

Living in Harmony

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative



Dear BK Green Network

In Madhuban this season we got many clear signals that the environment service has arrived at the place where it belongs. It has become a natural consideration and part of our service and lifestyle with green regional co-ordinators, green angels in the centers, green retreats, environment related topics in other retreats, green workshops offered in the centers, many presentations and talks in the centers, huge number of invitations from other organizations, exhibitions in Madhuban, new articles being frequently produced, our solar installation recognized nationally in India, vegan BK community growing and so on. And we have an engaged community (6050 members) in our Facebook group. One full cycle of 7 years since the environment initiative started and it flourishes beautifully.

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Looking ahead:



Earth Day, 22 April

Greetings from Earth Day Network inviting us to participate. The theme for Earth Day 2017 is Environmental and Climate Literacy. If you like to organise an event it can be registered on the [Earth Day](#) webpage



Biodiversity Day 22 May

Biodiversity or "biological diversity," refers to the variety and variability of life on Earth. It is defined in terms of the variability within species, between species, and between ecosystems. It is a measure of the variety of organisms present in different ecosystems. The number and variety of plants, animals and other organisms that exist is known as biodiversity. It is an essential component of nature and it ensures the survival of human species by providing food, fuel, shelter, medicines and other resources to mankind. UN has proclaimed May 22 [The International Day for Biological Diversity](#) to increase understanding of biodiversity issues.



World Environment Day 5th June

The wonderful theme of Connecting People to Nature is given by Canada, the host of environment day 2017. Welcome to organise an event, you can read more and register [your event here](#). Last year Rural Wing in BK India did a [fantastic celebration](#) in a vast number of centers in India.



Green Retreat in Moringen, Germany

“Recreating our relationship with nature” for Europe and Middle East in the new retreat center Moringen in Germany. The retreat is conducted by Valeriane (Geneve) and Joanna (Isle of Man) from Thursday 15th June until Monday 19th June 2017. Registration at bkgreenretreats@gmail.com



EU Sustainable Energy Days in the month of June. Most welcome to participate!

Read more here: <http://eusew.eu/>



Green News: The Sustainable Development Goals Exhibition in Shantivan

A rich expo during NC meeting with news from all sectors of society. From the environment side there was exhibition from Solar, BioClick, Australia retreats, Madhuban Radio and the BK Environment Initiative. At the bottom of this mail you find an unusual and happy way to sort the Development Goals.

The Environment Stall at the 'Journey of Brahma Kumaris' **Exhibition -80th Anniversary-** Shantivan (26 -30 March 2017) - Two links - [A-Z Values in Nature](#) and [Overview](#)



Radio Madhuban celebrated the Water day and Forest day

The day was packed with activities, both on air and in villages and schools around Abu, which were designed to spread awareness about water conservation, water security and water pollution. [Read more and see pictures](#)



How to best advance energy access in India

Golo presented in the One For All campaign Consultation in Mumbai discussing what the energy access movement in India needs from global and local partners -Faith, Philanthropy, and NGOs. [Read more](#)



Climate Ethics in Genève

“Perspectives on Climate Ethics: from COP22 Marrakesh onward”. The panel was held in the UN Palais des Nations in Geneva and focussed particularly on ethics, climate justice and human rights. Valériane was the moderator. [Read more](#)



Green Power Events London

Please find interesting report from the [Green Power](#) events held in London in January.



Inspirations from the internet:



Website [For the Love of the Earth](#) - sent by Sheffield Center



[Era of ownership](#) is ending, article sent by Marie Edery and Sister Jayanti



Animal Communication - [Interspecies Communication](#) by Anna Breuytenbach sent by Maciek, Poland

Om Shanti in Baba's remembrance.

Sonja & Arnold on behalf of all of you

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