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Report on Celebration of World Environment Day-2024

World environment day is celebrated every year on 5th June with the objective of raising awareness how to protect our planet with the help of massive plantation.

History:

The United Nation Assembly celebrated first world environment day in 1972, which was the first day of Stockholm conference on human environment. World environment Day is celebrated in every year with a specific theme and slogan that focused on major environment issue of that time.

Theme:

The 2024 edition of World Environment Day will focus on land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience, under the slogan "**Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration**" as the year marks the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

Significance:

World Environment Day is very important from the prospective of addressing increasing environment challenges. It is very crucial to conserve the environment and observe this Event with the issues like climate change, deforestation, biodiversity loss and pollution which is becoming a major issue. If we can accomplish this goal to raise awareness regarding environmental issues, we will be able to transfer our environmental legacy to future generations. By taking action and raising awareness, World Environment Day motivates people and the community to make a positive difference in this direction.

Our Activities:

A. <u>Massive Plantation</u>: We celebrate this day starting with tree plantation as every year to make our campus green.

Our students, faculties and staff are planted saplings of plants in our campus to extended green cover.

Saplings of plans are:

- Red Sandal Wood Tree (Pterocarpus santalinus)
- Mahogany tree (Swieteniam acrophylla)
- Jhau Tree (Tamarix dioica).
- B. <u>Awareness programme</u>: Our campus always tried to aware to



our stakeholders through various programme. Tree plantation always takes part at the inauguration of all kind of programme at our campus.

- C. <u>Plastic Free Campus</u>: Plastic is most polluted, non-biodegradable, bio-hazards. Our campus takes various steps to make plastic free, mainly "caution board of plastic free" fixed in every building of our campus.
- **D.** <u>**Paper Free Campus:**</u> All kinds of office work based on minimal uses of paper; in such way we are promoting to paperless digital office.
- E. <u>Use of Organic Fertilizer</u>: Our campus mainly uses organic fertilizer for gardening and landscaping, as dried leaves of tree convert into nutrient reach compost.
- **F.** <u>Cleaning Activities</u>: Regularly cleaning is most important culture for our health, indoor air quality, outdoor air quality, maintenance, pleasant surroundings. Inner and outer premises of buildings in the campus have been cleaned every day.

Conclusion:

World Environment Day is a reminder of our shared responsibility to protect and restore our planet. As we celebrate this important day in 2024, we should work on the theme of land restoration and work collectively to combat desertification and build drought resilience every small step counts in the journey towards a greener, healthier Earth.


