



Earth Day 22nd April, 2021: Restore Our Earth

Earth Day turns 51 this year. Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson and was first observed in 1970, people attending environmental festivities across the nation. Nelson's vision aimed to raise awareness about man's impact on the planet and the need for conservation causes. Today, more than 1 billion



people will celebrate Earth Day Thursday, April 22. The theme for Earth Day 2021 has officially been declared "Restore Our Earth". The theme is based on the concept that rejects the idea that our only options to save the planet are to mitigate or adapt to the impacts of climate change and other environmental damage. A healthy population begins with a healthy environment, and scientists around the world have warned that unless we take better care of the planet, we are at risk of even deadlier viruses emerging.

Earth Day is commemorated every year to highlight environmental issues like loss of biodiversity, increasing pollution, etc. Changes in biodiversity affect ecosystem functioning and cause significant disruptions in ecosystems.

From global warming to pollution, there are plenty of man-made problems that we dump, literally, on earth.

State governments in India are actively lobbying to follow Italy's move to mandate climate education in schools, Licypriya's efforts finally saw success. In addition Maharashtra government launched a Majhi Vasundhara abhiyan in state for mother earth protection and conservation.

Majhi Vasundhara Abhiyan:

Majhi Vasundhara Abhiyan (My Earth) is an initiative taken up by the Department of Environment and Climate Change, GOM as an innovative initiative for environmental conservation and protection from 2nd October 2020. This mission focuses on all the five elements of nature i.e., Earth, Water, Air, Energy and Sky. Majhi Vasundhara Abhiyan is to bring all the corporate entities (local and global) under one forum willing to work for the cause of sustainable development and climate change. The initiative enables corporates to be a part of a change that is building a better tomorrow. A global network of cities committed to tackling climate change has created this initiative to empower every citizen to take a conscious and collaborative effort towards the betterment of the environment. The Majhi Vasundhara E-pledge platform, enables citizens to sign the E-pledge themselves. It is designed to engage and educate them about the increasing climate dangers, aiming to inculcate in them a sense of responsibility towards maintaining its sound health. The E-pledge platform, is available on the website majhivasundhara.in. & become majhi vasundhara mitra parivar member.

