



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, 2021

ABSTRACT

The activities and the participant details of the World Environment Day Celebration have been given in the report.

Gujarat Ecology Commission,
State ENVIS Hub

Flyer on World Environment Day, 2021



World Environment Day, 2021

Ecosystem Restoration

“LET’S KNOW OUR ENVIRONMENT!”

Date: 5th June, 2021

WEBINAR DETAILS

Speaker : Dr. Megha Bhatt
Women Scientist, North Gujarat University and Founder of SciKnowTech

Time : 11 am – 12:30 pm

Hosted by
GUJARAT ECOLOGY COMMISSION
State ENVIS Hub
Department of Forest and Environment
Government of Gujarat

In collaboration with
SciKnowTech 



CELEBRATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY,

5TH JUNE, 2021

Ecosystem Restoration

Title of the event: “Let’s know our Environment”

Schedule of the event

Date: 5th June, 2021

Time: 11am – 12:50pm

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:50 – 11:00	Joining the zoom meeting and going live on GEC official Facebook page	
11:00 – 11:05	Welcome address	Dr. Megha Bhatt, Woman Scientist and Educationist, Founder of SciKnowTech
11:05 – 11:10	Objective of the event, Brief about GEC, ENVIS, importance of World Environment Day	Mr. Nischal Joshi, Sr. Manager (Projects) & ENVIS Coordinator, GEC
11:10 – 11:20	Inaugural speech, Message on World Environment Day	Mr. Shyamal Binoy Tikadar, IFS, Member Secretary, GEC
11:20 – 12:20	Presentation on topics covering Ecology, Ecosystem, Global warming, habitat destruction, Carbon footprints, Mitigation	Dr. Megha Bhatt, Woman Scientist and Educationist, Founder of SciKnowTech
12:20 – 12:35	Quiz for students on terminologies related to ecosystem and their perspective on it	Dr. Megha Bhatt, Woman Scientist and Educationist, Founder of SciKnowTech
12:35 – 12:45	Open discussion for all	
12:45 – 12:50	Concluding session and vote of thanks	Dr. Krupa Jha, Manager (Projects), GEC

Event Details

World Environment Day is one of the biggest events organised by UN to generate awareness regarding the importance of Mother Nature. The UN Assembly established World Environment Day in 1972 which was the 1st day of Stockholm Conference on the human environment. In the year 1974 World Environment Day was first observed in the US on the theme “Only One Earth”. Since then every country gets the chance to host it. This year Pakistan was the global host.

Gujarat Ecology Commission (GEC), State ENVIS Hub celebrated World Environment Day by organising a webinar on 5th June, 2021 in collaboration with SciKnowTech (an initiative for experiential learning) with the objective to understand people’s perspective on environmental issues and to spread awareness regarding various environmental losses and the ways to restore them. The webinar was arranged in the line of “Reimagine. Recreate. Restore.” and the theme of the discussion was: Ecosystem Restoration. The program was entitled as **“Let’s know our Environment”**.

Beneficiaries

Students of SciKnowTech, teachers and higher grade students from Calorx Public school, professors and students of M.N College Visanagr, students from Sir PT Science College, Modasa, and members from different NGOs were the prime participants of the event. 15 school students from class 8 and above, 10 teachers, 2 professors, 20 members of SciKnowTech, 15 to 20 members from various NGOs and rest of the participants were graduate and under



Photo 1 Participants of Webinar



Photo 2 Participants from GEC

graduate and doctoral students. Total 100 people participated in the webinar including 10 members of GEC.

Event

The program started with an introductory speech by the ENVIS Coordinator and Sr. Manager of GEC. Information regarding GEC, ENVIS hub and Gujarat Government’s initiative regarding mangrove restoration, mining area restoration, barren land restoration, coral reef restoration. The Member Secretary of GEC explained about the history and the significance of World

Environment Day and the possibilities that people can create to make a drastic change in the environment. He also presented the guideline published by the UN named “Ecosystem Restoration Playbook” to the audience. The



Photo 1 World Environment Day celebration hosted by GEC, State ENVIS hub

guideline is designed to help the society to get involved in the process of ecosystem restoration through three pathways: **taking action; making smart choices; and raising your voice for restoration.**

The next part was a presentation prepared by Dr. Megha Bhatt, the founder of SciKnowTech who was the prime speaker of the event and she has discussed about the basic concepts of ecosystem, ecology, biodiversity, carbon footprint and related the situation of environment loss with the rapid rate of urbanisation and the landuse changes. The presentation concluded with the

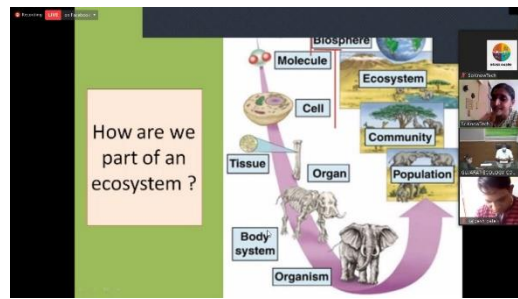


Photo 4 Presentation on Ecosystem

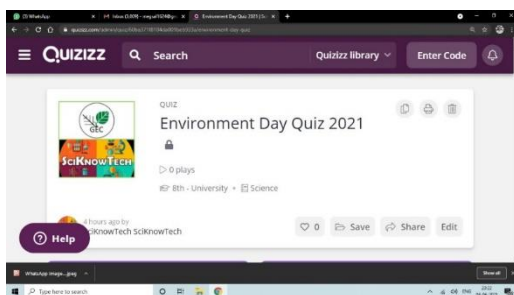


Photo 5 Online quiz

contributions that people can make as an individual and as society to protect our environment like usage of solar energy, minimising the use of plastic, reducing the consumption of items which results ecosystem loss etc. The last section of the event was designed to involve everyone through a quiz competition based on the previous presentation. This was the highlight of the

event. The involvement of participants and their answers showed they have followed the session thoroughly. Three **winners** from the quiz competition are **Naiya Patel, Ms. Swati, Heli Bhatt** (Doctoral students from University School of Sciences, Sir PT College). At the end of the program open discussion for ten minutes brought out various interesting points of PhD and college students. Gujarat Ecology Commission also went live from the official Facebook page of GEC to involve more people in the celebration.

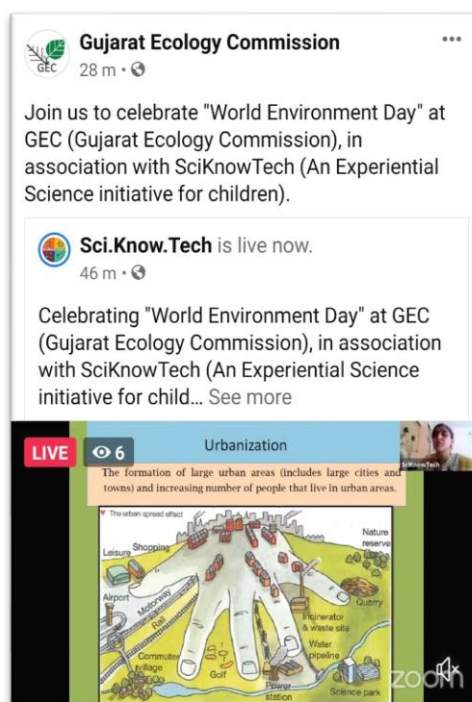


Photo 6 Live session in the Facebook

The event was very successful. The enthusiastic participation of students made it more effective. The presentation was very insightful and the students got a clear idea regarding the basic concepts of Ecosystem and practical knowledge of ecosystem restoration. In the last ten minutes discussion, many college students talked about their perspective of environment degradation and ways to restore it. Their involvement in the quiz competition showed their interest which proves a better future who can make a difference in the environment. Lastly, a pledge of 5 R s ie. Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle was taken by the participants to ensure ecological balance for future.