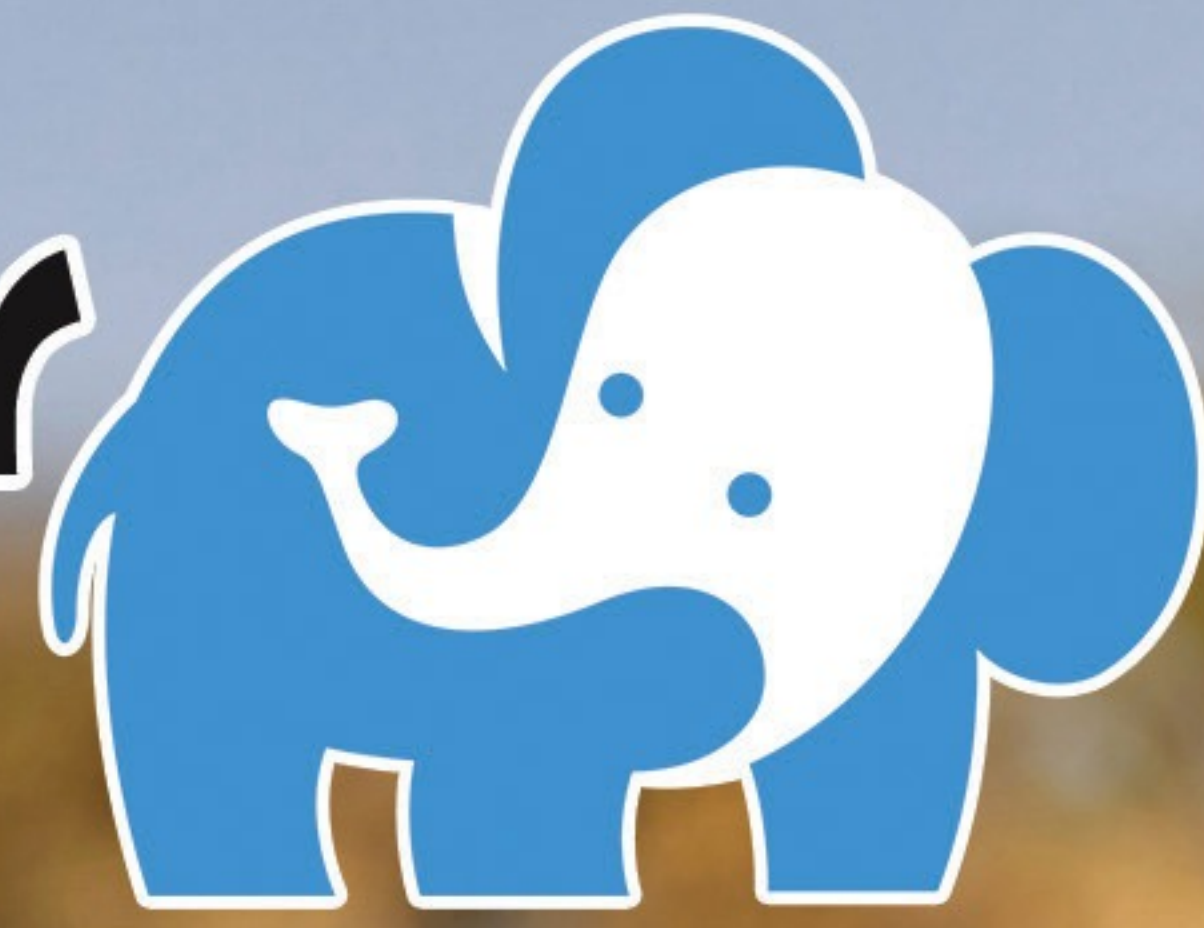


WORLD ELEPHANT DAY

12TH AUGUST 2022



World Elephant Day

“Th’ unwielding elephant to make them mirth, us’d all his might, and wreathed his lithe proboscis”- John Milton

World Elephant Day was created by two Canadian filmmaker Patricia Sims and Thailand’s Elephant Reintroduction Foundation in 2011 and was first celebrated on August 12, 2012.

About century ago, the number of elephants were more than 12 million but in recent years it has decreased to about 400,000 with as many as 20,000 killed per year by poachers.

Elephants found in the forest are darker in color and their tusks are straighter and point down.

India is a home to 50%- 60% of all Asia’s wild elephants and about 20% of the domesticated elephants.

One conservationist has stated that both African and Asian elephants will face extinction within twelve years.

Elephants are considered as the National Heritage Animal of India.

“Dear people with no soul, stop shooting elephants”
~Russell Crowe

Did you know?

- Length of elephant is 19-24 feet.
- Male Asian elephants are usually 8.7 feet to 9.6 feet tall.

Decline in Elephant Population

- Elephants' numbers have reportedly declined by 62% over the last decade.
- One of the major issues is ivory trade. Ivory price has now exceeded more than gold and China has a high demand for ivory. This has now made elephants the biggest target.
- Elephants are increasingly being driven out of their habitats due to anthropogenic pressure.
- Mistreatment in captivity. India is a home to about 27,000 wild elephants but about 2,675 are held captive.

Things to know about Elephants

- Elephants play a vital role in supporting ecosystem and biodiversity.
- They have the biggest brain of any land animal.
- Elephants are known to be clever, conscious, social and empathetic.
- They belong to the family of Elephantidae.

“To lose elephant is to lose an environment caretaker and an animal from which we have much to learn”

~World Elephant Day website



Nagaland ENVIS Hub
Email: envisnagaland@gmail.com

Nagaland Pollution Control Board
(State Nodal Agency, NGC Eco Club)

