

# World Environment Day 2021



## UNIT HEAD'S MESSAGE...

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5, to remind humans that they are not alone on this planet. There is a huge biological ecosystem that exists and human beings survive because of that ecosystem.

In 1972, the UN General Assembly designated 5 June as **World Environment Day (WED)**. The first celebration, under the slogan "**Only One Earth**" took place in 1974. In the following years, W.E.D has been developed as a platform to raise awareness on environment problems such as air pollution, plastic pollution, illegal wildlife trade, sustainable consumption, sea-level increase and food security, among others; and work towards improving the environment. Over 150 countries participate each year under the aegis of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

This year Pakistan will host World Environment Day 2021. The theme for this year will be "**Restore Ecosystem for a Safe & Healthy Future**", with a special focus on creating a good relationship with nature.

Ecosystem Restoration means assisting in the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded by activities like pollution and deforestation as well as conserving the ecosystems that are still intact. Restoration can happen by actively planting trees or by removing pressures on the ecosystem so that nature can recover on its own.

The event also marks the launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030. In the next 10 years, the United Nations with the support of countries, partners, and people wants to focus on preventing and reversing the loss of degraded natural ecosystems to fight the impacts of climate change.

Ecosystem restoration can take many forms: Growing trees, greening cities, rewilding gardens, changing diets or cleaning up rivers and coasts. This is the generation that can make peace with nature.

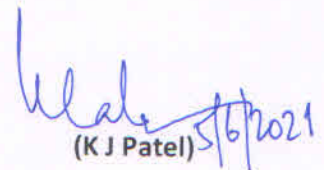
Maintaining environmental health is part of the vision statement of IFFCO. Commitment to health, safety, and environment and forestry development to enrich the quality of community life is incorporated in our Mission. Environment protection and ecological balance has always been of paramount importance to IFFCO Paradeep Unit since its inception. The Pollution control measures and adoption of latest technologies have further improved the quality of life in the plant as well as in the surroundings. By recycle and reuse of treated effluent and optimized use of water, there is substantial reduction in water consumption and effluent generation. Installation of bag filter type de-dusting system at the transfer points of cross country conveyors has further improved ambient air quality and recovery of precious raw material. Maintaining pristine water bodies, clean air and conservation of natural resources in the nearby areas has been our primary focus. Many bird species add colour to our beautiful campus. IFFCO Paradeep is continuously making efforts for efficient environment management as committed in Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) policy. Horticulture Section has planted around 40653 saplings in plant premises & distributed around 4030 saplings in nearby villages as a part of the plantation drive during the year 2020-21.

In view of global pandemic situation, we have had a challenging time in maintaining a sustainable productivity and overall welfare of the society. I appreciate the sincere cooperation and dedication shown by our employees, contract workers and all stakeholders associated with us in this difficult period. In spite of all the obstacles, our journey to serve the farmers continues with an indomitable spirit.

On this special day, I appeal to each one of you to contribute towards the restoration of the ecosystem by making small alterations in your day-to-day life to be in harmony with nature. Preserving nature is our responsibility.

Stay safe, stay healthy & be happy.

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