

## International Tiger Day



This International Tiger day, 29th July is celebrated annually with the theme “Their Survival is in our hands”. Founded in 2010, July 29th is celebrated as the Global Tiger Day to raise awareness about this magnificent yet endangered big cat. 13 tiger range countries came together to support **TX2** goals – to double the number of wild tigers by 2022. (\*TX2 stands for 'Tigers times two').

The importance of this day is to create awareness of the declining tiger population and conserving tigers globally. Observing World Tiger Day is also significant because, according to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), currently, there are 3900 wild tigers left globally from which the larger half are in India 2967. Tigers are one of the most majestic and royal species that can be seen globally, also called the “Umbrella Species” as their conservation also conserves many other species in the same habitat. This time get your eco-friendly tiger paper weights. Jungles contain a mysterious diversity of wildlife and all these are linked to Nature. So if anything bad happens to Nature, it automatically affects all species of that particular region. It is very shocking that the number of wild tigers has dropped by more than 95% since the beginning of the 20th century.

Tigers are also keystone species, meaning that without them the whole ecosystem would be significantly different or even collapse. As an apex predator, tigers manage the population of their prey, ensuring that no one species becomes dominant. This in turn has an impact on the diversity and health of the plants in the forest. big cats are restricted to 7% of their original range because Illegal wildlife trade, poaching and increasing human-tiger conflict pose a threat to their survival. Every part of a tiger- is traded in illegal wildlife markets, and the need is to help save them all.