



EARTH DAY

Monday 22nd April 2024.

Earth Day is an international day devoted to our planet. It draws attention to the environment, promoting conservation and sustainability.

This International Mother Earth Day is a call to action to shift to a more sustainable economy that works for both people and the planet.

The global theme for this year's Earth Day is **"Planet Vs Plastics"**, which recognizes the threat plastics pose to human health and with campaigners demanding a 60% reduction in the production of plastics by 2040.

Earth Day has become a leading light in the fight to combat climate change pollution and nature loss. The Earth is our only home. It is the source of everything that supports life (water, food, shelter, light and other resources). It is our means of livelihood. We have a duty to nurture it.

Plastics extend beyond an imminent environmental issue; they present a grave threat to human health as alarming as climate crisis. As plastics break down into microplastics, they release toxic chemicals into our food and water sources, circulating through the air we breathe. Plastics now flow in our blood, food, breast milk and water.

This year's celebration encourages individuals, communities, and governments to protect the planet from disasters like pollution and deforestation. By taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees, we're making our world a happier, and healthier place to live.

On this International Earth Day, let us join hands in a global chorus of hope and action. As custodians of our precious planet, we are entrusted with the sacred duty to safeguard its brilliance and resilience. Let us honor this responsibility by embracing sustainable practices, advocating for environmental justice, and nurturing a deep reverence for the interconnected web of life.

Together, let us forge a path towards a greener, more equitable future where every breath of air, every drop of water, and every living being is cherished and protected. Our Earth is not just our home, it is the heart of our existence. Let us pledge to cherish and protect it, today and every day.

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