



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

+ World
ENVIRONMENT
Day
Celebrations

DIRECTORS' NOTE

Our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in his keynote address delivered at the UN "High-Level Dialogue on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought" via video conference, spoke at the Opening Segment in his capacity as the President of the 14th Session of the Conference of Parties of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

Terming land as the fundamental building block for supporting all lives and livelihoods, Prime Minister Modi called for reduction of the tremendous pressure on land and its resources. "Clearly, a lot of work lies ahead of us. But we can do it. We can do it together," said the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister listed steps taken by India to deal with the land degradation issue.

He illustrated how restoration of land can start a vicious cycle of good soil health, increased land productivity, food security and improved livelihoods which would help in achieving land degradation neutrality. It also supports pastoral activities and livelihood by promoting animal husbandry. "In the same spirit, we need to devise effective strategies for land restoration while promoting indigenous techniques", the Prime Minister stressed.

"It is mankind's collective responsibility to reverse the damage to land caused by human activity. It is our sacred duty to leave a healthy planet for our future generations", the Prime Minister concluded.

Dear Sisters, as we have stepped into 6th anniversary of 'Laudato Si' and celebrate the 49th Environment Day let us pledge to care for common home, for educating, encouraging and engaging with each other, to share resources and support one another, to advocate sustainable policies in our country and take action to create lasting solutions, protect the future of nature and to make a difference in nature and people by upholding ecological justice.

Can we, Sacred Heart Salesian Sisters Province of Bangalore be a catalyst and bring about a transformation in the society?

Do you think if we hold our hands together we can achieve something?

LET'S BEGIN.....

- + Beginning is coming closer
- + Beginning is rising as one
- + Beginning is shining despite the clouds
- + Beginning is returning to our roots
- + Beginning is going against gravity
- + Beginning is thinking out of the box
- + Beginning is coming out of our comfort zone
- + Beginning is spreading our wings
- + Beginning is rising to new heights

Therefore let's pledge to:

- Have a plastic-free campus
- A kitchen garden producing at least 50% of vegetables for our use
- A pit to prepare organic manure from our kitchen waste
- Minimising the use of electricity
- Using water as a precious resource
- Be far from use and throw culture
- Economic use of things in the house to respect Divine Providence

Sr. Rosy Lopez

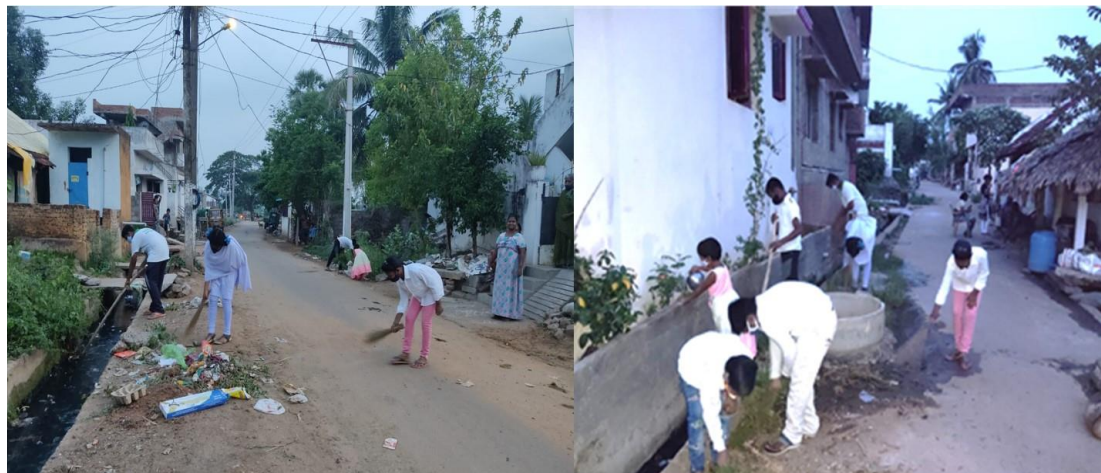


49TH WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Nature heals itself when human beings are locked up due to Pandemic – Corona Virus. We are greatly aware of our responsibility to think and act in order to protect our environment. Keeping in mind the Theme of the Day – ***Ecosystem Restoration - Re-imagine, Recreate, Restore*** - efforts were made to highlight the importance of the day by doing an extra hour of work in the garden apart from the daily routine as most of the household works are handled by the sisters.



Awareness was given on the importance of the day to **children, youth and adults** of our target group in the villages through WhatsApp messages and Phone calls. Here are the positive responses of the children: cleaning their house premises, public road, drainage etc. planting the saplings, preparing beds for flower garden, vegetable garden etc. as a gesture of our connectedness with the nature. We were happy to see their eagerness and enthusiasm to contribute in their own way to protect the environment.



**DRAWING
COMPETITIONS
WERE HELD IN
SOME COMMUNITIES
AND PRIZES WERE
AWARDED TO THE
WINNERS**



Sr. Annakutty from Wyra states:

We had a week preparation for this great day.

The villagers and young gardeners were trained to make organic compost manure with dry leaves and soluble waste including neem seeds which is a good manure that keeps away the unwanted insects that attack the plants, kitchen waste, egg shells, used tea powder, coconut coir, vegetable peels and leftover food material and drumstick leaves.



PRITHVI PARIVAR MOVEMENT

As a response to the call of **Pope Francis** towards, An Integral Human Ecology - that becomes capable of listening to the cry of the poor and of being leaven for a new society, the CCBI COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, Mumbai inaugurated **"Prithvi Parivar Movement"** by Rt. Rev. Bishop Allwyn D'Silva the President of Commission for Ecology on 5th June 2021. The objective was to begin a new global grass root movement to create a more inclusive, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world with a new ecological approach that can transform our way of dwelling in the world - our life styles, our relationships with the resources of the earth, and in general, our way of looking at the humanity - not alone but together in a coordinated effort. The movement is synodal in nature, where synodality literally means working together and implies a collaborative discernment process.



CONGRATS TO CDEW SOCIETY

Prithvi Parivar- Pan India Ecological Movement organised by **CCBI Commission for Ecology** recognized **CDEW SOCIETY** as one among the **Top Ten** active participants for its **Good Practices as Eco-Achievers**.



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