



**Embassy of India
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Press Release

Indian Ambassador gives keynote address at the World Environment Day 2018 in Belgrade

Mrs. Narinder Chauhan, Ambassador of India to Serbia participated in the World Environment Day organized by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia on 5th June 2018 at the invitation of Mr Goran Trivan, Minister of Environmental Protection of Serbia. Mr Aleksandra Silijic Tomic, Project Coordinator of UNEP, state bodies and institutions, members of diplomatic corps, professionals and scientists, etc. attended the event.

Addressing the gathering, Ambassador spoke about the efforts undertaken by the Government of India on issues of environmental concerns including, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission), International Solar Alliance, special cleaning drives and elaborated India's initiatives with private sector in developing substitute to single use plastics, recycling of plastic, extracting fuel from plastic waste and use of plastic waste in road construction etc. Ambassador also emphasized that India was well on its way to meet the target of 175 GW of renewable energy by 2022.

Mr. Goran Trivan, Minister of Environment, stressed on the importance of the World Environment Day and called for an active participation and actions in national and local frameworks to address the most significant environmental problems such as air & water pollution, plastic waste, noise pollution in urban areas, protection of natural environment and national parks. Ms. Aleksandra Silijic Tomic, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Program, emphasized the importance of cooperation and partnership with Serbia and supported the initiatives and activities undertaken by the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

World Environment Day which is celebrated on 5th June every year, is the UN's most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. India was the global host of the 2018 World Environment Day with the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution"

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