

GANGA BIODIVERSITY CALENDAR BAL GANGA PRAHARIS



CELEBRATION
OF IMPORTANT
DAYS &
EVENTS AT
SCHOOLS AND
GANGA GHATS

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Month	Date	Day	Significance
January	12th	National Youth Day	To encourage and inspire young generation of India in their personal and career development on the birthday occasion of great spiritual leader Swami Vivekananda.
February	2nd	World Wetlands Day	Mark the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2nd February 1971, Ramsar, Iran and to assist raise public awareness about the importance and value of wetlands.
	10th	Vasant Panchami (change according to Hindu calendar)	Refers to the religious Hindu festival of Saraswati Puja. Indicates the beginning of spring and is celebrated with great joy.
	11th	International day of Women and Girls in Science	Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly to promote full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls.
	28th	National Science Day	Mark the discovery of the phenomenon of Raman Effect by CV Raman in 1928 (India' first Nobel Prize in the field of Science in 1930).
March	1st - 7th	International Yoga Festival	Celebrated in Rishikesh, Parmarth Niketan Ashram on the banks of River Ganga. Celebration of Yoga, the age old Indian science of health and wellness.
	3rd	World Wildlife Day	Global annual event to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants.
	8th	International Women's Day	Global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.
	14th	International Day of Action for Rivers	Dedicated to solidarity - when diverse communities around the world come together with one voice to say that our rivers matter.
	18th	Global Recycling Day	The importance of recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet.
	20th	World Sparrow Day, International Day of Happiness	World Sparrow Day is commemorated to emphasize the need to conserve sparrows as well as the urban biodiversity. International Day of Happiness is a day to be happy and to recognize the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world.
March	21st	International Day of Forests/ World Forestry Day,	World Forestry Day or International Day of Forests is celebrated worldwide every year at the international level in order to increase the public awareness among communities about the values,



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		World Planting Day, World Wood Day	<p>significance and contributions of the forests to balance the life cycle on the earth.</p> <p>World Plantation Day celebrated to connect children with nature and inspires them to discover the natural world and nurture it.</p> <p>World Wood Day celebrated to teach the young generation to nurture a sense of respect and responsibility towards wood, forest and nature.</p>
	22nd	World Water Day	The importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.
	24th	Earth Hour (Last Saturday of March)	An annual global event encouraging individuals, communities, corporate, and households to turn off their lights to show support for fight against climate change and commitment towards better planet.
April	7th	World Health Day	Observed worldwide by government and non-government health organizations focusing on promoting healthier living habits that increase the life expectancy of people around the world.
	18th	World Heritage Day	To raise awareness about the preserving human heritage, diversity and vulnerability of the world's built monuments and heritage sites.
	21st	World Fish Migration Day	To raise global attention to the need for restored river connections for migrating fish to achieve healthier fish stocks and more productive rivers.
	22nd	Earth Day	<p>To increase awareness and appreciation of the uniqueness of our planet to understand the biodiversity and how should we protect our nature - plants, animals and environment.</p> <p>Large number of communities celebrates Earth Week (22 - 28 April) and creates awareness among other people regarding environment issues.</p>
	24th	National Panchayati Day	To promote the rural governance, growth and progress of the rural areas of the country.
April	28th	World Day for safety and health at work, World Veterinary Day	<p>World Day for safety and health at work is an international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work, observed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) since 2003.</p> <p>World Veterinary Day is to raise public awareness about the role of veterinarians in the development of more sustainable animal</p>



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May	29th	International Dance Day	<p>husbandry practices, which improve the health and well-being of animals, people and the environment.</p> <p>Global celebration of dance, created by the Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute (ITI), the main partner for the performing arts of UNESCO.</p> <p>To promote art and culture, to raise awareness among public regarding the art of dance.</p>
	11th	National Technology Day	<p>Observed as a reminder of the anniversary of Shakti, the Pokhran nuclear test which was held on 11th of May, 1998.</p> <p>Highlights the important role of Science in our daily lives and encourages students to embrace Science as a career option.</p>
	11th	World Migratory Bird Day (Second Saturday of May)	To highlight the need to protect migratory birds and their habitats.
	17th	Endangered Species Day (Third Friday of May)	The importance of protecting endangered species and everyday actions they can take to help protect them.
	22nd	International day for Biological Diversity	Celebrated to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.
June	23rd	World Turtle Day	To raise awareness on conservation of tortoise and turtles, and also encourage human action to help them survive and thrive.
	5th	World Environment Day	One of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations (UN) stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment, such as conserving forests and enhances political attention and action.
July	17th	World Crocodile Day, World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	<p>World Crocodile Day is a global awareness campaign to highlight the plight of endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world.</p> <p>The World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD) is observed to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.</p>
	11th	World Population Day	To focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues worldwide.
	28th	World Nature Conservation Day	Aims at increasing awareness of the natural resources that the Earth is bestowed with and the need to ensure the well-being of present and future generations.

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August	1st	Earth Overshoot Day	Marks the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year.
	9th	International Day of World Indigenous People	Promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population, also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.
	12th	International Youth Day	Recognize the efforts of the world's youth in enhancing global society and also aims to promote ways to engage them in becoming more actively involved in making positive contributions to their communities.
	19th	World Photography Day, World Humanitarian Day	World Photography Day aims to inspire photographers across the planet to share a single photo with a simple purpose: to share their world with the world.
			World Humanitarian Day celebrated to honors all humanitarians who have worked in the promotion of the humanitarian cause, and those who have lost their lives in the cause of duty.
September	5th	National Teacher's Day	Marked in honor of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, born on September 5th, 1888, a great scholar, philosopher, Bharat Ratna recipient and India's first vice president and second president. Since 1962 - the year he became president - India has commemorated his birth anniversary by paying tribute to its teachers and gurus on this day.
	16th	World Ozone Day, International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer	Commemorates the date of the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 1987. Mainly intended to spread awareness of the depletion of the Ozone Layer and search for solutions to preserve it.
	18th	World Water Monitoring Day	To build public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world and aims to empower the citizens to conduct basic checking of their local water bodies.
	21st	World Cleanup Day (Date fixed on mid of September)	A global social action program aimed at combating the global solid waste problem, including the problem of marine debris.





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September	26th	World Environmental Health Day	Celebrated every year by the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) Council to promote the awareness of different issues surrounding the environmental health.
	27th	World Tourism Day	To foster awareness among the international community of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value.
	29th	World Rivers Day (Last Saturday of September)	World Rivers Day is a celebration of the world's waterways and highlights the values of rivers, strives to increase public awareness and encourages the improved stewardship of rivers around the world.
October	1st -8th	World Habitat Day (First Monday of October)	The purpose is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all the adequate shelter.
	2nd - 8th	Wildlife Week Celebration	Awareness towards the preservation of wildlife and to serve long-term goal of safeguarding the wildlife conservation through critical action.
	3rd	World Nature Day	To raise awareness towards the preserving the balance of nature.
	4th	World Animal Day/ World Animal Welfare Day	The aim is to improve animal welfare standards worldwide through the support and involvement of individuals, groups and organizations that care for and love animals.
	5th	Ganga River Dolphin Day, Energy Efficiency day, World Teacher's day	<p>Celebrated with an aim to raise awareness for the conservation of the Ganges river dolphin also known as India's national aquatic animal whose population has been continually declining due to habitat loss and poaching.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency day is for "Save energy. Save money".</p> <p>World Teacher's day also known as International Teacher's Day celebrated across the globe, its main aim is to prepare instructors and to guarantee that the requirements of future ages will keep on being met by educators.</p>
	13th	UN International Day For Natural Disaster Reduction	To raise the profile of disaster risk reduction and to encourages people and governments to participate in building more resilient communities and nations.
	15th	World Students Day	Celebration of multiculturalism, diversity and cooperation among students across the globe.

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November	24th	Sustainability Day	The day is about celebrating the importance of sustainable development plays within our national health services.
	24th	International Day of Climate Action	Promote awareness of the reality of climate change and encourage personal commitment to change.
	1st	World Ecology Day	The importance of knowing and valuing the relationships that exist between living beings and their environment, and raise awareness among our people about the importance of maintaining a harmonious relationship with our environment.
	14th	National Children's Day	Commemorate the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru, the First Prime Minister of India to increase awareness of the rights, care and education of children.
	20th	Universal Children's Day	United Nations Universal Children's Day was established in 1954 and is celebrated to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.
	21st	World Fisheries Day	Fishing communities celebrated to highlight the importance of healthy oceans ecosystems and to ensure sustainable stocks of fisheries in the world.
December	24th - 28th	India Rivers Week	Highlight the importance of rivers and tributaries, and to promote their restoration and protection through education, research and advocacy.
	2nd	National Pollution Control Day	Observed in the memory of those who have lost their lives in the Bhopal Gas tragedy on 2nd December, 1984. The main objective is to make people aware, spread awareness in the industries that cause pollution and affect the environment and obviously health.
	5th	World Soil Day	The day recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002 to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources.
	10th	Human Right's Day	Observed by the international community to commemorate the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
	11th	International Mountain Day	Celebrated annually, aims to draw attention to the important roles that mountainous regions play in water and food supply.
	14th	World Energy Conservation Day	The objective to celebrate is to drive mass awareness about the importance of energy efficiency and conservation.
	23rd	Kisan Divas	Celebrated to commemorate birth anniversary of the 5th Prime Minister of India, Shri Chaudhary Charan Singh. He was a farmer's leader and he had introduced many policies to improve the lives of the Indian farmers.





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