

World Environment Day

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In news

World Environment Day is observed on 5th June every year to remind people about the importance of nature

This year's theme

- The theme of this year's World Environment Day is '**Reimagine. Recreate. Restore.**' as this year marks the beginning of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.
- Pakistan is the global host for the day to highlight the importance of ecosystem restoration this year.

India's Initiative

- This year India organized the event with the theme of 'promotion of biofuels for a better environment'.
- The event is being jointly organized by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- During the event, Prime Minister released the "Report of the Expert Committee on Road Map for ethanol blending in India 2020-2025".
- To commemorate World Environment Day, Government of India is releasing E-20 Notification directing Oil Companies to sell ethanol blended petrol with percentage of ethanol up to 20% from 1st April 2023; and BIS Specifications for higher ethanol blends E12 & E15

History of World Environment Day

- It is organized by the United Nations (UN) to generate awareness about the significance of nature. The United Nations Assembly established World Environment Day in 1972, which was the first day of the Stockholm

Conference on the human environment.

- In 1974, the theme of World Environment Day was 'Only One Earth'. Since then, various host countries have been celebrating it.
- World Environment Day was first observed in 1974 in the United States.

United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

The United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030 was conceived as a means of highlighting the need for greatly increased global cooperation to restore degraded and destroyed ecosystems, contributing to efforts to combat climate change and safeguard biodiversity, food security, and water supply.