

# World Toilet Day

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## In news

The Prime Minister has said that on World Toilet Day, the nation strengthens its resolve for the Toilet for all.

## A brief note on World Toilet Day

- It is an official United Nations international **observance day on 19 November** to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis
- **This year the theme** remarks the importance of **“Sustainable sanitation and climate change”**.
- It raises awareness of the 4.2 billion people living without access to safely managed sanitation.
- It aims to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.
- On 19 November 2001, the NGO World Toilet Organization (WTO) was founded by Jack Sim, a philanthropist from Singapore. He subsequently declared 19 November as World Toilet Day
- **World Toilet Day was officially declared in 2013 at the 67th session of the UN General Assembly in New York.**

## Key facts

- 40%- or three billion people of the global population live without basic hand washing facilities with soap and water available at home
- Around 2,97,000 children under five-more than 800 every day die annually from diarrhoeal diseases due to poor hygiene, poor sanitation or unsafe drinking water
- Globally, 80% of the wastewater generated by society flows back into the ecosystem without being treated or reused.