

World Sparrow Day, 2022

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In news– Every year, World Sparrow Day is celebrated on March 20 to raise awareness on protecting birds.

About World Sparrow Day-

- The Nature Forever Society of India and the Eco-Sys Action Foundation of France came up with the idea for World Sparrow Day.
- **Nature Forever Society** is a non-government organization (NGO) run by Mohammed Dilawar, who's an internationally acclaimed conservationist.
- The World Sparrow Day was first held in 2010.
- It is an effort to create awareness about all these species which are **spread across three continents namely Asia, Africa and Europe.**
- **The theme for 2022 is "Monitor the Sparrows & other common birds"**



About House Sparrow-

- The humble house sparrow is one of the **world's most common and widespread species**, commonly seen wild bird in world.
- **Apart from the house sparrow, there are other twenty-six distinct species of Sparrow.**
- It has been **transported all over the world by European settlers** and can now be found on two-thirds of the

landmasses of the world including New Zealand, Australia, North America, India and Europe.

- **It is only absent from areas like China, Indochina, Japan and areas of Siberia and Australia** to the east and tropical Africa and northern areas of South America to the west.
- **In India, it came to be classified as a domestic species.**
- It is a very social bird and is gregarious at all seasons when feeding, often **forming flocks with other types of bird.**
- It roosts communally, its nests are usually grouped together in clumps, and it engages in a number of social activities, such as dust and water bathing, and “social singing“, in which birds call together in bushes.
- The main reasons for their decline are believed to be increasing pollution, urbanization, global warming and vanishing ecological resources.
- **Delhi government in 2012 declared House Sparrow as state bird.**
- It is listed as **Least Concern** on the IUCN Red list.