World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated every year on 5th June. It is the 'United Nations' prime vehicle for encouraging awareness and action to protect our environment. First organized in 1974, it has been a major campaign for environmental issues ranging from marine pollution, human overgrowth, and raising awareness about global warming, sustainable consumption, and wildlife crime. World Environment Day 2020 is celebrated on June 5th, 2020.

World Environment Day 2020: theme will be on “Biodiversity.” The main focus of World Environment Day 2020 would be on Biodiversity.

World Environment day is an annual celebration campaign started to address the huge environmental issues like wastage and losses of food, deforestation, increasing global warming, and conservation of Biodiversity etc. It is celebrated to successfully get carbon neutrality, focusing on the forest management, reducing greenhouse effects, promoting bio-fuels production by planting on degraded lands, use of hydro-power to enhance electricity production, encourage common public to use solar water heaters, energy production through solar sources, developing new drainage systems, promoting coral reefs and mangroves restoration in order to get prevented from flooding and erosion including other ways of environmental preservation.

World Environment Day 2020 calls for urgent action to protect biodiversity. Biodiversity describes the variety of life on Earth. It encompasses the 8 million species on the planet from plants and animals to fungi and bacteria; the ecosystems that house them; and the genetic diversity among them. Biodiversity is the variation of Earth’s terrestrial, freshwater, and marine species, as well as their habitats. Biodiversity is vital to the survival of all life on earth and is also the cornerstone for the goods and services of the environment that allow human societies to thrive. Biodiversity provides us with food, water and resources as well as services such as climate control, pollination, flood mitigation and cycling of nutrients. Ecosystems are relying on all parts from the smallest bacteria to the largest vertebrate. It’s all interconnected. Some are producing oxygen that others are breathing. Some provide food for larger species, which in turn become prey to even larger species.

On this World Environment Day, I urge all to take responsibility for joining hands with common people, Government agencies, NGOs, and people of all the community to enhance public awareness through online towards the protect our Environment and conservation of Biodiversity. A wide range of events are created globally to increase the understanding of the important role of biodiversity in our Environment. To create awareness through online, variety of programme, like seminars, lectures, posters, brochure Pamphlet, video films, slide shows based on the biodiversity and quiz competitions and painting competition etc should be organized in school, college levels and other public.

The Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu is also conducting two online quiz competition for College and School students in the Theme of “Biodiversity” and the details posted in Department website (www.environment.tn.gov.in).

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