

Photo of the Month

A tsunami wave crashes over a street in Miyako City, Iwate Prefecture, in north-eastern Japan on March 11.



There is something very holy and sacred about being out in nature. There are times when the magnificence of the natural world overwhelms us and we whisper prayers of praise and thanksgiving to the Divine hand that created it all..... From this month we are starting a new feature "Photo of the month". We welcome your entries too. Do visit our website to upload your photos. These are some suggestions to get you going :

- The beauty of a majestic landscape at sunset...
- The ferocity and power of a tsunami, hurricane, or storm...
- The tenderness of a mother animal tending to her young...
- The splendor of the mountains that reach to the heavens...
- The insects that keep our world clean and fruitful...
- The mysteries that have yet gone undiscovered...
- The simplicity of a river-smoothed stone...
- The complexity of the human body...
- The renewal of all things through seasons and cycles...

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Earth Hour & Earth Day 2011

At 8.30 PM on Saturday 26 March 2011, lights were switched off around the globe for Earth Hour. Earth Hour was celebrated in over 130 countries on all seven continents, all G20 countries, thousands of cities, and iconic landmarks and public figures joined with hundreds of millions across the world to celebrate action for the planet.



For over 40 years, Earth Day—April 22—has inspired and mobilized individuals and organizations worldwide to demonstrate their commitment to environmental protection and sustainability. Earth Day is celebrated every year in a variety of ways, through tree plantings, beach cleanups, community recycling drives, and many more eco-inspired gatherings. Earth Day can be a chance to bring awareness to an environmental issue in your community that **you** think needs to be addressed. On April 22, remember that your creative side can also inspire activism!

Earth Day 2011: A Billion Acts of Green®

To catalyze global environmental activism, Earth Day Network has chosen A Billion Acts of Green® as the theme for Earth Day 2011. A Billion Acts of Green®—the largest environmental service campaign in the world, inspires and rewards simple individual acts and larger organizational initiatives that further the goal of reducing carbon emissions and supporting sustainability. The goal is to register one billion actions in advance of the global Earth Summit in Rio in 2012. At over 45 million actions to date, this campaign is the largest environmental service campaign in the world. It is steadily building commitments by individuals, corporations, and governments in honor of Earth Day.

100 Events: Earth Day India to Make History

Earth Day India Director Karuna Singh reported today that her phenomenal organizing team has scheduled 100 events all over the country. Working with regional governments, educational institutions and internationally renowned non-profit organizations such as Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Earth Day India will be educating students, teachers, and government officials about all aspects of the environment. For Earth Day 2011, it is planning events in 10 districts of western India.



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10 Things You Can Do To Stop Global Warming

- 1 Drive Less** - 15 miles less driving per week (bike, car-pool, walk) eliminates 900 lbs. of carbon dioxide (CO2) per year.
- 2 Tune Up** - Clean oil and properly inflated tires eliminates 1000 lbs. of CO2 per year.
- 3 Drive Smart** - A hybrid or electric vehicle eliminates 5600 lbs. of CO2 per year.
- 4 Light Up** - Replace three incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's) in your home and eliminate 300 lbs. of CO2 (lasts longer, burns less).
- 5 Recycle** - Recycling half of the aluminum, glass, plastic, and paper you use reduces 2400 lbs. of CO2.
- 6 Purchase Green Power** If available in your area, purchase 100% green power from a company and prevent 3800 to 6200 lbs. of CO2 from entering the atmosphere.
- 7 Build Green & Use Solar Power** - If remodeling or building a new home, use green materials and solar energy to reduce 1000 to 6000 lbs. of CO2.
- 8 Turn It Down, Turn It Up** - Turn your heater down and your air conditioner up by three degrees and save 1050 lbs. of CO2 per year.
- 9 Wash Cool** - Do two loads of your laundry per week in cold or warm water instead of hot water and hang stuff out to dry when you can instead of using the dryer. Save 500 lbs. of CO2 a year.
- 10 Store Smartly, Save Money** - Buy energy star refrigerators and other appliances and save money as well as 1000 lbs. of CO2 a year.



What is SuperMoon?

The term 'Supermoon' was first coined by Astrologer Richard Nolle in 1979. According to him, it is a situation when the moon is slightly closer to the Earth in its orbit than average, which is 90 per cent or more of its closest orbit, and the moon is a full or new moon.

The moon was only 3,56,577 kms away from the Earth on 19th March 2011, the closest while at the full moon phase in 18 years. Earlier, there were supermoons in 1955, 1974, 1992 and 2005.

"I wanted to make it a memorable moment for myself and have come to the seashore. I wanted to see what the effect is on the sea is due to this phenomenon. I observed that there is high tide and we can see huge waves. It is a spectacular view and I'm having fun watching it," said Uttam Shirole, a Mumbai resident.

The phenomenon was special as the moon came closest to the earth in 18 years, rendering it the biggest and brightest full moon of the year. The moon was around 14 per cent bigger and 30 per cent brighter as compared to other full moons during the year.

The media had earlier reported that the appearance of the moon larger and closer to Earth would lead to natural calamities such as earthquakes and tsunamis. However, no such disaster was reported.



Answers to your questions regarding Bird-Feeders

How should I attract the sparrows to have food from the bird feeder ?

The birds take from few days to months to occupy the feeder as it is a natural process. What can be helpful is if one puts some grains in the plate. You can put broken rice in the feeder in this summer season. A bowl of clean water is also quite helpful to attract them but care must be taken not to put any water in the bird feeder or in the plate of the bird feeder. - Mohammed Dilawar (Nature Forever Society)



I was unable to get the bird feeders being distributed free of cost. How do I get one?

Send a request by email to Burhani Foundation (India) Office at BFI52@YAHOO.CO.IN

Your feedback received on our website

The bird feeder has been a complete success at my house, we have kept it on a table near a window. My suggestion is that you should keep a small water vessel alongside with the feeder. Birds are able to get food easily grains from ration shops, insects, yes sparrows eat insects! but it is very hard for them to get to water. We get to see wild pigeons coming from far away to our home to drink water. For pigeons we have kept a half cut old pot of water which holds half a litre of water. It gets over in 1/2 hour to 45 minutes. We give water to sparrows in a different window to avoid clashes, a small sized container like a lunch box is enough for a day. if they find a proper sized vessel, they even have a bath in it! its so wonderful to watch that. So provide water. It would be really beneficial for the birds during this summer season. — Hussain from Pune

I am very happy to install Bird Feeder in my House. I just want to congratulate Burhani Foundation to take such a good Initiative. Long Live Aqa Maula (T.U.S.) Aameen. — Rashida Gandhi from Ahmedabad

Dear Syedna Saheb, We bow down and salute to you with pride for your magnanimous initiative of saving life on earth. Never before we had experienced such a joy at home when birds started chirping in our balcony with joy and ecstasy! Let us wait for celebrating your 200th Milad to see the a greener, better and beautiful mother earth! You have set an example for the World to understand the importance of such otherwise unnoticed creatures of Allah.— Prof Jabir Sayyed and Dr Zainab Sayyed from Lonavala