# CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENT

### February 2 World Wetland Day

- On this day, in 1971, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance was signed. Wetlands are a very important part of our biodiversity and it is essential to see that they are well protected.
- The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands. It is also known as the Convention on Wetlands and its formal title is the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat.

### February 28 National Science Day

- National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28 February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman on 28 February 1928.
- For his discovery, Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

### March 3 World Wildlife Day

- It is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that conservation provides to people.
- At the same time, the Day reminds us of the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime, which has wide-ranging economic, environmental and social impacts.

### March 21 World Forestry Day

 Activities such as the planting of trees and highlighting the urgency to increase the green cover.

### March 22 World Water Day

 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.

### March 23 World Meteorological Day

 Everyone has to be reminded that weather is an integral part of the environment.

### April 7 World Health Day

 The World Health Organisation (WHO) was constituted on this day in 1948. In the changing environment around us health is becoming an important issue.

## April 18 World Heritage Day

 Environment includes not just the natural surroundings but also the manmade ones.

### April 22 Earth Day

 In 1970 a group of people in the United States of America got together to draw the attention of the world to the problems being caused to the earth due to modernisation. Since then this day has been celebrated all over the world as Earth Day.

### May 31 Anti Tobacco Day

- The world is now aware of the problems faced by not only the smokers but also the people who inhale the smoke.
- You can take up an anti smoking campaign in your family or the neighbourhood.

### June 5 World Environment Day

 On this day, in 1972, the Stockholm Conference on Human Environment was held in Sweden. There was a large gathering from all over the world and people expressed their concerns for the increasing environmental problems.

# 17th June World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought

 Discuss on drought and desertification, its implications on society and ways to minimize the problem among the students.

### 1st week of July Vanamahotsava

 Students may be encouraged to share on importance of this vanamohatsav week, its history and let them do some exercise on biodiversity & plant as many as tree.

## July 11 World Population Day

- Population has to be given special attention, as it is an ever-increasing problem especially in India.
- World Population Day aims to increase people's awareness on various population issues such as the importance of family planning, including gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights.

### September 16 World Ozone Day

 The United Nations declared this day as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. It is the day the Montreal Protocol was signed.

### September 28 Green Consumer Day

- The problems of consumerism and its impact on the environment is an area of major concern in today's world.
- Awareness building on the importance of recycling-reusing-reducing should be taken up seriously.

# October 5 (First Monday of October) World Habitat Day

- The earth is the habitat of not only human beings but also all living creatures.
- Increasing human activities is threatening the habitat of other living things.

#### October 1-7 World Wildlife Week

 Celebrate this week by building awareness on the importance of preservation of our wildlife

### October 4 World Animal Welfare Day

 The welfare of animals has to be looked into and given due importance.

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# October 13 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction

- Due to a change in the environment there has been an increase in the number of natural disasters.
- Efforts have to be taken to reduce these disasters.

## December 2 Bhopal Tragedy Day

 Mark this occasion by taking a pledge to put in your best efforts to prevent such a tragedy from occurring again.

# DECEMBER 14 WORLD ENERGY CONSERVATION DAY-

- It is celebrated on 14th December globally to highlight the importance of energy consumption and its use in our day-to-day life, its scarcity and its impact on sustainability of global eco systems.
- It focuses our concentration on significant issues facing the future of mankind with respect to energy.
- This Day serves to spell a sense of urgency on the issues involved.