Sustainable Lifestyle











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Reduce E-Waste

- Repair and use electronic devices over discarding them
- Discard gadgets in nearest e-recycling units
- Use rechargeable lithium cells
- Prefer cloud storage over a pen drive/ hard drive

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Save Water

- Adopt cultivation of less water intensive crops
- Participate in recharge of rural water bodies through Amrit Sarovar Scheme
- Practice crop diversification
- Use efficient water saving technologies
- Install rainwater harvesting system in homes/ schools/ offices
- Use drip irrigation systems created with waste materials wherever possible
- Reuse water from washed vegetables to water plants and other purposes
- Turn off running taps when not in use

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Save Water

- Pre-soak heavy pots and pans before washing them
- Do not discard unused stored water
- Use buckets instead of hose pipes to water plants or to clean floors/vehicles
- Fix leaks in flushes, taps and waterpipes
- Use water- efficient fixtures for taps, showerheads, toilet flush units
- Install water meter to measure your water consumption regularly
- Reuse water drained out from AC/RO for cleaning floors/vehicles etc
- Prefer a water purification system that wastes less water

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- 03 World Wildlife Day
- 04 National Safety Day
- 15 World Consumer Rights Day
- 20 World Sparrow Day
- 21 World Forestry Day
- 22 World Water Day



Reduce Waste

- Contribute cattle waste, food waste and agricultural waste to biogas plant
- Practice segregation of dry and wet waste at homes
- Use agricultural residue, animal waste for composting, manuring and mulching
- Feed unused, uncooked vegetables and leftovers to cattles

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Reduce Waste

- Repair, reuse and recycle old furniture
- Buy paper products made from recycled paper
- Donate old clothes and books
- Do not discard waste in water bodies and in public spaces
- Do not let pets defecate in the public places
- Recycle & reuse old newspapers & magazines
- Set printer default to double-side printing

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^{23 -} World Turtle Day



Adopt Sustainable Foods

- Include millets in diets through Anganwadi and Mid-Day meal
- Compost food waste at home
- Create kitchen gardens/ terrace gardens at homes/ schools/ offices
- Prepare and use organic manure from cow dungs
- Prefer locally available and seasonal foods
- Take frequent & smaller servings to avoid food wastage

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- 05 World Environment Day 08 - World Ocean Day
- 15 Global Wind Day
- 17 World Day to Combat Decertification
- 21 International Day of Yoga



Reduce Single- Use Plastics

- Use cloth bag/ paper bags for shopping instead of plastic bags
- Carry your own water bottle wherever possible
- Reuse glass/ plastic containers for storage purpose
- Participate in and mobilize participation for clean-up drives of cities and water bodies
- Use eco-friendly cutlery during gatherings and events

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^{29 -} International Tiger Day



Reduce Single- Use Plastics

- Prefer menstrual cups instead of sanitary napkins
- Use recycled plastic over virgin plastic, wherever possible
- Use steel/ recyclable plastic lunch boxes and water bottles
- Cut the packaging bags used for milk, buttermilk etc. partially to avoid plastic bits from mixing into biodegradable waste
- Opt for bamboo toothbrushes and neem combs

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12 - World Elephant Day

^{10 -} World Lion Day



Adopt Healthy Lifestyles

- Encourage use of millets, herbs & medicinal plants in regular diets
- Prefer consuming natural or organic products
- Start biodiversity conservation at community level
- Plant medicinal plants such as neem, tulsi, giloy, mint, curry leaves, ashwagandha etc. in households
- · Practice natural or organic farming
- Plant trees to reduce the impact of pollution
- Avoid purchasing products/souvenirs made from skin, tuskers and fur of wild animals
- Create & volunteer at animal shelters, community food & cloth banks
- Initiate and/or join green clubs in your residential area/school/ office

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^{18 -} International Coastal Clean-up Day



Save Energy

- Use carpooling with friends & colleagues
- Drive in the correct gear & keep your foot off the clutch when not changing gears
- Use public transport
- Take the stairs instead of an elevator
- Switch off vehicle engines at red lights and railway crossings
- Use bicycles for local or short commute
- Switch off irrigation pumps after use
- Prefer CNG/ EV vehicle over petrol/ diesel vehicles

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^{24 -} International Day of Climate Action



Save Energy

- Use LED bulbs/ tube-lights
- Use solar water heater and solar cooker
- Switch off appliances from plug points when not in use
- Use biogas for cooking and electricity needs
- Keep temperature of Air Conditioners to 24 degrees

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Save Energy

- Prefer pressure cookers over other cookware
- Keep your electronic devices in energy-saving mode
- Use smart switches for appliances which are used frequently
- Install community earthen pots for cooling water
- Defrost fridge or freezer regularly
- Run outdoors instead of using treadmill

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^{02 -} National Pollution Prevention Day

^{03 -} Bhopal Gas Tragedy Day

⁰⁵⁻ World Soil Day 11- International Mountain Day

^{14 -} National Energy Conservation Day

^{24 -} National Consumer Rights Day

30 Green Routines towards Sustainability



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