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This quarterly issue of the SAYEN newsletter focuses on WED across the sub-region.

United Nations General Assembly established World Environment Day (WED) on June 5 in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment. World Environment Day is considered as the most important event on the environmental calendar and is celebrated every year on 5 June in most countries around the world.



This year, the theme for the World Environment Day was **"Your planet needs you! Unite to Combat Climate Change"**.

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Bangladesh

As part of WED, a human chain to stop illegal grabbing and pollution of the rivers was formed in Dhaka on June 5. The slogan of the human chain was –

**“Save River, Save Environment:
Save Youth and our Future”**



This event was jointly organized by SAYEN-Bangladesh and NFYOB in collaboration with several other organizations including Dhakabashi and Green Force.

Former Chairman of Privatization Commission in Bangladesh and renowned environmentalist Dr. Enam Ahmed Chowdhury was the chief guest of this event, in which about 150 volunteers from other NGOs, Educational Institutions and Media in Bangladesh had participated.

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India

Centre for Environment Education (CEE), the SAYEN Secretariat organised an open house on WED at its Ahmedabad Campus from 10a.m. to 5p.m.

About 250 SAYEN Ahmedabad youth members representing various NGOs, Educational Institutions, Voluntary Organisations and Interns at CEE took part in this day long event.



The youth performed street plays on the theme ‘Say NO to Plastic Carry Bags’. They conducted several Games and Competitions on campus that included Poster Making, Slogan Writing, Treasure Hunt, Photography and Make Your Own Trendy Bag. Film Shows, Theme Corner with exhibition and games related to the theme and a Book Exhibition on Climate Change were organised through which the youth spread awareness among the visitors on the theme of WED.



Other activities organised especially for children included Magic shows, Face painting, Clay Modelling, Origami, Pottery, Computer Games,

activities using internet for mapping locations and navigation.

About 1500 people including children, youth and adults visited the campus and took part in various events. It was a day of learning with fun for all the visitors. The event was widely covered through the local media – newspapers, radio channels and television.

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ECCA in coordination with Namuna Machhindra Nature Club of Namina Machhindra Secondary School, also organized seven different inter-nature club competitions from May 30 to June 5 in the school premises. About 400 students from 30 nature clubs and schools of Katmandu participated in these competitions.

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Nepal

Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness (ECCA- Nepal) and Lalitpur Metropolitan City Office in association with Nature Clubs, Sayen Members and other youth volunteers organized a week long programme to observe WED.

The major events conducted include -

May 30, June 1	Environmental Mural Art
June 2	Conservation Game Competition
June 3	Wall Magazine Competition
June 4	Recycle Paper Greeting Card Competition / Nature Club Logo and Slogan Competition.
June 5	Environmental Exhibition/ Inter Nature Club Environmental Quiz competition/ Environmental and Fun Game Competition

Youth Awareness Environmental Forum (YAEF), one of the SAYEN Member Organisation in Nepal, in collaboration with the Environment Cycle Radio FM 104.2 MHz, organized a secondary school level Speech Competition on June 4. The topic was “Climate Change – Our Challenge” in which 81 students from 45 schools participated. On June 5, a bicycle rally was held in which about 140 youth participated wearing T-shirts on the theme and displaying slogans.

A Banner show on the theme of WED was organised at 5 different venues of Kathmandu valley - Ratnapark, Near Durbar Square (Bhaktpur), Lagankhel, Jawalakhel and Harihar Bhawan (Infront of UN House) Lalitpur, Kathmandu Nepal. Posters and Pamphlets on the theme were distributed in the valley.

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Pakistan

Eco- Walks were organized in five cities of Pakistan - Aliabad, Karimabad, Gulmit, Nasirabad and Sost under the Hunza Environmental Committee (HEC), a project of Karakoram Area Development organization (KADO), Pakistan in collaboration with Programme for Mountain Area Conservancy, Karimabad Town Management Society and Gojal Rural Development Organization and Nasirabad Social Welfare Organisation. About hundred people including students, political representatives, and representatives of members of civil society organisation, Boy Scouts, Girls Guides and Volunteers participated in these walks in every city.

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