




## House Sparrow

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### Why in News

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Every year **March 20** is observed as the '**World Sparrow Day**' to raise awareness about the bird.



- The Day was **first celebrated in 2010**.

- The initiative was started by the '**Nature Forever Society (NFS)**' of India.
- In India, **House Sparrow** is found throughout the country, up to the Assam valley and lower parts of the Assam hills. Towards the eastern Himalayas, the species is replaced by the **Eurasian tree sparrow**.

### Key Points Related to House Sparrow

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- **Scientific Name- Passer domesticus**
- **Conservation Status-** Least Concern on the Red List of The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- **Habitat and Distribution**  
The house sparrow is widespread across the world, inhabiting every continent, **except Antarctica, China and Japan**. It is native to **Eurasia and North Africa**.
- It is the **State bird of Bihar and Delhi**.
- It is known to stay **close to human habitations**, and is therefore among the most commonly found bird species in urban cities.

- Some of the **causes for decline in its population** are as follow:
  - Unfriendly architecture of our homes.
  - The use of chemical fertilisers in crops.
  - Noise pollution.
  - Exhaust fumes from vehicles.

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