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Editorial

This year's World Environment Day theme doesn't ask us to invent something new. It asks us to remember something old: **Inspired by nature. For climate. For our future.** For centuries, nature has been our best engineer, our quietest teacher. Forests cool the air without a power bill. Wetlands filter water without a treatment plant. Mangroves build storm walls better than concrete. And soil — living, breathing soil — stores carbon more effectively than any tech we've built. Yet we've spent decades fighting those systems instead of learning from them.

Inspired by nature: Nature doesn't waste. A fallen leaf becomes food for the next tree. A river doesn't run straight — it meanders, slows floods, and feeds everything along its banks. So, what if our cities mimicked forests? What if our farms copied grasslands? In Nagaland's hills, it's protecting community forests that hold water better than any dam. Inspiration isn't poetry here. It's policy. It's how we build homes, plan roads, and grow food.

For climate: Climate change isn't coming. It's here. The last 12 months were the hottest on record. Springs in our hills are drying faster. Monsoons are either too weak or too violent. Fighting climate change with concrete alone is like bailing water with a sieve. But nature-based solutions work on two fronts: they cut emissions and help us adapt. Restoring one hectare of degraded land pulls carbon from the air and makes that land resist drought next year. Protecting urban trees drops city temperatures by up to 8°C. This isn't charity for the planet. It's self-defense.

For our future: "Future" sounds distant until you realize it's your younger sibling's lifetime. It's the mango trees we plant today that they'll harvest in 15 years. A future inspired by nature isn't anti-progress. It's pro-survival. It means green jobs in restoration, not just extraction. It means schools where kids learn composting alongside coding. It means markets where organic growers don't need a boss's absence to do the right thing — because the system rewards it.

We don't need more World Environment Day slogans. We need a mindset change: from control to cooperation. Nature isn't a resource to use up. It's a partner to work with. So today, don't just plant a sapling for the photo. Ask: What would nature do here? Before you pave, can you permeate? Before you cut, can you cultivate? Before you buy, can you borrow, repair, or regrow? Some answers to our climate prayers are arriving late. Forest loss, water stress, extreme heat — we should have acted sooner. And that's okay. Because the second-best time to work with nature is now. Inspired by nature. For climate. For our future. Not as a tagline. As a blueprint.

This issue underscores the vital role the environment plays in our daily lives, alongside the EIACP PC Hub Nagaland's observance of World Environment Day on 5th and 11th June 2026 as directed by the EIACP Programme Cell, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

World Environment Day, celebrated annually on 5 June, is one of the planet's largest platforms for environmental outreach and is led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the leading global authority on the environment within the United Nations system. Established in 1972 following the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, UNEP is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya — making it the only major UN agency based in the Global South. Its core Role is setting the Environmental Agenda UNEP doesn't own forests or clean rivers directly. Its power lies in coordination, science, and influence. It brings nations together to tackle environmental challenges that no single country can solve alone — climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. UNEP is the UN's environment department. It monitors, motivates, and mobilizes the world to protect the only planet we have. This role makes UNEP the natural leader of World Environment Day — using 5 June each year to focus global attention on urgent environmental themes like 2026's "Inspired by nature. For climate. For our future." The environment is undoubtedly the foundation upon which peace, prosperity, economic growth, and stability rest. Every Member State, every city, every business, and every individual stands to benefit from a stable climate, thriving biodiversity, healthy and productive lands, and a pollution-free planet. To achieve these goals, the world needs environmental multilateralism now more than ever.

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on 5 June to raise awareness about environmental conservation and encourage people to take action for protecting the planet. In 2026, the celebration of World Environment Day in Nagaland was observed under the theme "Inspired by Nature: For Climate, For Our Future." The theme emphasized the importance of learning from nature and adopting sustainable practices to address climate change and secure a better future for coming generations.

Nagaland is blessed with rich forests, diverse wildlife, pristine rivers, and unique ecosystems that support the livelihoods of its people. Nature has always played a vital role in the cultural, social, and economic life of the Naga community. However, environmental challenges such as deforestation, forest fires, pollution, and climate change are increasingly affecting the state's natural resources. The World Environment Day celebration provided an opportunity to reflect on



these challenges and promote collective action towards environmental protection.

The celebrations were organized across various districts of Nagaland by government departments, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations, village councils, and community groups. The programme commenced with awareness sessions and discussions on the significance of environmental conservation and climate action. Speakers highlighted how healthy ecosystems help regulate the climate, conserve water, protect biodiversity, and support sustainable livelihoods. Participants were encouraged to draw inspiration from nature and adopt environmentally responsible lifestyles.

One of the major activities undertaken during the celebration was a large-scale tree plantation drive. Students, teachers, government officials, and community members actively participated in planting indigenous tree species in schools, public spaces, and community forests. The plantation campaign aimed to enhance green cover, restore degraded land, and contribute to carbon sequestration, which plays a crucial role in mitigating climate change.

Cleanliness drives and waste management campaigns were also conducted in towns and villages throughout the state. Volunteers cleaned public places, markets, roadsides, and water bodies while spreading awareness about reducing plastic pollution and maintaining a clean environment. These activities reinforced the message that protecting nature begins with responsible individual actions.

Educational institutions organized essay writing, painting, quiz, and debate competitions on topics related to climate change, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable living. Through these activities, students gained a deeper understanding of environmental issues and explored innovative solutions for creating a sustainable future. Awareness rallies carrying slogans and messages on environmental protection were also organized to engage the wider public.

Workshops and seminars focused on climate resilience, sustainable agriculture, forest conservation, renewable energy, and traditional ecological knowledge. Resource persons emphasized the need to integrate modern conservation approaches with indigenous practices that have long supported environmental sustainability in Nagaland. Community leaders shared examples of successful conservation initiatives that have helped preserve forests and biodiversity in their areas.

The theme “Inspired by Nature: For Climate, For Our Future” highlighted the crucial role of natural ecosystems in addressing climate change. Forests, wetlands, rivers, and biodiversity-rich landscapes act as natural solutions by absorbing carbon dioxide, regulating temperatures, and protecting communities from environmental disasters. By conserving these ecosystems, Nagaland can strengthen its resilience to climate change while ensuring sustainable development.

The celebration concluded with participants taking a pledge to protect the environment, reduce waste, conserve natural resources, and support climate-friendly practices. The collective efforts demonstrated the commitment of the people of Nagaland to building a greener and more sustainable future.

The World Environment Day 2026 celebration in Nagaland successfully promoted environmental awareness and inspired citizens to take meaningful action for climate protection. Through tree plantation drives, cleanliness campaigns, educational activities, and community participation, the event reinforced the message that nature offers valuable solutions to climate challenges. By working together and drawing inspiration from nature, Nagaland can contribute significantly to climate action and ensure a healthier, more sustainable future for generations to come.

World Environment Day celebration 2026 by EIACP PC Hub Nagaland

World Environment Day is celebrated annually on 5th June to promote environmental awareness and encourage individuals and communities to take action for the protection of nature. Established by the United Nations, the observance serves as a global platform to address pressing environmental challenges such as pollution, deforestation, biodiversity loss, and climate change. As the environment provides essential resources including clean air, water, food, and other ecosystem services that sustain life, it is our collective responsibility to conserve and protect these valuable resources for present and future generations.

In observance of World Environment Day 2026, and as directed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), the Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP) Programme Centre (PC) Hub, Nagaland organized awareness programmes on 5th and 11th June 2026 under the Mission LiFE theme, "Saved Energy," and the World Environment Day theme, "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future." The programmes were conducted at Stella Higher Secondary School, Kohima and Highland Hall Higher Secondary School, Naga United Village respectively.

The awareness programmes aimed to sensitize students and teachers about the importance of environmental conservation, sustainable lifestyles, energy conservation, and climate action. Participants were encouraged to adopt environmentally responsible practices in their daily lives and contribute towards building a greener and more sustainable future. As part of the observance, awareness pamphlets highlighting the significance of World Environment Day and practical measures for environmental protection were distributed among the participants. The programmes witnessed active participation and successfully reinforced the message that individual and collective actions inspired by nature can contribute significantly to climate resilience and environmental sustainability.

On 5 June 2026, the EIACP Programme Centre (PC) Hub, Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB), celebrated World Environment Day 2026 at Stella Higher Secondary School under the theme "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future." The programme was organized to create awareness among students about environmental conservation, climate action, and sustainable living. Through interactive sessions and discussions, participants were encouraged to draw inspiration from nature and adopt environmentally responsible practices in their daily lives. The event highlighted the importance of collective efforts in addressing climate change and ensuring a sustainable future for present and future generations. Awareness pamphlets on World Environment Day and sustainable lifestyle practices were also distributed among the participants.



Chairperson: Mr. Neksung Longkumer, Class 10



Thought of the Day: Mr. Prem Gurung, Class 9



Speech: Ms. Thejaneinu Meze, Class 10



Vote of thanks: Ms. Akum Jamir, Teacher

The programme was chaired by Mr. Neksung Longkumer of Class 10. A short speech highlighting the significance of World Environment Day and the need for environmental conservation was delivered by Ms. Thejaneinu Meze of Class 10. This was followed by a special number presented by the members of the Eco Club, which added enthusiasm and meaning to the celebration. The Thought for the Day was delivered by Mr. Prem Gurung of Class 9, who emphasized the importance of protecting nature and adopting sustainable practices for a better future. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Akum Jamir, Teacher-in-Charge of the Eco Club, who expressed gratitude to the organizers, resource persons, teachers, and students for their active participation and contribution towards the successful observance of World Environment Day 2026.



Ms Khriehunuo Rutso, PO, EIACP Nagaland



Mrs Lashikali Chishi, IO, EIACP Nagaland

Ms. Khriehunuo Rutso, Programme Officer, EIACP, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on World Environment Day 2026, focusing on the theme "Inspired by Nature: For Climate, For Our Future." In her presentation, she highlighted the intrinsic connection between nature, climate, and human well-being, emphasizing their crucial role in achieving sustainable development. She elaborated on the importance of conserving natural resources, adopting environmentally responsible practices, and reducing pollution to safeguard the environment for future generations. She also discussed practical measures that individuals can undertake to protect nature, such as minimizing waste, conserving water and energy, reducing the use of single-use plastics, and promoting eco-friendly lifestyles. Furthermore, she underscored the adverse impacts of pollution on vulnerable groups, including children, the elderly, and pregnant women, and stressed that protecting the environment is a shared responsibility requiring collective action from all sections of society.

Mrs. Lashikali Chishi, Information Officer, EIACP, delivered a presentation on Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), with special emphasis on the "Save Energy" action under the Mission LiFE initiative. She highlighted the importance of energy conservation in mitigating climate change and encouraged students to adopt simple energy-saving habits in their daily lives. The presentation was followed by a pledge-taking session, during which all participants and teaching staff reaffirmed their commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable living. To further enhance awareness and understanding of the initiative, a

short video on Mission LiFE was screened for the students.

As part of the observance, pamphlets on “World Environment Day” were distributed among the students and teachers to promote environmental awareness and encourage positive environmental action. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation, with a total of 300 students and 12 teaching faculty members attending the event. The programme successfully achieved its objective of sensitizing the participants to the importance of environmental protection, climate action, and sustainable lifestyles.



The School Administrator, Principal, EIACP Officials, Teaching faculties and students of Stella Higher Secondary School, Kohima.

As part of the series of activities organized to commemorate World Environment Day 2026, the EIACP Programme Centre (PC) Hub, Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB), celebrated World Environment Day on 11th June 2026 at Highland Hall Higher Secondary School under the theme “Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future.” The programme was organized with the objective of creating awareness among students and teachers on the importance of environmental conservation, climate action, and sustainable living practices. The event served as a platform to encourage participants to recognize the vital role of nature in maintaining ecological balance and to inspire collective efforts towards protecting the environment for a sustainable future. Through informative presentations, awareness activities, and interactive sessions, the programme emphasized the need for responsible environmental stewardship and highlighted the role that individuals can play in addressing environmental challenges and promoting climate resilience.



Chairperson: Mr. Dokina Das, Vice Principal



Vote of Thanks: Mrs Kezhaleno Angami, Administrator

The programme was chaired by Mr. Dokina Das, Vice Principal of Highland Hall Higher Secondary School, who also delivered the welcome address. In his address, he warmly welcomed the resource persons, teachers, and students, and emphasized the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable living in addressing contemporary environmental challenges. He encouraged the students to actively participate in environmental protection initiatives and adopt eco-friendly practices in their daily lives.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Kezhaleno Angami, Administrator, who expressed her sincere gratitude to the EIACP Programme Centre Hub, Nagaland Pollution Control Board, the school management, teachers, and students for their active participation and cooperation in making the programme a success. She also appreciated the efforts of the organizers in creating awareness on environmental conservation and inspiring the younger generation to become responsible stewards of the environment.



Ms Khriehunuo Rutsa, PO, EIACP Nagaland



Mrs Lashikali Chishi, IO, EIACP Nagaland

Ms. Khriehunuo Rutsa, Programme Officer, EIACP, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on World Environment Day 2026 based on the theme “Inspired by Nature: For Climate, For Our Future.” In her presentation, she highlighted the crucial role of nature in sustaining life and maintaining ecological balance. She explained how healthy ecosystems contribute to climate regulation, biodiversity conservation, and human well-being, and emphasized that the future of humanity is closely linked to the health of the environment. She encouraged the participants to learn from nature and adopt sustainable practices that support climate action and environmental conservation. She also discussed practical steps that individuals can take to protect the environment, such as conserving natural resources, reducing waste, minimizing pollution, and using energy responsibly. Further, she highlighted the adverse impacts of environmental pollution on vulnerable groups, including children, the elderly, and pregnant women, and stressed that protecting the environment requires collective responsibility and active participation from every individual to ensure a healthier and more sustainable future.

Mrs. Lashikali Chishi, Information Officer, EIACP, delivered an informative presentation on Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), with particular emphasis on the “Save Energy” action theme. She highlighted the importance of energy conservation as a simple yet effective way to reduce environmental impacts and combat climate change. Through practical examples, she encouraged students to adopt energy-efficient habits such as switching off unused electrical appliances, using natural light whenever possible, and avoiding unnecessary energy consumption. She emphasized that small changes in daily behaviour can collectively make a significant contribution towards environmental sustainability. The presentation was followed by a pledge-taking session, during which all participants and teaching staff reaffirmed their commitment to adopting environmentally responsible practices. To further enhance awareness and understanding of the initiative, a short video on Mission LiFE was screened, providing students with valuable insights into the objectives of the programme and the role individuals can play in building a sustainable future.

As part of the observance, pamphlets on “World Environment Day” were distributed among the students and teachers to reinforce the key messages of environmental protection and climate action. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation, with a total of 700 students and 20 teaching faculty members attending the event. The programme successfully raised awareness on environmental conservation, energy saving, and sustainable living, while inspiring participants to contribute actively towards a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future.



The School Administrator, Principal, Vice Principal, EIACP Officials, Teaching faculties and students of Highland Hall Higher Secondary School, Naga United Village, Chumoukedima Village.

The observance of World Environment Day 2026 at Stella Higher Secondary School, Kohima, and Highland Hall Higher Secondary School, Naga United Village, Chumoukedima District, successfully achieved its objective of creating awareness on environmental conservation, climate action, and sustainable living. Through informative presentations, interactive discussions, the Mission LiFE pledge, and the distribution of awareness materials, students and teachers gained a better understanding of the importance of protecting nature and adopting environmentally responsible lifestyles.

The programmes reinforced the message that nature provides valuable solutions to climate challenges and that every individual has a role to play in safeguarding the environment. The active participation of students, teachers, and school authorities reflected a growing commitment towards environmental stewardship and sustainable development. The celebration served as a meaningful platform to inspire young minds to become responsible citizens and environmental champions, contributing towards a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future for all.

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