

# World Soil day, 2021

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**In news-** World Soil Day is observed every year on December 5th.

## **About World Soil Day-**

- It **aims to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being** by addressing the growing challenges in soil management, fighting soil salinization, increasing soil awareness and encouraging societies to improve soil health.
- **Theme of 2021 edition** is to 'halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity'.
- The day was chosen as **December 5 to mark the birthday of Thailand's king, HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej**, who formally made this event happen.
- The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) **initiated the day under the leadership of the king of Thailand.**
- The International of Soil Sciences (IUSS) **in the year 2002 offered a global day to raise awareness of soil degradation effects and prevention.**
- Finally, in 2013, the United Nations General Assembly decided to dedicate a day and its first official day started on December 05,2014.