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EDITOR'S NOTE



The devastating effects of climate change induced global warming are being felt across the world. No longer can we dismiss climate change as a myth . The well-being of future generations is at stake and we , children and youth , are at risk of inheriting a hot and barren planet.

It is therefore imperative that we take the reins of destiny in our hands and demand action to mitigate climate change. Nations must move beyond short economic goals and pledge concerted action to ensure that emissions are curtailed significantly within set time parameters so that we do not breach the 2 degree Celsius temperature rise limit.

We , the future generations , must lead the way .

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MEMBER ARTICLES



FOOD

**FOOD FOOD FOOD
SO YUMMY SO GOOD
NEITHER TOO MUCH NOR TOO LESS
PERFECT BALANCE KEEPS YOU FIT
INDIAN, CHINESE, THAI, ITALIAN
ARE THE VARIETIES TO HOME YOUR HUNGRY MOUTH**

**LITTLE VEG N' LITTLE NON-VEG
AND LOADS OF SALAD
YOU OUGHT TO EAT
IF YOU MAKE A RIGHT CHOICE
YOU CAN HAVE A HEALTHY LIFE**

**RASHMIKA SHETTY
AGE : 8**

GO GREEN

First thing that came to my mind before I sat to write on this topic was “ARE WE PROFLIGATE”.

Are we? Yes, Of course, the way we utilize our valuable resources and religiously contributing to its loss. Have you ever given a thought when you throw out a perfectly good piece of paper? Why don't we realize that this act of ours is killing a tree?

According to a study by National Geographic Channel for every seven water bottles we use, only one makes it to the recycle bin. Several examples can be set to define us Profligate.

One person using 149 litres of water per day contributes immensely to the gallons of water that is wasted every year. Each one of us acts as a point source for wasting the resources. What are we doing? We do learn at school about going green and pollution.

Are we implementing it? Stop for a while and think..... It is time to take action....If we can't manage to live as sustainably as we can then we need to remember our mother earth is in big trouble. However, she can be saved if we accept to embrace the healthier green life in our daily routine.

Every little step counts. Love our Mother Earth. The key to achieving a sustainable world is a positivity and awareness. We must begin ourselves and then spread the awareness and show others how to do it. If we all just do our part and respect the earth we will be saving it. Going green is the only option we have.

PRESERVE OUR PLANET FOR THE FUTURE – LET US START TODAY!

RIDHA UMAR

HELP SAVE THE PLANET – USE BIODEGRADABLE PRODUCTS

Conventional plastic is made from oil can take up to 300 million years to form and 1000 years to degrade naturally. Non-recyclable plastics will usually end up in landfill sites or be washed out to sea. To make a difference to a greener and cleaner tomorrow, people are looking at products that are environmental friendly. One of such product is biodegradable products, which is also an alternative to plastic. Let's understand what is biodegradable products, these are products or materials that can be naturally broken down into raw materials in short period of time as a result of exposure to moisture, heat & biological agents such as bacteria, fungi. These products are used on daily bases at home such as paper towels, toilet paper, newspapers, junk mail, books, paper plates and cups, clothing, biodegradable dish soap, dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, glass and multipurpose cleaners, diapers, pet waste bags, trash bags and eating utensils, etc. Let's think what the advantages of Biodegradable products have, Biodegradable product and biodegradable bags take much less time to break down after being discarded, if they haven't been recycled there will be no landfills. Biodegradable product are renewable Biodegradable plastics are made from biomass, which is a completely renewable resource. Biodegradable product is much better for the environment, because there is no harm done to the earth when recovering fossil fuels. Also, in this process there are very few greenhouse gas and harmful carbon emissions. Regular plastics need oil for their manufacturing, which pollutes the environment. Biodegradable product require less energy to produce, needs less than half the energy to produce their non-biodegradable counterparts. This means that it is possible to make twice the amount of biodegradable packaging and biodegradable bags using the same amount of energy. These products are easily recycled and reused more efficiently. As we can see, the advantages of biodegradable product are substantial and of great significance for the future of our planet. For me, researching and writing on biodegradable products has been an enjoyable learning process, as I am committed to reducing the environmental pollution as much as I can. The benefits of biodegradable products are so clear that its time people start consciously use environmental friendly products and become more aware of the impact certain products have on our Planet.

"The earth, the air, the land and the water were not an inheritance from our forefathers but a loan from our children. So we have to handover to the next generation at least as it was handed over to us." -Mahatma Gandhi.

RITHIKA SHETTY

A GREENER WORLD

**Green, Green everywhere!
Need of the hour –Be aware!!**

**If the whole world is green,
then it would be lovely to be seen.**

**We should work towards the earth's sustainability,
And always try to save water and electricity.**

**Reduce, Reuse and Recycle,
Travel short distances using bicycle.**

**Plant a tree and see,
How lovely it would be!**

**It is our mission,
For a greener vision.**

BUVANESWARI JAYASHANKAR

WAR OR PEACE?

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” This beautiful quote was said by a great social activist and humanitarian named Martin Luther King Jr. It is indeed a paradox when people say that they are fighting a war so that peace may prevail. After the two world wars each and every human being of this Mother earth would hunt for peace. Why Wars?? Why the shedding of blood friends?? Why not peace and harmony instead of all the violent actions possible on this earth. When there is a war and when it ends, one power is the winner and the other the loser. The winner revels in glory and the loser wreaths in pain, Even the winners have hundreds and thousands of homes destroyed; women rendered widows, children rendered. It is only some territories and land that has been won. And only for land thousand and millions of people are being killed, orphaned, widowed etc. For example Alexander the Great one of the greatest warriors till date had conquered countries after countries but at the last what did he have to face death. Only if these people would have thought about when they are dead and going in the hands of god they shall have to leave all their belongings and would have to go alone. Peace my friends is the only tool for all these wars to end and no one else but only we can bring a change within ourselves adopting this calm and pretty five letter words, P.E.A.C.E Friends this is especially for we children who I believe are the future of this mother earth and if we believe our mother earth is being spoilt in the hands of cruel we still have the right to convert our earth to a better place for everyone one to live where there is universal brotherhood and understanding between everyone, where there I love and care even for the least privileged person and finally where there is “PEACE and HARMONY.” Let the saner minds everywhere in this world think about this, plan and also act accordingly. This world can still turn into heaven if PEACE prevails.

PRAPTI PAKKALA

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Wildlife, the most integral part of biodiversity is being destroyed by the acts of man. The likes of tigers, pandas are the national animals of various countries. Now, if they become extinct what will happen to the future of these countries? The beautiful biodiversity will be affected. There is a drastic difference in tiger's population in India. If the animals are poached continuously this valuable resource will be depleted.

The extinction of animals is creating an imbalance in our ecosystem. This will put an end to human race if it is left unchecked. The Governments of the world and other NGO's have to strive hard to control the situation. The younger generation of the world have to work together with them to put an end to this problem and attain a sustainable future.

Some of the steps we can adopt for wildlife conservation are:

Setting up of wildlife sanctuaries

Saving our forests by afforestation

Creating national parks

Stopping poaching of animals

Reduce the demand for wildlife products like fur, ivory etc.)

So to conclude let us work together as a team and support wildlife.

"The World is in our hands. We have to mould it."

S. V. SIDHAARTHAA

TAKE THE PLEDGE

Sitting in the corner of my room, I thought about an article on environmental issues just read. I have been reading such articles and wondered how our wrong doings are affecting the environment. Pollution, Deforestation, land degradation is to name a few. Is there an end to it? Or are we pushing earth towards its end ?

Watching all these helplessly, I asked myself , am I doing my bit to save the mother earth. I decided to raise my hand towards this cause. It's time for all of us to wake up and contribute towards greener and healthier earth. Main step is by understanding the significance of 3R's – REDUCE , REUSE and RECYCLE. In brief, reduce the consumption of water, electricity, plastic; thus help reducing the carbon foot prints. You can help by segregating the domestic waste and recycling them in nearby recycling centers.

With all these, I have taken a pledge to make my earth a better place to live. – will you ?

SPARSHA SHETTY
AGE : 8

STRETCH A HELPING HAND

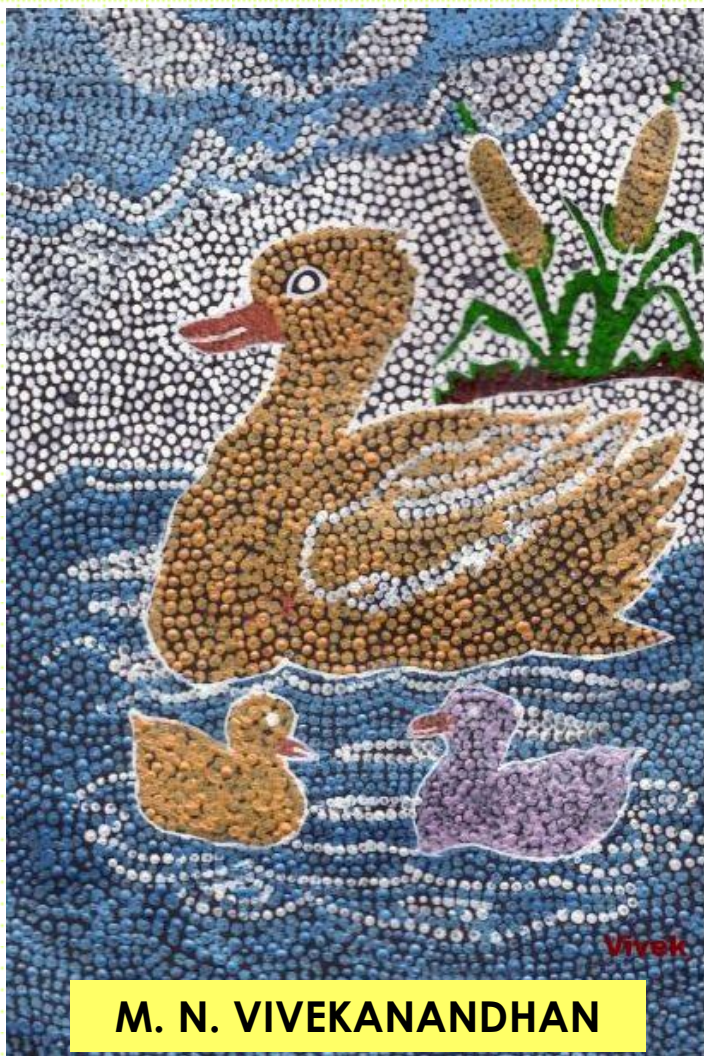
"We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill.

There are millions of unfortunate and underprivileged people around us who do not get two square meals a day. We can light a candle in there lives by taking small initiatives which can change their life for the better. Charity begins at home, but it should not end there. No one has ever become poor by giving. When we get more than we need, we should think of those who are less fortunate and also about their life which has lost all it's flavours. In this modern world everyone is so busy and are left with no time to think about others. What we give may not be worth a million dollars but can bring about a few smiles. A bit of food for the hungry around us, a bit of help for the kids around us who can't afford a school can make a very big difference. Big things have, after all, small beginnings.

Just stretch a helping hand to those in need and their happy faces will give true meaning to your life. We will be able to view life from a different perspective. Life is not only about the pleasures of life. It is about making a difference and leaving a mark on the world that can never be rubbed off.

NIKHIL ANU

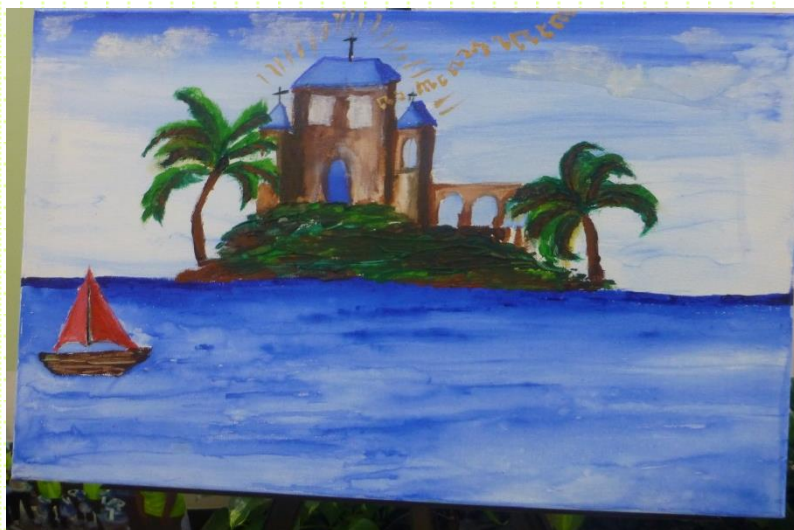
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M. N. VIVEKANANDHAN



**KEHKASHAN
BASU**



**ASHLEY
ALMEIDA**

OUR ACTIVITIES





**WORLD
HUMANITARIAN
DAY 2014
- WALK AND
LABOUR CAMP
HANDOUT**



**KHDA –
WHAT WORKS
MATHS**



**TREE PLANTING –
INTERNATIONAL
DAY FOR THE
PRESERVATION
OF THE OZONE
LAYER**



The Box Appeal 2014



Breast Cancer Walk



Diabetes Walk



**CLEANUP THE
WORLD
CAMPAIGN –
DUBAI
MUNICIPALITY**



A DAY OF MARINE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION





**43RD UAE
NATIONAL DAY
TREE PLANTING
– 43 SAPPLINGS**



UAE NATIONAL DAY PARADE

GREEN HOPE'S 1ST ECOCONFERENCE





COP IN DUBAI

COP in MyCity is a youth-led project which ambitions to bridge the gap between climate negotiations and youth in order to inspire climate actions in all cities of the world.

How? By fostering education and action about climate change locally and by creating an international community of change-makers. (source: www.copinmycity.weebly.com)

A COP in MyCity event was held for the first time in Dubai by the members of Green Hope UAE. We had an audience of nearly 60 students from different schools.

It was a great success. The event lasted a total of 5 hours, starting from 8:30am in the morning till 1:30pm.

We gave a detailed presentation on the factors affecting climate change and what steps should be taken to mitigate it. To spread awareness about climate change, we had flashmobs as well as songs to drive our messages to the minds of the youth.

We also had brainstorming sessions on climate justice. We conducted a few activities that included a "Climate Quiz" where students were divided into 4 groups, Air, Water, Energy and Earth. Students learnt a lot from the quizzes.

At the end of the workshop, all the students wrote their pledges on the wall. Everybody had a wonderful session filled with lots of learning and fun. We're looking forward to organize another simulation as soon as possible.

We intend to provide opportunities for people who have awaited to work for a cause but couldn't come across an opportunity. We believe that proper support and information are the most important factors to lead forward a change.

We hope that in our future events, we are able to reach out to more youth of our region and engage them in these negotiations. Our main goal is to mobilize as many children and youth as we can.

I believe that these kind of interactive sessions is an opportunity to trigger students' interest in the issue as well as to push for a positive change in their lifestyles.

**KOMAL M
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LIMA IN DUBAI

2ND STAGE - NEGOTIATIONS



INTERNATIONAL NEWS



@ the United Nations High Level Political Forum



@ the 13th Session of the Opening Working Group on Sustainable Development

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



@ the Climate March



@ the
Social
Good
Summit



Emma Watson
launching the
He4She Campaign @
the UN Headquarters

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



@ the
Leaders'
Forum



@ the World Bank Youth
Summit



1st
Global
Forum
on
Youth
Policies

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

- **TREE PLANTING EVENT**
- **OUR 15TH ACADEMY**
- **OUR 2ND ECOCONFERENCE**



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