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News: World Soil Day

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- World Soil Day is celebrated **5th December** of every year by UN General Assembly to **raise awareness worldwide of the importance of soils for food security, agriculture**, as well as in mitigation of climate change, poverty alleviation and sustainable development.
- The **first Soil Day was observed on 5th December 2014**.
- 5th December marks the **birth anniversary of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, a key supporter of this initiative**.
- **Food and Agricultural Organisation** implements the World Soil Day on behalf of UNGA.
- 2015-2024 is celebrated as **International Decade of Soils**.
- 2015 was celebrated as **International Year of Soils**.
- Theme for the year 2024 is **“Caring for soils: measure, monitor, and manage”**.
- **Conservation Efforts:** In India, **Mitti Bachao (Save the Soil) Movement started in Hoshangabad (Narmadapuram), Madhya Pradesh in 1977 against soil degradation caused by the Tawa Dam in Madhya Pradesh**.

➤ Over 95% of our food comes from soils. Besides, they supply 15 of the 18 naturally occurring chemical elements essential to plants.

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