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World Environment Day

How it started?

1972 Stockholm Conference

The UN held the first **Global Environmental Summit** in Stockholm from June 5 to 16.

It led to the creation of World Environment Day as a platform for global action.





1973

The First Celebration

Switzerland hosted the first official celebration under the theme **"Only One Earth"**.

Thereafter, the world starts recognizing the environment as a shared responsibility.

1980s

Development Without Destruction

World Environment Day, observed on **June 5**, gained momentum as countries began linking environmental issues with development, pollution, and conservation.

1989 Global Warming

In 1988, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was established. A year later, Belgium highlighted the growing concern over global warming - a theme that would become central to future campaigns.





1992 Rio Earth Summit

World Environment Day in Rio de Janeiro coincided with the Earth Summit, where nations agreed on key treaties for climate change, desertification, and biodiversity. These agreements laid the foundation for modern sustainable development.

2000 – 2010

Time to Act

Millions of people joined local events like tree planting, beach clean-ups, and campaigns. Also, the internet helped share environmental action messages around the world.





2010– 2020

Climate Emergency

Themes like **“Wild for life”** and **“Consume with Care”** pushed for bold and urgent action for ecosystem restoration.



Where are we now?

World Environment Day
is now observed in over

150 countries

including

Nepal.



Theme for 2025

“Combating Plastic Pollution”

This year’s program focuses on the urgent need to get rid of plastic waste, which is a common environmental problem that affects ecosystems and human health all over the world.



How are you Celebrating?

Share your ideas in comments !

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