

International Tiger Day 2025

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India joined 12 other nations on July 29 to mark International Tiger Day 2025, a global event to raise awareness about tiger conservation.

About International Tiger Day

- It is observed on **July 29** each year.
- It serves as a platform to **raise awareness about tiger conservation**.
- It is celebrated worldwide to promote comprehensive efforts in safeguarding tigers and their natural habitats, fostering harmonious coexistence between humans and tigers.
- **Theme of International Tiger Day 2025: "Securing the future of Tigers with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities at the heart"**.

International Tiger Day History

- Global Tiger Day, commonly referred to as International Tiger Day, was **established during the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia in 2010.**
- The summit brought together **13 tiger-range countries, including India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Malaysia, and Russia,** following alarming reports that only around 3,000 tigers remained in the wild.
- The participating nations **adopted the “Tx2” goal** at the summit, which aimed to **double the global tiger population by 2022** through joint conservation efforts and stronger protection laws.
- The **29th of July was chosen** as International Tiger Day because it represents the **halfway point between the first and last days of the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit** and the ongoing international campaign to rescue tigers.

Tiger Population in India

- India now supports the **world’s largest tiger population.**
- While holding **only 18% of the world’s tiger habitat,** and facing the highest human density among tiger-range countries, India accounts for **75% of the world’s wild tigers.**
- **More than 3,600 tigers** now roam the country’s forests, **double the number** recorded just over **a decade ago.**
- These tigers live across 138,200 sq.km. of forest, roughly half the size of the UK, often sharing the land with 60 million people.
- This success comes from decades of conservation efforts, particularly under a national initiative known as **Project Tiger.**

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