

Zero Emissions Day 21st September 2021

Zero Emissions Day (also ZeDay), is annually observed by people in many countries around the world on September 21. The main message of this event is “Giving our planet a day off a year”.

The present-day observance was shaped in 2008, and since then it's annually observed on September 21. The message of the campaign exists in 12 languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and English) to draw more attention to the problem of gas emission worldwide.

The Importance of Zero Emission Day

It is crucial that we as a society are extremely sensitive to the consumption of fossil fuels for various purposes. Electricity derived from fossil fuels is the biggest contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. Consequently, these emissions contribute to global warming and climatic changes ranging from sea level rise to changes in precipitation patterns and extreme weather events. The day, thus strongly encourages everyone globally to go off fossil fuels and hence reduce their carbon footprint, which collectively would make an enormous impact.

How to Celebrate Zero Emission Day

- Don't use or burn oil, gas or coal.
- Minimize or even eliminate the use of electricity powered by fossil fuels.
- Opt for clean and renewable sources of energy like solar, wind, biogas etc
- Choose to bike, walk, car pool, or opt for public transportation.
- Power down by avoiding the use of electricity for some time on the day itself. Or you could consider using a candle during the night on September 21.
- Detox digitally! Stay away from all electronics - completely. Unplug everything that is not essential. Plan a get together with family or friends, get into nature or play a sport.

GREEN THUMB

Turn off lights when not in use. Put posters near light switches reminding people to turn off the lights.

Repair leaks in taps and the pipe networks. It takes energy to bring water into your homes and offices - so don't waste it, by wasting water.

Reduce waste - the lesser waste you create - the lesser needs to be transported, and so is the fuel that would be required for transporting it.

Eat local. Avoid eating food stuffs coming from far off places. Besides saving on fuel, you will also do your health a favor by loading up on locally sourced foodstuffs!

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