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News: World Sparrow Day

- Every year, World Sparrow Day is observed on March 20, shedding light on the significance of sparrows in maintaining biodiversity and ecological balance.

World Sparrow Day 2024

- **Theme:** In 2024, the theme for World Sparrow Day is “**Sparrows: Give them a tweet-chance!**”, “**I Love Sparrows**” and “**We Love Sparrows**”.
- **History:** **The inaugural World Sparrow Day took place on March 20, 2010. In India, it was initiated by the Nature Forever Society.**
- **Founded by Mohammed Dilawar, an Indian conservationist, the society aimed to emphasize the importance of conserving house sparrows and other common birds.**

Key Facts about Sparrow

- Sparrows are **crucial for biodiversity and plant growth in ecosystems.** They **consume and excrete seeds, helping to disperse plant seeds and promote vegetation.**

Threats

- Sparrow populations are declining due to habitat degradation, urbanization, and changes in agricultural practices. The loss of nesting sites and foraging areas, as well as the decline in insect populations, are major factors.
- This decline has wide-ranging effects, including potential increases in insect pests and threats to biodiversity.

Conservation

- Efforts include urban greening projects and agro ecological practices to create suitable habitats for sparrows.
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