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#### MESSAGE ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Today, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 is World Environment Day (WED). It was established by United Nations General Assembly in the year 1972 in the Stockholm Conference on Human Environment. Two years later, in 1974, the first World Environment Day was held with the theme "Only One Earth".

Last year we celebrated WED with the theme "Air Pollution" & as you are aware, HWB contributed a lot for the conservation of our environment and resources by implementing various energy conservation schemes over the years.

This year, the theme for World Environment Day is "Biodiversity". Biodiversity involves 8 million plant and animal species and its associated eco systems. It is a well known fact that whatever is required for the life of human beings comes from the nature. The famous quote of Mahatma Gandhi on environment goes like this – "Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs but not every man's greed". The greed of the man is the prime reason for the loss of biodiversity.

Main reasons for the loss of biodiversity are attributed to pollution, climate change and over-exploitation of resources.

On this World Environment Day, we rededicate ourselves for the conservation of biodiversity taking positive steps towards maintaining a greener and healthier environment.

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