



Annexure – I

International Day of Forests - March 21

Theme 2016: Forests and Water



Celebrating forests and water

Every year on the International Day of Forests we celebrate the ways in which forests and trees sustain and protect us. This year we are raising awareness of how forests are key to the planet's supply of freshwater, which is essential for life.

Did you know?

- Forested watersheds and wetlands supply 75 percent of the world's accessible freshwater
- About one-third of the world's largest cities obtain a significant proportion of their drinking water directly from forested protected areas
- Nearly 80 percent of the world's population – 8 out of 10 people - is exposed to high levels of threat to water security
- Improved water resource management can show considerable economic gains
- Forests act as natural water filters
- Climate change is altering forests role in water flows and the availability of water resources
- Forests have a crucial role in building and strengthening resilience

Special Event

The theme of the 2016 International Day of Forests is “**forests and water**”. To mark the Day, a joint celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day will be held on Monday, 21 March 2016 (10:00 to 13:00) in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The event entitled “**Forests and Water | Sustain Life and Livelihoods**” will raise awareness of the interconnections between forests and water and their contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The UNFF Secretariat and UN-Water are organizing the event, in collaboration with the Government of Sweden.

How World Forestry Day is celebrated

Activity 1: Awareness Rally at your locality

Activity 2: Visiting local forest in order to learn more about their contributions towards the well-being of people. Around 6 million hectares of the forests are getting lost due to deforestation on annual basis.

Activity 3: tree plantation campaign is encouraged among the common people through many activities. People are the main target of this campaign to get aware about the serious imbalance of food production and population explosion day by day including the contribution of forests in their lives. They get motivated towards the plantation in the nearby areas as well as stop the deforestation.

Activity 4: Essay Competition on deforestations for Cubs / Bulbuls / Scouts / Guides.

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Annexure – II

World Water Day - March 22

Theme 2016: Water and Jobs



World Water Day 2016 would be celebrated all over the world on 22nd of March, 2016 (Tuesday)

World Water Day history

World Water Day is celebrated every year on 22nd of March by the people all across the world. The day was established to be celebrated as an annual event in the year 1993 by the decision of the United Nations General Assembly. This campaign was declared as a World Day for Water to be celebrated on 22nd of March each year to increase the awareness among the people about the importance, need and conservation of water.

It was first officially added in the schedule 21 of the year 1992 “United Nations Conference on Environment and Development” in the Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and celebration was started from the year 1993 to motivate the general public in order to get their support in water conservation by avoiding the use of their taps for whole day.

Why World Water Day is celebrated?

The United Nation including member nations celebrate this campaign by implementing the UN recommendations as well as promoting the global water conservation through the real activities. This campaign is specially promoted by one of the UN agencies every year which involves encouraging the people to listen and understand about the water issues as well as coordinating with the international activities for the World Water Day. Since the beginning of this event celebration the UN-Water has been responsible for the selection of World Water Day theme, distribution of global messages as well as leading the UN agencies for celebrating the World Day for Water.

Including the UN member states and agencies, various NGOs and non government organizations also become involved in the promotion of clean water conservation focusing the public attention over all the critical issues of water. During this event celebration, all the water issues are highlighted to the public such as how people are inaccessible to the safe water and etc.

How World Water Day is celebrated

Activity 1: Awareness Rally at your locality to increase the awareness of people towards the importance of water in various field of life including the environment, health, agriculture and trade.

Activity 2: organizing variety of events and activities such as visual art, theatrical and musical celebrations of water, excursions to the local ponds, lakes, rivers and reservoirs, symposium at local, and State level over water management and safety, distributing messages through TV and radio channels or internet, educational events based on the importance of clean water and conservative measures, competitions and so many activities.

Activity 3: Essay competition and Drawing Competition on “Save Water”, “Water Pollution” and “Rain Water Harvesting” for the Cubs / Bulbuls / Scouts / Guides / Rovers and Rangers.

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Annexure – III

World Tuberculosis Day - March 24

Theme 2016:

“Find TB. Treat TB. Working together to eliminate TB”.



WORLD TB DAY
MARCH 24



World TB Day/World Tuberculosis Day 2016 would be celebrated all over the world on 24th of March, at Thursday. It is celebrated to raise the common public awareness about the epidemic disease of tuberculosis as well as get their efforts in order to totally eradicate this disease. As around 1.7 million of the people are dying of this disease every year.

World Tuberculosis Day history

On the 100th anniversary of Tuberculosis presentation of the Dr. Robert Koch, “the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD)” had planned to establish 24th of March to be celebrated as an annual official event, the World TB Day. This was established by the effort of both the IUATLD and the WHO under the theme “Defeat TB: Now and forever”. However, it was not announced as an official event to be celebrated annually by the WHO’s World Health Assembly and the UN.

The first World TB Day celebration meeting was held by the WHO and the Royal Netherlands Tuberculosis Foundation in the year 1995 in Den Haag, Netherlands where it was declared to be celebrated annually. Next year in 1996, various organizations like WHO, the IUATLD and KNCV had organized variety of events and activities to conduct the World TB Day celebration.

DOTS was declared as a biggest step taken against tuberculosis by the WHO in the news conference of Berlin in 1997. According to the global situation of this epidemic disease, a really working health breakthrough was very necessary to make possible the control of TB all across the world. Almost 200 organizations were joined to perform the awareness activities on the World TB Day of 1998 where top 22 most affected countries with TB were announced by the WHO in the news conference of London.

A new network “Stop TB Partnership” has been launched by the various organizations to fight against TB by highlighting the scope of prevention and cure of this disease to the common public. ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross) is helping people to fight against TB in prisons because of the overcrowding and poor nutrition.

Why World Tuberculosis Day is celebrated?

World TB Day is established as an annual event to be celebrated by the people to aware them about the basic and essential knowledge of tuberculosis, causes, prevention and cure of this disease to get prevented and eradicate this disease from the world. It is very necessary to aware people of all group and field about this epidemic disease to take precautions. All the people at workplace or at home should be encouraged about their health maintenance and must know about the prevention from tuberculosis.

It is an airborne disease cause by the Mycobacterium tuberculosis (which generally affects the lungs) and can kill around 4000 people every day. It gets transmitted from the infected person to another weak person through the droplets formed in the throat or lungs. According to the report in 2005, it was noted that most infected people were from the south-east Asia (34% of the global case). 8.7 million new cases were raised whereas 1.4 million of the people were died of TB (64000 deaths of children) in the year 2011. Most of the death cases belong to the low and middle income group including poor communities and vulnerable groups.

People must know that it is a completely curable disease at very low-cost through the DOTS treatment administered by the government. Its treatments and diagnostic tests should be accessible by each and every person affected by the tuberculosis all over the world and death rate of this disease should be zero.

World TB Day celebration provides a big opportunity to all the people to get aware about the causes and precautions of TB. It mobilizes the political and social authorities for further progress towards the disease prevention for the effective reduction in the TB cases and death rate in the coming years. Since 1990, the mortality rate of TB has decreased by 40% all over the world. Invention of various new TB tools has occurred for rapid diagnostic tests of TB. All this have become possible only because of this awareness campaign.

How World Tuberculosis Day is celebrated

Activity 1: Awareness Rally at your locality to increase the awareness of people towards the health and Tuberculosis to every common public.

Activity 2: Debates on TB prevention and cure

Activity 3: Photo Exhibitions showcasing images in order to raise awareness of TB.

Activity 4: Charity events for fund raising required controlling TB and lots of activities associated with the disease prevention and cure.

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