

# Earth day, 2021

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**In News:** Earth Day was recently observed on April 22nd all over the world to show appreciation for environmental conservation.

## About Earth Day

- The first Earth Day was held in 1970, when 20 million people took to the streets to protest environmental destruction.
- The 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, as well as other problems like smog and contaminated rivers, sparked the event.
- The United Nations declared April 22nd to be “International Mother Earth Day” in 2009.
- On Earth Day 2016, the historic Paris Agreement was signed, bringing nearly 200 countries together to set a collective goal to reduce global greenhouse emissions.
- The aim of Earth Day is to create the world’s largest environmental movement in order to bring about positive change for people and the environment.
- Its aim is to broaden, inform, and mobilise the global environmental movement.
- International Mother Earth Day, according to the United Nations, is observed to remind us that the Earth and its habitats provide us with life and sustenance.
- It acknowledges a shared obligation under the 1992 Rio Declaration, which seeks to foster peace with nature and the Earth in order to establish a just balance between the needs of current and future generations of humanity.
- It offers an opportunity to raise global public consciousness about the issues facing the planet’s well-being and all the life it supports.

## What does Earth Day 2021 mean?

- The annual celebrations will be held for the 51st time in 2021.
- 'Restore Our Earth' is the theme for Earth Day 2021.
- Natural processes, new green technology, and creative thinking that will preserve the world's habitats are the themes for Earth Day 2021.

### **Earth Hour**

- The annual Earth Hour programme, which started in 2007, is organised by the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF).
- Every year on the last Saturday in March, it takes place.
- It urges people in more than 180 countries to switch off the lights between the hours of 8.30 and 9.30 p.m. local time.

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