

Juneteenth Day, 2022

June 25, 2022

In news– Juneteenth Day is observed on June 19 to commemorate the end of slavery in the US.

About the day

- It is also **called Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day.**
- The name **“Juneteenth” references the date of the holiday, combining the words “June” and “nineteenth.”**
- In 1865 an Order Number 3 was issued, which stated the freedom of all slaves by the issue of Emancipation Proclamation, by Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863.
- It marked the **first anniversary of the day that African Americans there first learned of the Emancipation Proclamation**, more than two years after it was initially issued.
- The holiday was originally celebrated with prayer meetings and by singing spirituals and wearing new clothes to represent newfound freedom.
- Texas was the last state to recognize the proclamation and hence June 19th or “Juneteenth” became the official day.
- **In 2021, US President declared Juneteenth a holiday and enacted it into law.**