"Beat Air Pollution"

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World Environment Day (5th June, 2019)



<u>Message</u>

World Environment Day is the United Nation's principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment. World Environment Day is celebrated on the 5th of June every year. Since it began in 1974, the event has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in more than 100 countries. This year, the theme is *"Air Pollution" We can't stop breathing, but we can do something about the quality of air that we breathe*. The theme is designed to urge Governments, Industries, communities, and individuals to come together to explore renewable energy, green technologies and improve air quality in the cities & regions across the world.

Air Pollution Facts

- Approximately 7 million people worldwide die prematurely each year from air pollution, with about 4 million of these deaths occurring in Asia-Pacific.
- 92 per cent of people worldwide do not breathe clean air.
- Ground-level ozone pollution is expected to reduce staple crop yields by 26 per cent by 2030.
- Early deaths related to PM 2.5 in India are the second highest in the world and ozone related deaths, are the highest in the world.

DFCCIL the largest infrastructure projects being undertaken by the Ministry of Railways will contribute significantly in tackling air pollution in the country. DFC is much more climate-friendly means of freight transportation and will reduce emission of 450 million tons of CO₂ in the environment over the 30 years of period. Even during construction phase, it should be our endeavor to not only ensure Environmental Legal obligations but also to improve quality of environment and people's life through our actions.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, also known as "people's day", let's take ownership to protect our earth and actively engage in the protection of our natural environment. I urge all stakeholders associated with freight corridor's construction to pledge to not deteriorate air quality and explore green technologies while executing construction activities. We should all strive to complete the Mega project expeditiously, to meet the set emission reduction targets.

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