

Wildlife Week India

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Why in News?

The Forest department has organises awareness rally to launch Wildlife Week India.

About Wildlife week:

- The Wildlife Week is celebrated all over the country every year between 2nd October and 8th October
- The aim of this week is to **preserve animal life in India**.
- The event is organized by National Board of Wildlife since its establishment in 1972.
- The theme of this year's event is "Wildlife Conservation Through Coexistence."
- The events are organized to teach people about animal life and encourage them to save a large number of animals by not killing them for food and other purposes.

About National Board of Wildlife:

- The NBWL has been constituted under the Wildlife Protection Act,1972.
- NBWL advises the government on **policy and strategy for wildlife conservation**
- It also reviews proposals for non-forestry use of forestland within National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries and issue or deny permissions.
- The NBWL is chaired by the Prime Minister. It also comprises of a Standing Committee headed by Union Environment Minister
- The Wildlife Protection Act,1972 specifies that the committee should comprise of 10 eminent ecologists and five NGOs.
- The committee **considers the merits of projects** that come to it for scrutiny.