



The Institution of Engineers (India)

World Environment Day 2019

The United Nations, aware that the protection and improvement of the human environment is a major issue, which affects the well-being of peoples and economic development throughout the world, designated 5 June as World Environment Day. The celebration of this day provides us with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by individuals, enterprises and communities in preserving and enhancing the environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in more than 100 countries. World Environment Day is the biggest annual event for positive environmental action and takes place every 5 June.



World Environment Day 2019 will be hosted by China, with a theme of "Air Pollution".

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Air Pollution facts:

- 92% of people worldwide do not breathe clean air
- Air pollution costs the global economy \$5 trillion every year in welfare costs
- Ground-level ozone pollution is expected to reduce staple crop yields by 26% by 2030