

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY

"A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt -

Why do we mark this day?



International Earth Day aims to advocate the significance of protecting our planet. The responsibility of conserving and protecting the natural ecosystem falls on every person living on this planet. Hence, this day calls upon every person to take responsibility to take care of our home planet and celebrate nature. International Mother Earth Day was established by the UN on April 22, 2009.

The purpose of this day is to remind everyone that for any living matter to survive, a balance in the ecosystem is needed. Human activities such as degradation, pollution, and exploitation have a negative impact on the earth. Thus, the day marks the importance of living in harmony with nature.

Questions for Discussion

- Why do we call our planet Mother Earth?

- What is the significance of International Mother Earth Day?

Meet Today's Global Citizen



Wangari Maathai

Wangari Maathai was a Kenyan environmental and political activist who has founded the Green Belt Movement, an environmental non-governmental organization focused on the planting of trees and environmental conservation. She was awarded the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace. She was the first African woman to win the prize.