



Indian pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*)

Calendar
2023



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Indian roller (*Coracias benghalensis*)

ECO DAYS

- 5 National Bird Day
- 10 Save the Eagles Day
- 20 Penguin Awareness Day
- 20 National Squirrel Appreciation Day
- 28 Rattlesnake Round Up
- 31 International Zebra Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 23 Subash Chandra Bose Jayanti
- 26 Republic Day/Basanta Panchami

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 NANDANKANAN

White tiger (*Panthera tigris*)

- 1 National Serpent Day
- 2 World Wetland Day
- 2 Hedgehog Day
- 15 National Hippo Day
- 16 World Whale Day
- 18 World Pangolin Day
(Third Saturday)
- 27 International Polar Bear Day

- ## 18 Maha Shivaratri

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FEBRUARY | 2023

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Mandarin duck (*Aix galericulata*)

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Squirrel Monkey (*Saimiri sciureus*)

ECO DAYS

- 3 National Birding Day
- 8 National Zoo Lovers Day
- 14 National Dolphin Day
- 16 Save the Elephant Day
- 17 International Bat Appreciation Day
- 22 World Earth Day
- 24 World Day for Animals in Laboratories
- 25 World Penguin Day
- 27 International Hyena Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 1 Utkal Dibas
- 7 Good Friday
- 14 Dr. B.R Ambedkar Jayanti

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Hand rearing of tiger and lion cubs

ECO DAYS

- 1 Save the Rhino Day
- 3 International Leopard Day
- 4 Bird Day
- 13 Endemic Bird Day
(Second Saturday in May)
- 20 World Bee Day
- 22 International Biodiversity Day
- 23 International Turtle Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 5 Buddha Purnima/ Birthday of
Pandit Raghunath Murmu
19 Sabitri Amabasya

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MAY 1 2023

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Himalayan black bear (*Selenarctos thibetanus*)

ECO DAYS

- 1-7 Van Mahotsav
- 3 World Seabird Day
- 14 World Chimpanzee Day
- 15 Shark Awareness Day
- 16 World Snake Day
- 26 International Mangrove Day
- 29 International Tiger Day
- 31 National Tree Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 28 Moharrum

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15 Independence day
30 Jhulana Purnima

AUGUST | 2023

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ECO DAYS

- ## GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 8

AUGUST | 2023

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Leopard (*Panthera pardus*)

ECO DAYS

- 2 International Vulture Awareness Day
(First Saturday in September)
- 4 National Wildlife Day
- 5 International Red Panda Day
- 8 National Iguana Awareness Day
- 16 International Snake Awareness Day
(Third Saturday of September)
- 22 Elephant Appreciation Day
- 22 World Rhino Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 6 Janmastami
- 19 Ganesh Puja
- 20 Nuakhai
- 29 Birthday of Prophet Muhammad

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Lesser adjutant stork (*Leptoptilos javanicus*)

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Spot-billed pelican (*Pelecanus philippensis*)

ECO DAYS

- 1 International Raccoon Appreciation Day
- 2-8 Wildlife Week
- 3 Butterfly and Hummingbird Day
- 4 World Animal Day
- 8 National Salmon Day
- 20 International Sloth Day
- 21 Reptile Awareness Day
- 23 International Snow Leopard Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 2 Gandhi Jayanti
- 21 Maha Saptami
- 23 Maha Nabami
- 24 Vijaya Dasami

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OCTOBER | 2023

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Mugger crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*)

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Spotted owlet (*Athene brama*)

27 Rasa Purnima

NOVEMBER | 2023

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Black-tufted Marmoset (*Callithrix penicillata*)

- 3 Jellyfish Day
- 4 Bison Day
(First Saturday in November)
- 12 World Birds Day
- 29 International Jaguar Day

- ## 27 Rasa Purnima

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Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*)

ECO DAYS

- 4 International Cheetah Day
- 4 World Wildlife Conservation Day
- 10 International Animal Rights Day
- 14 International Monkey Day
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- 29 Nandankanan Biological Park Foundation Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 25 X-Mas Day

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Indian white peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*)

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UNIQUENESS OF NANDANKANAN

- First zoo in the world where critically endangered gharials were born in captivity in 1980.
- Only zoo in the world having conservation breeding centre for endangered Indian pangolins.
- First zoo in the country to become an Institutional member of World Association of Zoos & Aquarium (WAZA).
- First zoo in the country where endangered Ratel was born in captivity.
- It is the host zoo for white tigers, white tigers were born to normal coloured parents in 1980. It is also first zoo where melanistic tigers were born (2014) and displayed to the visitors.
- A unique white tiger safari was established in the Zoological Park on 1st October, 1991.
- Wonderful site for wildlife conservation and education where one can experience integration of ex-situ and in-situ conservation of wild fauna and flora.
- Presence of Kanjia Lake- A wetland of National Importance (2006).
- Nandankanan has largest enclosures for housing Gharials and Hippopotamus.
- It has second largest heronry for Asian open-bill storks in Odisha.
- It has a Captive fodder farm (over 33 Acres), Live feed rearing centre and a Slaughter house to cater the dietary needs of animals housed in the Zoological Park.
- First zoo in the country after which an express train 12815/12816 Puri-New Delhi Express has been named as “Nandankanan Express”.
- First zoo in the country to have Multi-level car parking for visitors.

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