

**APPEAL FROM THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE**  
**CHANGE FOR THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022**

World Environment Day is celebrated across the world on 5<sup>th</sup> of June every year, since 1974. World Environment Day is the most remarkable day for environmental action. The UN Environment Program (UNEP) organizes events for Environment Day every year to encourage worldwide awareness and action for the protection of environment. World Environment Day was established by UN General Assembly on the first day of the Stockholm Conference on Human Environment which was held in Stockholm Sweden from June 5- 6 in 1972.



World Environment Day is a platform to raise awareness on the problems faced such as air pollution, plastic pollution, illegal wildlife trade, sustainable consumption, sea-level increase, and food security, among others. Furthermore, WED helps drive change in consumption patterns and in national and international environmental policy.

The theme for World Environment Day 2022 is 'Only One Earth'. World Environment Day 2022 will be observed highlighting the need to live sustainably in harmony with nature by transformative changes in our policies and choices towards cleaner and greener lifestyles.

Tamil Nadu, being blessed with rich forest areas and diverse ecosystem, conservation and enhancement of life support systems like land, water, forests and biodiversity are important by combating the environmental related issues with several initiatives for a healthy ecological balance. Environment as a whole is under going pressure from human activity, it is essential, to initiate action plans, policies and awareness to make lifestyle choices and to be consistent in the choice made for "Our Only Earth". Earth being our mother, loves us forever even if she is harmed.

On this World Environment Day, Lets all pledge to nurture our Mother Nature for a better future. Sustainability being the harmony between men and Nature, I wish and yearn for all of your contribution in taking responsibility to conserve our mother nature by creating awareness with practical policies towards "Our Only Earth".

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