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International Mother Language Day

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Why in News



International Mother Language Day is observed **every year** on **21st February** since **2000** to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

Key Points

- The idea to celebrate International Mother Language Day was the **initiative of Bangladesh**.
- It was approved at the **UNESCO General Conference (1999)** and has been observed throughout the world **since 2000**.
- UNESCO celebrates **'Languages without borders'** on the occasion of International Mother Language Day 2020.
- The United Nations General Assembly had proclaimed **2008 as the International Year of Languages**.
- Globally **40% of the population** does not have access to an education in a language they speak or understand. Nevertheless, progress is being made in mother tongue-based multilingual education with growing understanding of its importance, particularly in early schooling.
- The Ministry of Human Resource and Development along with educational institutions and language institutions is celebrating the day as the **Matribhasha Diwas in the country**.

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