World AIDS Day

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The World AIDS Day is observed on **1ˢᵗ December** every year all over the world.

- Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.
- The main motto behind celebrating the day is to raise public awareness about AIDS.
    - **Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS),** is a pandemic disease caused due to the infection of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which causes damage to the immune system.
- The **theme** for the year 2019 is **'Communities make the difference'.**

Note

- The **National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)** is a division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that provides leadership to HIV/AIDS control programme in India through 35 HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Societies.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has implemented **the Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 (HIV/AIDS Act, 2017)** to prevent and control the spread of HIV and AIDS and creates mechanisms for redressing the complaints of persons infected with HIV and AIDS.

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