacy, and prevent soil erosion.</li> <li>• The text "<a href="#">International Plant Appreciation Day</a>" has been taken from <a href="http://www.cute-calendar.com">www.cute-calendar.com</a></li> </ul>
<p>18 April</p>	<p>World Heritage Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A World Heritage Site is a landmark which has been officially recognized by the <a href="#">United Nations</a>, specifically by <a href="#">UNESCO</a>.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sites are selected on the basis of having cultural, historical, scientific or some other form of significance, and they are legally protected by international treaties.</li> </ul>
<p>22 April</p>	<p>Earth Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This day was first observed in the USA in 1970 to draw attention to increasing environmental degradation due to human actions.</li> <li>• It is now celebrated worldwide by concerned citizens, with activities aim at protecting plants and animals and cleaning the environment.</li> </ul>
<p>22 May</p>	<p>International Biodiversity Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity provides the ecological goods and services that sustain all life.</li> <li>• Of the million of species of animals, plants and micro-organisms on earth, some 18000 are becoming extinct annually owing to mindless environmental interference by humans.</li> <li>• The UN proclaimed this day to increase awareness and understanding of biodiversity issues.</li> </ul>
<p>30 May</p> <p><b>Water a Flower Day</b></p>	<p>Water a Flower Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water a Flower Day is celebrated on May 30, 2017. To keep your flowers alive, you have to water them.</li> <li>• Water a Flower Day remembers you to water your flowers and is an opportunity to give them an extra sip of water to thank for their wonderful colors.</li> <li>• To celebrate Water a Flower Day you can use a watering</li> </ul>

	<p>can or watering pot. If you don't own such a thing, simply use a bottle or maybe even a cooking pot or a mug.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You could also take smaller plants or flowers directly to the sink and water them with tap water. The only important thing is to take good care of your flowers that day,</li> <li>so don't forget to celebrate the day and tell everyone about it, who owns flowers. Unfortunately, the creator of this day is unknown.</li> </ul>
<p>5 June</p> 	<p>World Environment Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5<sup>th</sup> June is celebrated as a world Environment Day</li> <li>It commemorates the start of UN conference on the human environment, Stockholm, held in 1972.</li> <li>This day seeks to focus on the state of the global environment.</li> <li>A unique theme and slogan is selected each year by the world organization.</li> <li>Different function are organized like essay competition, drawing completion, declamation etc to mark the World environment day.</li> <li>Each year, a state function is being organized in which students were awared about the effects of pollution on the human health and were advised to work as a Environment ambassador to protect the environment.</li> <li>Exhibition on various models like sewage treatment plants are also organized for the children's and the winners of various competitions were also given prizes .</li> </ul>

<p>8 June</p> 	<p>World Ocean Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> June, every year is celebrated as a World Oceans Day.</li> <li>• It was celebrated unofficially since its original proposal in 1992 by Canada at the <a href="#">Earth Summit</a> in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil was officially recognized by the United Nations in late 2008.</li> <li>• World Oceans Day events include a variety of activities and actions, such as special outdoor explorations, beach cleanups, educational and action programs, art contests, film festivals, and sustainable seafood events.</li> </ul>
<p>12 June</p> 	<p>Red Rose Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A well-known symbol of love in addition to being a beautiful and fragrant flower, it's no wonder that Red Rose Day is such a popular occasion.</li> <li>• Red Rose Day is a time for gardeners, florists and romantics to come together and enjoy the rose in all its fragrance. Red</li> <li>• Rose Day gives fans a chance to see roses at their best, blooming in glorious abundance at the height of the season.</li> <li>• There are numerous ways to celebrate Red Rose Day,</li> <li>• some people visit a rose garden where exotic species are showcased wonderfully. Others prefer to spend some time in their own garden.</li> </ul>
<p>15 June</p>	<p>Global Wind Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Wind Day is a worldwide event that occurs</li> </ul>

	<p>annually on <a href="#">15 June</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is organized by EWEA (<a href="#">European Wind Energy Association</a>) and GWEC (<a href="#">Global Wind Energy Council</a>).</li> <li>• It is a day when <a href="#">wind energy</a> is celebrated, information is exchanged and adults and children find out about wind energy, its power and the possibilities it holds to change the world.</li> <li>• In association with EWEA and GWEC, national wind energy associations and companies involved in wind energy production organize events in many countries around the world.</li> <li>• In 2011, there were events organized in 30 countries, on 4 continents. Events included visits to onshore and offshore wind farms, information campaigns, demonstration turbines being set up in cities, wind workshops and a wind parade. Many events happened on Global Wind Day (15 June) itself,</li> </ul>
<p>15-30 June</p>	<p>Paryavaran Mahotsav in Haryana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Government vide notification no. announced 15<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June as “Paryavaran Mahotsav” in the State of Haryana to be celebrated every year.</li> <li>• The week shall be celebrated by planting trees and watering the plants in their schools and homes.</li> </ul>
<p>15 June &amp; 25 June</p>	<p>State Green Mission Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This day is observed to launch the new planting season in Haryana State.</li> <li>• This day is observed as an annual ritual by the people of Haryana by dedicating their</li> </ul>

	<p>ten minutes of life to the mother earth by mass plantation drives.</p>
<p>11 July</p> 	<p>World Population Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Population day is an annual event, observed on July 11 every year, which seeks to raise awareness of <a href="#">global population</a> issues.</li> <li>• The event was established by the Governing Council of the <a href="#">United Nations Development Programme</a> in 1989.</li> <li>• It was inspired by the public interest in Five Billion Day on <a href="#">July 11</a>, 1987-approximately the date on which the world's population reached five billion people.</li> <li>• World Population Day aims at increase people's awareness on various population issues such as the importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights.</li> </ul>
<p>16 September</p> 	<p>World Ozone Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ozone is a gas occurring naturally, forming a layer in the upper atmosphere that protects life on earth from the Sun's ultra-violet rays.</li> <li>• This layer is threatened with destruction by man-made chemicals released into the air. World Ozone Day, declared by the UN in 1995, seeks to promote awareness of the damage and ways to reverse it by urgent action.</li> </ul>
<p>22 September</p>	<p>World Car Free Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Car Free Day, which is celebrated on September 22, encourages motorists to give up their cars for a day.</li> <li>• Organized events are held in some cities and countries.</li> <li>• Studies showed that for short</li> </ul>

	<p>trips in cities, one can reach more quickly using a bicycle rather than using a car.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On these days procession by students against the use of car can help to spread awareness among citizens and promote use of cycle for short distances or car pool system to be adopted for long and same place of visit/working.</li> </ul>
<p>24 September</p>	<p>World Rivers Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24th September, World Rivers Day is a celebration of the world's waterways.</li> <li>• It highlights the many values of our rivers, strives to increase public awareness, and encourages the improved stewardship of all rivers around the world.</li> <li>• Rivers in virtually every country face an array of threats, and only through our active involvement can we ensure their health in the years ahead.</li> </ul>
<p>28 September</p>	<p>Green Consumer Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The problems of consumerism and its impact on the environment is an area of major concern in today's world.</li> <li>• Awareness building on the importance of recycling-reusing-reducing should be taken up seriously.</li> </ul>
<p>1-7 October</p>	<p>World Wildlife Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrate this week by building awareness on the importance of preservation of our wildlife.</li> <li>• In last decades the good number of animals has been added to endangered list of UNO.</li> </ul>

<p>4 October</p> 	<p>Animal Welfare Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This day is observed to heighten awareness about the issues of animals especially; those associated with humans with regard to protect them and ensuring their freedom from thirst and hunger; from discomfort; from pain, injury and disease; from fear and distress; and to express normal behavior.</li> <li>• Public at large may be aware not to capture the forest cover for their residence, which reduces their inhabitation and force the wild animals to move towards cities for want of food and shelter.</li> </ul>
<p>6 November</p> 	<p>International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflicts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UN General Assembly declared this day in 2001 to promote awareness and concern about wartime damage to the environment impairing ecosystems and natural resources long after the end of warfare, transcending space beyond the area of conflict and time beyond the generations immediately involved or affected.</li> </ul>
<p>2 December</p> 	<p>National Pollution Prevention Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> December is observed as National Pollution Prevention Day in India.</li> <li>• This day is observed in the memory of people who lost their lives in Bhopal gas calamity which occurred in the year 1984 on the night of 2-3 December.</li> <li>• Bhopal Gas Tragedy is considered as one of biggest industrial pollution disasters.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Bhopal Gas Tragedy of 1984 killed thousands and seriously damaged the health of at least 50000 more people due to poisonous gas Methyl Isocyanate also known as MIC.</li><li>• To spread awareness on managing and controlling industrial disasters.</li><li>• To prevent the pollution produced by industrial processes or human negligence</li><li>• To make people and industries aware about the importance of pollution control acts.</li></ul>
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# IMPORTANT DAYS FOR AWARENES

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