World Wetlands Day

February 2nd of every year is celebrated as *World Wetlands Day*, marking the adoption of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. The MoEF&CC in collaboration with Department of Forests, Assam government is organizing the national-level celebration of World Wetlands Day (WWD) at Deepor Beel, a Ramsar Site in Guwahati, Assam. The theme ‘*Wetlands for a sustainable urban future*’ marks the role of healthy wetlands play in making cities and towns liveable.

**Ramsar Convention on Wetlands**

- The Convention was adopted in 1971 at the Iranian City of Ramsar.
- It is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.
- India is a party to the Convention since 1982.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is the nodal Ministry for wetlands conservation in India.
- Wetlands in India account for 4.7% of the total geographical area.