

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2015



“ World Environment Day (WED) is one of the most globally celebrated day for positive environmental action and is the principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. It also galvanizes individual actions into a collective power that generates an exponential positive impact for the environment. The United Nations has declared 5th June as the World Environmental Day. The theme of this year's World Environment Day is 'resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production in the context of the planet's regenerative capacity', as captured in the slogan 'Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care'.

Environment is not exclusive for one man but it's for all humanity. By depleting the natural resources we are also depleting the survival of next generation too. Many of the Earth's ecosystems are reaching its tipping points and are also increasingly under stress, due to high population growth and rapid economic development.

'Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care', slogan is to remind us that we have only one planet earth but the population is ever increasing and the only way forward is sustainable livelihood. Natural Resources and Environment Ministry and its agencies have been emphasizing the importance of sustainable development and steering this agenda through its local agencies via various national policies currently.

Today, WED, ensures that we realize our responsibility to care for Earth, and also our role as the catalyst to any form of development. Let us make every action matter, and together one Nation echo the Global Chorus to continue preserving our Earth. ”

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Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

“ The first World Environment Day was celebrated on 5th of June, 1973 and since then it has been an annual celebration globally. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care'. The theme focuses on the importance of sustainable consumption and sustainable lifestyle.

The concept of sustainability is the core to this theme and it also aligns with Department of Environment's (DOE) mission, which is to ensure sustainable development in the process of nation building. In this regard, DOE has continually reviewed and amended existing laws and regulations towards achieving a sustainable environment. Recent amendments were focused on Environmental Impact Assessment, which plays a major role in preventing pollution and the destruction of natural resources at the planning stage of project development.

In order to achieve sustainable development, the responsibility not only lies in the hands of the industries or project developers alone. Each and every one of us can also contribute by practicing environmentally friendly practices such as turning lights off whenever we leave the room, using energy saving electrical appliances, carpooling to work, avoid using plastic bags and polystyrene containers, rain water harvesting and many more.

World Environment Day is a global celebration, pulling in millions of humans beyond the borders through various fun and thoughtful activities. Let us together organize and participate in environmental activities such as beach cleaning, mangrove planting, recycling drives, environmental forums and many more.

On this World Environment Day, let's each one of us embrace the spirit of sustainable consumption and sustainable lifestyle towards building a sustainable nation. ”

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