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MESSAGE

World Environment Day 2021

The idea of a World Environment Day (WED) took shape during the United Nations Conference on Human Environment held in Stockholm in 1972; thereafter, the first World Environment Day was celebrated in 1974. Since then, it is observed every year to remind us that we, humans, are a part of the natural ecosystem and our wellbeing is dependent on the wellbeing of the larger system. A specific theme or focus-area is chosen every year, and the theme for WED-2021 is **Ecosystem Restoration - Reimagine. Recreate. Restore.**

Today's pandemic-battered world is forcing us to reevaluate our priorities and has brought us face-to-face with our limitations. All our technological accomplishments, our pride in being the most advanced species on this planet, lie shattered as we all scurry indoors to save our lives from a microscopic virus. The entire human race, across the globe, has never felt so vulnerable! Are we going wrong somewhere? Erratic weather patterns, frequent severe cyclones like the recent 'Yaas' & 'Tauktae', raging forest fires and floods have been linked to global warming and climate change caused by unbridled human activities. More than ever before we realize today that the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, the climate that makes our planet habitable are all made available to us by the services that nature and biodiversity perform through a careful balance. Activities that upset this delicate equilibrium can endanger our very existence. Thus, a healthy planet is not an option — it is a necessity.

We in India, by virtue of our cultural legacy, know that it is imperative to respect nature and value its resources for our sustenance. Most of OIL's operational areas are in the biodiversity-rich North-East of India. We know that the success of our business and growth depends on a large extent in our ability to harmonize our operational activities with the environmental requirements of the region. In fact, this is a credo we hold dear wherever we operate. Over the years, many initiatives have been taken for minimizing carbon footprint in our operations. We have forayed into renewable-energy generation, drastically reduced gas flaring by commissioning natural gas distribution networks, phased out Ozone depleting chemicals, set up ETPs, carried out mass plantation of trees, put in place bioremediation measures, and initiated many more such steps. As we embark on the journey of conquering newer horizons as a fully integrated E&P company by stepping into 'Mission 4+' to increase production, acquire a majority stake in NRL, set up a North-East gas grid, CNG stations, etc., we know that without a focused approach on conservation and preservation of the environment our vision cannot be realized.

As a "People's Company" we are acutely aware that sustainability is the key issue. We would all like to see exponential growth and prosperity of our organization, but on this special day, let us re-dedicate ourselves, both at organizational level and at individual levels to evaluate every step we take, on the basis of its environmental impact. It is only through environment-friendly measures that we can enhance people's livelihoods, slow down climate change, and stop the collapse of biodiversity, so essential for life on earth. Let us solemnly pledge to take care of Mother Nature and to become agents of change for a greener and healthier future.

Best Wishes on World Environment Day 2021

Jai Hind

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