



## World Soil Day 2024

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**World Soil Day** is held annually on **5<sup>th</sup> December** focussing on **healthy soil** and advocating for the **sustainable management** of soil resources.

- **Theme:** Caring for soils: measure, monitor, manage.
- **Adoption:** It was adopted by the [UN General Assembly](#) in December 2013, with the first World Soil Day observed on **5<sup>th</sup> December 2014**.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December marks the birth anniversary of the **late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand**, a key supporter of this initiative.
- **Conservation Efforts:** In India, **Mitti Bachao (Save the Soil) Movement** started in **Hoshangabad (Narmadapuram)**, Madhya Pradesh in **1977** against **soil degradation** caused by the **Tawa Dam** in Madhya Pradesh.
  - **Over 95%** of our food comes from **soils**. Besides, they supply 15 of the 18 naturally occurring chemical elements essential to plants.
- **Sustainable Soil Management Practices:** [Minimum tillage, crop rotation, organic matter addition, and cover cropping.](#)

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