

World Environment Day

June 05, 2016



CMS ENVIS Centre

The History of World Environment Day

June 5 is observed as World Environment Day (WED) since 1974. Organised by United Nations Environment Programme, the commemoration is aimed at creating awareness on the need to protect our environment.

Now or Never

Have you heard of the story of a boiling frog? A frog when placed in cold water that is slowly heated, it would not realise the danger and would get slowly cooked to death.

Similarly, we do not react to threat that is to occur, even if we are aware of it. And by the time we are in actual danger and try to react, it would be too late. The same can be applied to our response towards global warming.

Earth is warming like never before. The last seven months smashed temperature records emerging as the hottest periods ever. Countries around the world witness extreme climatic conditions and consequent damages to life and livelihood. One would not require any more evidences to come to terms with the fact that global warming and climate change are happening right now; right here and that they are not things of the future. Scientists call the situation 'a climate emergency' and warn that we are running out of time to bring emission under control.

While it seems terrifying, we can take comfort in the fact that 177 countries have acknowledged the impending danger and have signed the Paris Climate Deal aimed at holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.

Meanwhile, we, as individuals, can do our bit to take care of Nature and Earth in our own simple way. And what better time to start than on the World Environment Day!

The Theme

WED 2016 is themed on the illegal trade in wildlife under the slogan 'Go Wild for Life'. Thousands of animals such as elephants, rhinoceros, tigers, turtles, snakes, pangolins, gorillas and hornbills are killed every year for their skin, horns and bones. Some are captured alive or dead and sold for use as pets, in medicine, food, making of ornaments and other products. Birds, amphibians, reptiles and marine animals also face the problem. The trade not only erodes the biodiversity, but also drives species into extinction. For instance, Javan rhino and Great apes have gone extinct in mainly due to poaching. Stronger policies and awareness can help tackle the problem.

What can you do?

- * Avoid products made of animals' body parts.
- * Accept the fact that animals are better off in their own natural habitat.

World Environment Day 2016: Brief Report

CMS ENVIS was celebrated The World Environment Day-2016 at Connaught Place Raahgiri, New Delhi with association of all Delhi based ENVIS Centres, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, TRAFFIC-WWF, UNDP, PETA and Maashakti. The main programme is based on theme pronounced by the UNEP “Go Wild for Life - Zero Tolerance for the Illegal Wildlife Trade”

The programme turned out be extremely popular with thousands of people, majority the youth and children, visiting the venue and participating in various activities. Approximate 300 people were visited our counter and out of that 60 people was taken pledge which we displayed there to protect environment including Secretary MoEF&CC, Add DG Wildlife, Director WCCB and most of the top officials from Environment sectors.

CMS ENVIS participated in above mentioned programme with Director, Coordinator and two staffs. We displayed the ENVIS activities through standee and publications.





Shri R. K. Shrivastava Ji, IFS. IGF & Director, Project Elephant, Govt. of India visited CMS ENVIS Stall



Shri Yashvir Singh, Economic Adviser, Shri Abhay Kumar, Deputy Economic Adviser, MoEF&CC, Government of India and Mr. Ravi Goswami visited CMS ENVIS Stall



Stage for events coordinated by Dr. Shekhar Kumar Niraj, IFS and Head TRAFFIC India



CMS ENVIS Stall during World Environment Day celebration at Connaught Place, New Delhi

Invitation & Programme Schedule of Event





Please join us on the
World Environment Day
to witness thematic programme in support of
ZERO TOLERANCE FOR THE ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE
at
RAAHGIRI
on
5 June 2016, 6 AM-9 AM
C- Block Parking Lot, Metro Gate No 3,
Connaught Place, New Delhi



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The programme for the **World Environment Day** on **5 June 2016** revolves around the theme for this year- "**Go Wild for Life: Zero Tolerance for the Illegal Wildlife Trade**".

The broad activities organised during the programme to be held at **RAAHGIRI**, Connaught Place, New Delhi includes:

- Screening of wildlife films
- Pledge Wall: To pledge support for fighting wildlife crime
- Painting competitions
- Wildlife quiz
- Talk by judges
- Wildlife skits
- Slogan writing competition
- March past on wildlife conservation and protection and many other engaging and learning activities

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Media Coverage



THE TIMES OF INDIA

Going green at Raahgiri on World Environment Day in CP

Jun 6, 2016, New Delhi, Riya Sharma

"The UN's global campaign this year - Wild For Life - aims at ending the illicit trade in wildlife. To support the cause, we at TRAFFIC (the wildlife trade monitoring network) along with WWF (World Wildlife Fund), WCCB (Wildlife Crime Control Bureau), PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) and other groups have organised this event. We chose Raahgiri because we wanted young minds to know about this issue," said Shekhar Kumar Niraj, head of TRAFFIC.



(Raahgiris came together in large numbers to support the green cause on World Environment Day yesterday.)

As part of the programme, children were asked to paint endangered animals on cloth, towels and t-shirts. "Our focus is to teach children about why animals are being killed. We're spreading awareness through paintings and short films," said Ruchi Pant, a representative of the UNDP. Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ajay Narayan Jha, also attended the event and pledged to conserve wildlife.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/Going-green-at-Raahgiri-on-World-Environment-Day-in-CP/articleshow/52603633.cms>

Business Standard

People pledge support to fight against wildlife crimes

June 6, 2016, New Delhi

Scores of people from different walks of life pledged their support to fight against wildlife-related crimes at an event to mark World Environment Day today.

The event was organised at Connaught Place here by the Environment Ministry, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), TRAFFIC-Wildlife Trade News, WWF-India, United Nations Development Programme, **Delhi ENVIS Centres**, PETA and Maashakti.

Celebrated globally on June 5, World Environment Day highlights various conservation and environmental issues, with a new theme every year.

This year's theme -- Go Wild for Life-Zero Tolerance for Illegal Wildlife Trade -- focuses on the need to curb poaching and illegal wildlife trade.

Participants in today's programme were engaged through wildlife films, wildlife quizzes, skits performed by students of law, painting competitions and slogan writing competitions among other activities.

There was also a 'wildlife pledge' taken by the participants that they will say "no" to buying illegal wildlife products in order to support efforts to curb poaching and illegal wildlife trade.

Tilotama Varma, additional director, WCCB said, "World Environment Day has given us an opportunity to highlight the ongoing wildlife crime that has endangered the future of many wildlife species in India."

"While enforcement agencies like ours are continuously strengthening and evolving to control this growing menace it is important that we have support of the end consumers of these wildlife products," she said.

Shekhar Kumar Niraj, Head of TRAFFIC India said that poaching is driven by consumer demand and if the consumer demand is curbed, poaching will stop subsequently.

"Tiger, leopard, pangolin, monitor lizard, black spotted turtles, star tortoises, parakeets and many more species are being devoured by the illegal wildlife trade markets to the extent that the future of the species appears bleak in the wild.

"Illegal wildlife trade has emerged as one of the most significant threats to the wildlife and engaging public support is crucial to the success of eradicating this epidemic," he said
http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/people-pledge-support-to-fight-against-wildlife-crimes-116060500749_1.html