



## Editorial

### Remembering World Environment Day: A painful uneasiness of mind over an impending ill

United Nations (UN) organized a general session to deliberate about making environment human-friendly in Stockholm capital of Sweden from 5<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June 1972. As a consequence United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) was formed for working to encourage sustainable development through strong environmental practices. To consider economic development, its consequences of the pollution of our environment and how to tackle this problem so that our environment is least polluted.

Earth Summit or United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) was held in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro capital of Brazil. With progress of time population is increasing. More food, residence and industry are required to cope with the population rise. These cause pollution of our environment and in order to mitigate the problem different measures are adopted. In this session 5<sup>th</sup> June was declared as 'World Environment Day'. This day is being observed in all countries of our planet Earth to remind ourselves the grave situations arising out of the pollution of external components of our environment such as air, water, light etc. Nature provides us all these free of cost. So we do not care for their proper use. We think that these components will be available as unlimited and unpolluted. But this notion is proving absurd with time. In addition to these external components some internal inherent human virtues such as humanity, truthfulness, nobility, service, self-confidence, self-respect, non-violence are vitiating at high rate.

Human is a harmonic mixture of body, spirit and mind – an incredible fusion of physical structure, life force and mental faculties. Human being has come to this world with a purpose to develop his consciousness to the fullest extent which bring harmony and peace. The world is made up of five elements (***panchavut***): ***Kshiti*** (solid), ***Op*** (liquid), ***Tej*** (heat), ***Marut*** (air) and ***Byom*** (ether or Akash). Humanbeing part of the world reveals that it consists of five ingredients corresponding to five elements of the world: solid, liquid, heat, air, ether or akash. Solid is the physical structure, liquid is the blood, heat is electricity, air is oxygen and akash is the life force. Our environment also consists primarily of these elements. If they become polluted our existence becomes difficult. We know if two bodies emit sound of same frequency we get resonance and if they emit sound of different frequencies we get beats, the two bodies resembling human and environment. We are mainly concerned of the elements which keep our physical structure fit. Physical structure is nothing but a container which contains spirit (life force) and mind. These later two components along with physical structure constitute complete human-being. A number of human-beings constitute family, an innumerable number of families constitute society, nation. We are not paying attention to the social pollution as it is now spreading like cancer. With the advent of modern age electronics and telecommunication system smart phone are in common use. In our childhood days we had heard of theft, pickpocket etc where stealing of

money and materials were involved. In addition to these now-a-days stealing of information are so rampant throughout the world that everyday these acts are flashed in different media. Hacking and data thefts are going on. Even the government has to issue circulars instructing bureaucrats to use smart phone as a last means to discuss about national security. The related information involves the risk of embedded malware or spyware which may be downloaded for action against the country. We hear of cyber crime which is prevalent worldwide. From newspapers we come to know of many hacking attacks are known to originate from China, Russia, US, Iran, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan. Children of even ordinary low-income group families are insisting on getting cellphone as a gift from their parents and how funny it is that the parents are yielding to their demands. As a result of malicious use of cellphones there is an increase of national children helpline calls. Number of such calls in the year 2014-15 was 4509230 and in the last year 2015-16 was 9215338. Though on world environment day people take pledge on keeping air, water clean, sound in a permissible limit but least people talk about social pollution, how it is eroding the concept of universal brotherhood. Social evils are growing rapidly, men becoming violent, addicted to all sorts of intoxicants, greed in all forms are penetrating into the minds of human-

beings and that is reflected in society, country. Countries are fighting with others and even among different groups in the country itself. We should be more vigilant about this, but more or less all countries avoid this. Power mongering people indulge in making society disgraceful so that they can fish out of troubled water. The expenses in defence of all countries could make the world healthy, wealthy and wise. Let us take an oath according to the late poet Sukanta Bhattacharya

*“Chole jabo – tobu aj jatakshan dehe ache pran,  
Pranpane prithibir sorabo janjal,  
A biswake a shishur  
Basjogya kore jabo ami,  
Nabajataker kachhe  
Amar drirha angikar.”*

(I shall leave this world for good, but it is my promise to the new generation that I shall clean all the nuisance of the earth and make it polluted-free environment for our children, till my last breath).

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