

APPEAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT ON NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL DAY - 2018

National Pollution Control Day

The National Pollution Control Day is celebrated every year on 2nd December in India as remembrance of the thousands of human beings who had lost their lives because of the Bhopal gas calamity. Bhopal gas tragedy happened in the night of 2nd and 3rd December in the year 1984 because of the discharge of the poisonous chemical known as Methyl Isocyanate (also called MIC) as well as some other chemicals released from the Union Carbide Chemical Plant positioned in the city.

Objectives of the day:

Theme: “Kill Pollution before it kills You”

The main objective of this day is control pollution and conservation of the earth and to disseminate the awareness of controlling water, air, soil and land pollution caused by the industries. which will adversely affect the environment.

Some of the prevention methods taken by the Parliament and state legislatives:

- Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act of 1974
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- Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act of 1981
- Environment (Protection) Rules of 1986
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- Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules of 1989
- Recycled Plastics Manufacture and Usage Rules of 1999
- Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation) Rules of 2000
- Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules of 2000
- Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules of 2001
- Environment Impact Assessment Notification of 2006
- The Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016
- The Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016
- The Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016
- The Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016
- The E-Waste Management Rules, 2016
- The Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016

Due to different types of pollution, natural resources such as water, air, land are being affected indiscriminately. Thus, it is very essential to protect the environment and to reduce the pollution.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister on 05.06.2018, on the floor of the Legislative Assembly, with a view to make Tamil Nadu Plastic Free, has announced, ban on 'one time use and throwaway plastics', irrespective of thickness, with effect from 1st January, 2019 under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and it is the most appropriate time to spread and implement the Government decision.

I plead to all the public to create awareness about the National Pollution Control Day 2018 among the peer groups and support to achieve the objectives of this day by duly implementing the above Acts, Rules and Regulations.

Director of Environment