

India to Host World Environment Day This Year

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In recognition of India's progress in defense of the environment, this country will host the World Environment Day, to be celebrated every June 5, the government and the UN announced today.

During a news conference, the executive director of the the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), Erik Solheim, and Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Harsh Vardhan, stressed this nation's works to protect nature.

Under the slogan 'Overcoming Ocean Plastic Pollution', the UN convenes this year to 'join to explore sustainable alternatives to urgently reduce the production and the excessive use' of that product.

This country has one of the world's highest recycling rates, the official said.

According to the UN, the world plastic production surpasses 300 million tons annually, eight millions of which ends in the oceans.

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