



World Environment Day

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Message



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World Environment Day (WED), established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972, is observed worldwide including India every year on 5th June. Significance of the WED is about the inspirational power of individual actions that collectively become an exponential force for positive change. WED reminds us urgent measures to be taken for protection of environment for sustaining life on Earth. This year's WED theme is "**Forests: Nature At Your Service**". The theme supports this year's UN International Year of Forests.

Forests cover one-third of total land mass and are green lungs of the Earth, vital for survival of not only people but other species as well. Forests play key role in battle against climate change releasing oxygen into the atmosphere while storing carbon dioxide. Forests feed rivers, create & maintain soil fertility and help to regulate the often devastating impacts of nature's fury like storm, flood & fire. Forests are the most biologically diverse ecosystem on land and home to more than half of the terrestrial animal species, plants & insects. Forests also provide shelter, job, security, cultural relevance for forest-dependant population and services essential for every aspect of our quality of life. Adoption of sustainable forest management will help to move towards a green economy. It is unfortunate to note that global deforestation continues at an alarming rate, about 13 million hectares of forest are destroyed every year. India has been named global host of WED 2011. Our country has taken many bold & fruitful measures to conserve environment and track the health of plants, animals, water & other natural resources. Compensatory afforestation is another step towards this.

DFCCIL has embarked on ambitious project of dedicated electrified freight corridors across the country for fast & bulk movement of goods. These freight corridors once completed will significantly reduce dependence on road transportation for bulk goods, reduce fossil fuel consumption and improve quality of environment. DFC is a prospective CDM project for earning carbon credit.

DFCCIL recognises importance of forests. Hence the routes are selected to avoid acquisition of forest land as far as possible. DFCCIL is committed to protection of environment during construction as well as operation. It is our endeavour not only to observe statutory environmental laws, but improve quality of environment & people's life through our actions.

I assure management's full support and wish you success in your efforts for environment protection.

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