

THE HEADLINES :-

- **World Environment Day observed today; Nagaland marks day with calls for conservation efforts**
- **Governor Nand Kishore Yadav stresses on sustainable development**
- **Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang emphasizes community's role in protecting biodiversity**
- **Mokokchung district steps up drive against substance abuse**



World Environment Day was celebrated across the globe today. The day is observed to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth. The 2026 theme is "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future." Extending best wishes on World Environment Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said initiatives like Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam have made significant contributions towards adding nearly 1.1 lakh hectares of forest every year. In a series of posts on social media, Mr Modi remarked that this day serves to reaffirm the commitment to protecting the environment and furthering sustainable growth.



Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, along with Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta today inaugurated 18 Namoo Oxygen Parks in New Delhi on the occasion of World Environment Day. The Union Minister also launched a series of environmental initiatives under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. Meanwhile, Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Dr L. Murugan planted a sapling under the campaign at the premises of Akashvani in New Delhi. Dr Murugan appealed to the citizens to take a pledge to protect the environment.



On World Environment Day, Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav called for collective efforts towards a clean environment, green development, and a secure future. He urged citizens to fulfill their responsibilities in nature conservation, water resource enhancement, tree plantation, and maintaining ecological balance. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio also reaffirmed the shared responsibility of protecting ecosystems that sustain life and livelihoods. Mr Rio emphasized that conserving natural resources and biodiversity is essential for building a sustainable and resilient future for generations to come.



Nagaland today joined the global observance of the World Environment Day with various events held across the state. At a special programme organized by the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at the Kohima Peace Memorial and Eco Park, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, CL John called for mass tree plantation and young citizens to take the lead in protecting the environment and combating climate change. He said environmental conservation is a shared responsibility that goes beyond education, profession and religion. The Minister stressed that development and prosperity would have little meaning without safeguarding the environment and climate. Expressing concern over rising incidents of forest fires and indiscriminate hunting, Mr John called for stronger efforts to protect forests and wildlife. He also highlighted the impact of rapid urbanisation, plastic pollution and poor civic habits on the environment, and reiterated the state government's commitment to reducing plastic use.

On the occasion, the Minister released the new logo of the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board.



Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang has said conservation is not limited to protecting forests and wildlife, but also involves securing sustainable livelihoods and opportunities for future generations. He was speaking at the World Environment Day observance at Beisumpuikam Village in Peren district, organized jointly by the Nagaland Zeliang People Organisation, Ntangki National Park, Peren Forest Division and the Mt. Pauna Biodiversity Conservation Forum. He called on village councils and youth organisations to take strong action against illegal logging, hunting and fishing practices, emphasizing that community-led conservation remains one of the most effective ways to protect biodiversity. Highlighting the economic potential of Ntangki National Park, the state's only national park, Mr Zeliang said improved conservation measures and better road connectivity could transform the park into a major eco-tourism destination, generating jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities for local communities.



Various government departments, educational institutions and community organisations across Nagaland marked World Environment Day today with mass tree plantation and cleanliness drives aimed at promoting environmental conservation and climate action. In Chümoukedima district, Forest Range Office, in collaboration with Patkai Christian College, organised a plantation drive. Forest Ranger Kikavi Chophi highlighted the importance of learning from nature and working closely with it to address climate change.

More than 100 students, faculty members and forest personnel participated. In Wokha, Renchen Women Welfare Society, along with the Wokha Town Council and Lotha Youth Hoho, planted ornamental and shade trees at public spaces, educational institutions and government offices across the district. Noklak also observed the day with tree plantation organised by the District Administration, Noklak Town Council and the District Hub for Empowerment of Women. Officials emphasized the need for proper care and maintenance of planted saplings. World Environment Day was also observed at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat in Kohima, where Home Commissioner Abhijit Sinha urged citizens, particularly the youth, to adopt eco-friendly practices. Meanwhile, at the Municipal Affairs Department, government departments exchanged e-waste for waste segregation bins, while public traded recyclable plastic waste for reusable shopping bags. The day was also marked in Tseminyu.

Saplings were also distributed at various locations to encourage greater public participation in environmental protection and conservation efforts.



In a major step towards combating substance abuse, Mokokchung District Administration has approved the District Action Plan for the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Campaign 2026. The action plan focuses on four key areas, namely, curbing the supply of illicit drugs, reducing demand through assessment and intervention, strengthening awareness and outreach programmes, and enhancing monitoring and documentation to track progress. District officials and civil society organisations will work in coordination to promote a healthier, drug-free community across the district.

