



World Ranger Day 2024

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World Ranger Day, observed on **July 31st each year**, is dedicated to recognising the dedication of **rangers who protect natural and cultural treasures**. This day commemorates those injured or killed in the line of duty and celebrates the vital role rangers play in conservation efforts.

- **2024 World Ranger Day Theme: "30 by 30"** aligns with the [2022 UN Convention on Biological Diversity \(COP15\)](#), which sets a goal to **conserve at least 30% of the planet's land and marine areas by 2030**.
- Rangers are crucial in achieving conservation targets, handling tasks such as protection, monitoring, law enforcement, and community support.
 - To meet the "30 by 30" goal, rangers need to be adequately resourced and trained.
- The first World Ranger Day was observed in 2007 on the 15th anniversary of the founding of the **International Ranger Federation (IRF)**. It was formed on 31st July 1992 and World Ranger Day has been commemorated on July 31st each year.
- **Rangers in India**, also known as **Van Rakshaks or Green Soldiers** are responsible for the forests, environment and wildlife-related issues of a Forest Range within a state or union territory of India.

Read more: [Protecting India's Forest Frontline](#)

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