

World Environment Day

June 5 of every year is observed as World Environment Day (WED) which is promoted by the United Nations and for 2018 India being the host country. WED is also known as the Environment Day, Eco Day, or WED. This day is celebrated to spread awareness about the environment and its effects on the daily life of the people.

The theme for the WED 2018 is “*Beat Plastic Pollution.*”

Plastics consist of several chemicals which are toxic or disrupt hormones. Plastics can also serve as a magnet for other pollutants including dioxins, metals, and pesticides. Therefore, it is necessary to call the people from worldwide to come and combat single-use plastic pollution which harms our ecosystem and consequently us.

Since 1973, WED has been started celebrating as an annual event on every June 5 to raise the importance of the healthy and green environment in the human lives, to solve the issues of the environment by implementing some positive environmental actions by government, organizations, and individual as a whole.

In 1972 in the conference held on Human Environment began from June 5 to 16 at the United Nations, WED was first established to be celebrated every year by running some effective campaigns by the United Nations General Assembly and United Nations Environment programme.

The 1st time WED is celebrated in 1973 with the theme “Only one Earth.” Moreover, from 1974, the celebration campaign of the WED is hosted in different cities of the world.

It is necessary to address the environmental issues such as deforestation, increasing global warming, wastage and losses of food, and pollution. Throughout the world, several campaigns are organized with a particular theme and slogan to bring effectiveness around the world.

This day is celebrated to successfully get carbon neutrality, reducing greenhouse effects, focusing on forest management, planting on degraded lands, energy production through solar sources, promoting coral reefs and mangroves, developing new drainage system, etc.

Objectives behind celebrating WED are as follows:

- WED is celebrated to spread awareness among common people about the issues of the environment.
- Encourage common people from different society and communities to actively participate in the celebration as well as become an active agent in developing environmental safety measures.
- Encourage people to make their nearby surroundings safe and clean to enjoy safer, cleaner, and more prosperous future.

WED Anthem

An Earth Anthem penned by poet Abhay is sung to celebrate WED

*Our cosmic oasis, cosmic blue pearl
the most beautiful planet in the universe
all the continents and the oceans
united we stand as flora and fauna
united we stand as species of one earth
different cultures, beliefs, and ways
we are humans, the earth is our home
all the people and the nations of the world.*

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