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Message

Today, the whole world celebrates the World Environment Day. And as last year, the 'EcoSikh' is again observing March 14th, 2012, Guru Gaddhi Diwas (day of enthronement) of Sri Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji, to be celebrated as "Sikh Environment Day". Sri Guru Har Rai Sahib is remembered in Sikh history for his deep sensitivity to nature and its preservation and the effort of EcoSikh organization, to celebrate this day as 'Sikh Environment Day' is highly appreciable. The diversity of the nature is illustrated in the greens, the colourful flowers, chirruping birds, the breezes, the waterfalls and in the forests. All these are the feeders and supporters of human life. The air, water and earth (soil) are the basic elements of all creation.

The hymn (*saloka*) of Japji Sahib defines our relation with Air as our Guru, Water as the Father, and Earth as the Great Mother and teaches us to protect, preserve and respect them all. 'Water is the base of all life and the existence of flora and fauna depends on water.' The hymn of *Asa di War* by Guru Nanak Sahib supports the fact above:-

Pehla pani jeo hai jit harya sab koye

Thus to carefully utilize water and to prevent water pollution becomes our utmost requirement.

The plastic has proven to be very useful to the world but it also releases many poisonous gases like Hydrogen Chloride, which is harmful for nature. Hence, we should minimize the use of plastics and other materials in Gurdwaras and other places as well.

I, hereby, from Sri Akal Takhat Sahib, founded by the bearer of Miri Piri, Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, want to convey to the world and all the believers of Guru Nanak around the world to celebrate 'the Enthronement Day' of Sri Guru Har Rai Ji as 'Sikh Environment Day' cleaning their homes, parks and surroundings and be a part of true Guru's blessings for life and beyond.

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