

# **Pilikula Biological Park, Mangalore.**

## **World Environment Day-2020**

World Environment Day is the most renowned day for environmental action. Since 1974, it has been celebrated every year on 5 June. World Environment Day (WED) 2020 calls for urgent action to protect biodiversity.

Biodiversity is the foundation that supports all life on land and below water. It affects every aspect of human health, providing clean air and water, nutritious foods, scientific understanding and medicine sources, natural disease resistance, and climate change mitigation. Changing or removing one element of this web affects the entire life system and can produce negative consequences.

The emergence of COVID-19 has underscored the fact that, when we destroy biodiversity, we destroy the system that supports human life. Today, it is estimated that, globally, about one billion cases of illness and millions of deaths occur every year from diseases caused by coronaviruses; and about 75 per cent of all emerging infectious diseases in humans are zoonotic, meaning that they are transmitted to people by animals. Nature is sending us a message. By upsetting the delicate balance of nature, we have created ideal conditions for pathogens—including coronaviruses—to spread. We are intimately interconnected with nature. If we don't take care of nature, we can't take care of ourselves.

In the eve of World Environment Day 2020, Pilikula Biological Park is organizing collage and essay competitions. The ***theme is Biodiversity.***

Interested participants are invited to submit the scanned copy of prepared collage to The Director, Pilikula Biological Park, Vamanjoor, Mangalore-28, on or before 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020, through E- mail.

Competitions will be done in two categories for school and college students. Essays sent through E-mail must be within 2000 words in English/Kannada. The name/age, studying institution, address and phone number of the participants should be mentioned. The selected prize winners will be provided with certificates.

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