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International Day for Biological Diversity 2022: Theme, History, Significance and Inspirational Quotes

[News18, 22 May 2022](#)

Observed on May 22, the International Day for Biological Diversity's marked as a day for creating awareness about biodiversity issues engulfing the world today.

Biodiversity is essential for sustaining the balance of the planet. It is the cornerstone of ecosystem services, which are completely tied to human well-being.

Since this world is a mix of a wide range of animals, plants, fungi, and even microbes like bacteria. Each of these species and organisms works together in ecosystems to preserve balance and support life, much like a complex web. Each one is dependent on the other for their existence.

International Day for Biological Diversity: History

The United Nations General Assembly adopted May 22 as International Day for Biological Diversity in December 2000, to mark the adoption of the Convention at the Rio Earth Summit on May 22, 1992.

International Day for Biological Diversity: Theme

The theme, for this year, is Building a Shared Future For All Life. The theme supports the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted at the upcoming Biodiversity Conference. The theme underpins the importance of biodiversity in handling several sustainable development challenges. Biodiversity is the foundation on which nature-based solutions to climate,.....

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International Day of Biological Diversity 2022: Not all urban greenery is created equal

[Forbes India, 22 May 2022](#)

Outside my Mumbai window, a pair of sunbirds flashes in and out of the red-flowering Sita-Ashoka tree I had planted to replace a fallen gulmohar a decade ago. The gulmohar was one of eight exotic trees we lost on our tiny patch of roadside, and I mourned its spectacular beauty when it fell.

Green cover is recognised as essential to human health and well-being; urban greening is an important mitigation measure to slow climate change. But the right type of vegetation is crucial. Though all trees are beautiful, there is a special beauty to those local species which belong.

Palas trees 'flame of the forest' in the jungles of Central India are no less beautiful than a chinar tree in Himalayan Kashmir; wild ginger in the Western Ghats is as beautiful as wild roses in Himachal Pradesh or orchids in Sikkim. Each is suited perfectly to its own natural ecosystem and flourishes without human intervention.

Ordinary people in Mumbai have demonstrated their love of the natural in their years'-long struggle to save the forests of Aarey. Campaign leaders of the Save Aarey Movement include women and young people and even Maharashtra's young Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray, a passionate environment lover himself.

Ashok Kothari, former president of the National Society of the Friends of the Trees, who gave me the Sita-Ashoka sapling, said, "Replanting a lost tree is good. All trees absorb carbon and most,....

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Working For A Shared And Sustainable Future

Outlook India, 22 May 2022

On this International Day for Biological Diversity, we look at five Indian organisations working towards 'building a shared future for all life'

The United Nations had proclaimed the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. When first created by the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly in late 1993, December 29 (the date of entry into force of the Convention of Biological Diversity), was designated as the day of observation. However, in December 2000, the UN General Assembly adopted May 22 as IDB, partly to ease the problem faced by many countries who found it difficult to organise programmes owing to the year-end holidays. As the text of the Convention was adopted on May 22 (1992), it was designated as the International Day for Biological Diversity.

The importance of biodiversity and why we need to protect it was further driven home during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the biggest lessons the pandemic taught us was that we have to develop a strong and sustainable ecosystem to ensure our survival in the face of any similar global threat in the future. And to achieve that, according to experts, we have to ensure the health of the biological diversity of planet Earth.

According to a note by UNICEF, 'biodiversity is essential for human health and well-being, economic prosperity, food safety and security, and other areas critical to all humans and all human societies. Organisms, ecosystems and ecological processes supply us with oxygen and clean water, they help cycle carbon and fix nutrients, they enable plants to grow,.....

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International Day for Biological Diversity: Students, citizen groups join hands for conservation

Hindustan Times, 22 May 2022

To mark the International Day for Biological Diversity, today, in full fervour, some college students and community groups are actively working towards safeguarding Mother Earth by creating awareness through social media and Nature walks.

The rising temperature and the prolonged problem of air pollution in the Capital are just a few examples, closer to home, of how the environment's rapid decline is threatening Nature and people alike. Paying heed and actively working towards safeguarding Mother Earth, by creating awareness are some college students and community groups. Charged up to mark the International Day for Biological Diversity, today, in full fervour, some have even planned to meet up for the cause.

To raise awareness of the importance of preserving biodiversity, MH Vatavaran, the environment society of Miranda House College, Delhi University, has been organising various competitions that help create awareness. These include slogan writing, a secret letter competition - where participants will write a letter to an endangered species -and a speech competition as well. "In accordance with the guidelines of the department of environment, we have planned various activities around the theme: Importance of biological diversity. We are organising a slogan-writing competition on the same. This will help our volunteers showcase their creative ideas on how to protect the endangered species,"

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