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World Wildlife Day (WWD)

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- United Nations General Assembly in 2013, designated 3rd March of every year as UN World Wildlife Day, marking the day of adoption of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
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- It is celebrated to raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants.
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- The CITES Secretariat is the facilitator for the global observance of this special day for wildlife on the UN calendar.
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- The World Wildlife Day 2017 was celebrated under the theme **"Listen to the Young Voices."**
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Clean Ganga Fund

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- Clean Ganga Fund was set up to contribute towards the conservation of the river Ganga.
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- It encourages contributions from Resident Indians, Non-Resident Indians, Persons of Indian Origin, Institutions, and Corporates towards Ganga Rejuvenation.
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- Domestic donors to the Fund shall be eligible for tax benefits and Foreign donors could get suitable tax exemptions in domestic law, wherever permissible.
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- CGF will be operated through a bank account by a Trust headed by Union Finance Minister.
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- The secretariat of the Trust will be set up in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation under the Mission Director, Clean Ganga.
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- CGF will be used for implementing 'Namami Gange' programme, controlling of non-point pollution, setting up of waste treatment and disposal plants along the river around the cities, conservating the biotic diversity of the river, Ghat redevelopment, R&D etc
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- The Fund shall not be utilized for activities such as dredging i.e underwater excavation to gather up bottom sediments and disposing them at a different location.
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Koteshwar Hydro Electric Project

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- The Koteshwar Dam is a gravity dam on the Bhagirathi River, located downstream of the Tehri Dam in Uttarakhand.
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- The dam has a 400 MW run-of-the-river power station and it is being implemented by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC) India Limited.
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- In addition to power generation, it will regulate releases from Tehri Reservoir for irrigation and drinking water supply.
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- The reservoir of Koteshwar HEP will also act as lower reservoir for under construction Tehri Pumped Storage Hydroelectric project.
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Section 144 & curfew

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- Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) prohibits any **assembly of five or more people** in an area where it has been imposed.
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- Every member of such "unlawful assembly" can be booked for "engaging in rioting", maximum punishment for which is **three years**.

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- Further, obstructing police from breaking up an unlawful assembly is a punishable offence as well.
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- A curfew by law orders people to stay indoors for a specific period of time. It can be a public order to gain control of violent situations, or can be directed to a specific group.
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- Curfew prohibits any person to step outdoors without prior police approval.
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- Establishments such as markets, schools, colleges, etc. are ordered to remain shut, and only essential services are allowed to run.
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