

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative

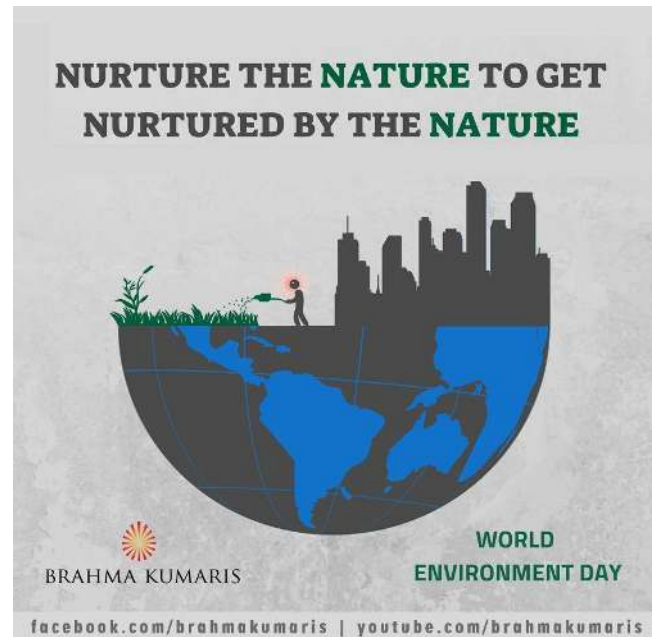


Dear Green Servers

The news keeps flooding into the office, it is just so great to read about it all, and feel everyone's enthusiasm.

Today is World Environment Day, and it is time to Beat the Plastic! Hope all centers have started to replace the use of plastic in various forms. Have a nice plastic free day! London had a program yesterday called "Treading Lightly on the Earth", Stockholm center and others are doing special Kind to the Earth- Meditations today. In Copenhagen we had a great outdoor meditation in a beautiful park. India is of course doing a massive contribution to World Environment Day with its many programs. We look forward reading about that next time.

"Walk softly upon this earth, giving what you can and taking only what you need" - Buddha
(from the London program poster)



First two news clips and one class from Russia:

BK in Moscow, Russia took part in the IX International [Scientific Conference](#) on the problems of ecological worldview "Ecology of the external and internal environment of the social system" on April 29th, 2018.

"The first law of ecology is that everything is related to everything else."
—Barry Commoner

ECOLOGY OF CONSCIOUSNESS, By Sudha Rani Gupta, Master of Natural Science (Botany), General Director, BK Centre of Spiritual Development. You can read BK Sudha's talk [here](#):

[International Mother Earth Day](#) has been celebrated all over the world on the 22nd of April and the Brahma Kumaris in Russia, CIS and the Baltic states were active in this. Special events were held in Moscow (Russia), Novosibirsk (Siberia, Russia), Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), Astana (Kazakhstan), Vilnius (Lithuania) and others.

And two rewards are given in India:

Green Building Recognition to Brahma Kumaris, Shantivan

The residential campuses "Manmohinivan and Anand Sarovar" at Brahma Kumaris international spiritual headquarters in Abu Road, Rajasthan, India was recently awarded the prestigious "Green Building" recognition by "Indian Green Building Council" in Jaipur, [see report and pictures](#)

Award for Energy Conservation

The Brahma Kumaris have been awarded a first prize for energy conservation by the Maharashtra Energy Development Agency. Government of Maharashtra has recognized the remarkable efforts of Brahma Kumaris in the field of energy conservation and sustainability, [see report and pictures](#)

2018 Africa Carbon Forum

Brahma Kumaris participated in the 2018 Africa Carbon Forum organised by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) from 11th to 13th April 2018 in Gigiri, Kenya. The theme for this year's forum was "[Climate Action for Sustainable Development: Driving Change in Africa.](#)"



The month of May was a conference month!

Lisbon: The Sustainable Innovation Forum arranged the annual conference in Lisbon. Golo presented our commitments in renewable energy service as part of the [SHINE campaign](#). See pictures and read more in attached report.

Bonn, Germany: The annual UN Climate Change Conference in Bonn in May was a productive and serviceable time for Valeriane and the German team: Gopi, Heidi, Dagmar, Caro, Martin. [See 2 reports and pictures here:](#)



We have a lot of news waiting to be shared with you: New class on Sustainable Economy by Ken O'Donnell, EU Energy week programs in Athens and Thessaloniki, Copenhagen, Berlin and Brussels. There is news from youth conference and Innovative4climate in Bonn and Angel walks in nature and Collective Meditation at Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Mumbai.

Om Shanti

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