

Earth day 2017 Celebration

Earth day is the largest, most widely celebrated International event as it provides a chance to remember what an amazing planet we live on. It is the only planet in our solar system teeming with incredible biodiversity. People all over the worlds celebrate and make efforts to protect planet and it environment.

2. Ministry is celebrating Earth Day on 22nd April each year for past few years and to continue the previous year activities and encourage the children on this occasion.

3. Theme of Earth Day 2017 is proposed as “**Sustainable Earth**”. A variety of topics and activities are given for the selection. The details are placed on the website of the Ministry (i.e. HYPERLINK "<http://www.moes.gov.in>")

4. The competition for the following age groups and corresponding time duration mentioned below:

- (i) Students of Primary class level for 1 hour duration.
- (ii) Students from class 6th onwards and upto Secondary class (10th standard) level for 1 ½ hour duration.
- (iii) Students from Senior Secondary (11th standard) and upto graduation level from college for 2 hour duration.

5. Guide lines:

a) Each category (School, College/University, NGOs/Centres) is requested to follow the guide lines as follows:

b) There are few topics and variety of activities mentioned separately, either the choice can be made from the list or you can select as per you choice, but, it must be within the Theme as proposed by the Ministry.

c) The Grant can be utilized on Prizes (1st Prize-Rs 5000/-, 2nd Prize-Rs 4000/- and 3rd Prize-3000/-, Consolation Prize-Rs.2000/-), Refreshment, Stationary, Advertisement & Publicity, Transport and other Miscellaneous expenditure etc.

d) Each Institution/NGO has to submit the Utilisation Certificate (prescribed proforma) and audited statement of expenditure by the head of the Institution along with prize winning painting competition sheets of all categories and a complete Report to the Ministry within one month. The best three prize winners in each category will be felicitated with a prize on the Foundation Day of the Ministry (i.e. 27th July).

e) All the organizers (school, colleges-Universities, NGO's-Centres) are requested to issue a certificate to the participants and submit the date/dates of the event to the Ministry, so that, if possible an officer may also be deputed from the Ministry or attached offices/autonomous Institutions of the Ministry to attend the Inaugural/ Valedictory function of the Earth Day Celebrations.

f) The school, college/University, NGO/Centre are advised to submit the application in the prescribed Proforma (as attached, available on website of the Ministry) with a covering letter address to Advisor, Outreach Programme, "Prithvi Bhawan", IMD Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 11003. The proposals (hard copy duly signed by the competent authority) should be submitted by **31st January 2017**. Proposal submitted after the due date will not be considered.

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g) Drawing sheets (white) 22"x15" should be used for drawing.

h) The decision of the Ministry will be the final.

6. Theme: "Sustainable Earth"

7. Topics: There are few topics given below, either the choice can be made from this list or you can select as per your befitting topic.

- a) Green house effect.
- b) Ozone hole, its causes, effects due to this hole.
- c) Global warming, its effects
- d) Atmospheric instruments
- e) Sustainable use of natural resources.
- f) Impact of Climate change on Indian monsoonal climate
- g) Deforestation & Aforestation and their significance.
- h) Ocean resources (Living & Non living resources)
- i) Energy resources (conventional and non-conventional)
- j) Desalination
- k) Tsunami Early Warning system.
- l) Ocean Technology,
- m) Marine Instruments,
- n) Polar Science
- o) Earthquake precursors and studies.

8. Type of activities

There are few activities mention below, selection can be made out of this list or you can make as per your creativity.

- a) Debate competition.
- b) Essay competition.
- c) Drawing / Painting competition.
- d.) Cleaning of the City.
- e) Poster competition.
- f) Craft competition.
- g) Model competition.
- h) Signing on Charter.
- i) Free distribution of leaf lets on Earth Day.
- j) Tree Plantation.
- k) Slogans writing & messages about preserving the nature.
- l) Quiz competition.
- m) Children Bicycle Rally to promote nonpolluting forms of transportation.
- n) Banners with different slogans.
