



Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management
Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun
is celebrating

World Environment Day

**June 5
2024**



**Photography
&
Essay Writing
Competition**



**Win Prizes worth
Rs. 1,20,000
and much more**





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Themes for Photography Competition

Nature's Resilience

Capture images showcasing the restoration of degraded landscapes through reforestation, afforestation, and restoration efforts, highlighting the beauty and resilience of nature's ability to bounce back

Desert Bloom

Document the unique beauty of arid landscapes and the strategies employed to combat desertification, including sustainable land management practices, water conservation techniques, and the restoration of degraded ecosystems

Life in the Drylands

Explore the diverse ecosystems and cultures found in dryland regions, celebrating their resilience and adaptability in the face of environmental challenges like desertification and drought

Rules for Photography Competition

- There are two categories for participants : (i) Age under 18 years (ii) Age 18 years and above.
- Each participant may submit **ONLY ONE** photograph on ANY of the three themes provided.
- Photo specifications: minimum 900 dpi, JPEG format, under 25 MB, no visible marks/logos. Basic edits are allowed (Colour enhancement, cropping) without compromising authenticity.
- Advanced manipulations or significant alterations within images are not permitted.
- Photos containing inappropriate or offensive content will result in immediate disqualification.
- The use of Artificial Intelligence to generate images in any form is strictly prohibited.
- The entries must be submitted through this link: <https://forms.gle/oBSH8qAnA8MsUdbp6>
- e-Certificates will be awarded to the participants, along with cash prizes of Rs. 5000, Rs. 3000 and Rs. 2000 to the respective top 3 in each category and theme.
- The submission of Photos starts from 13th May 2024 and closes on 27th May 2024 midnight. Submissions will not be accepted after the deadline.
- CoE-SLM reserves the right to reject any photo.

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Themes for Essay Writing Competition

The Urgency of Land Restoration: A Global Imperative

Explore the importance of restoring degraded lands to mitigate the impacts of desertification, enhance ecosystem resilience, and secure sustainable livelihoods for present and future generations

The Role of Indigenous Knowledge for Land Restoration and Drought Resilience

Highlight the invaluable contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities in preserving biodiversity, managing natural resources, and developing sustainable land-use practices that enhance resilience to drought and desertification

Innovations in Technology for Land Restoration and Drought Mitigation

Explore the role of technology and innovation in addressing desertification and enhancing drought resilience, viz. remote sensing and GIS mapping tools, climate-smart technologies that improve water efficiency and soil health, etc.

Rules for Essay Writing Competition

- There are two categories for participants : (i) Age below 18 years (ii) Age of 18 years and above.
- Each participant may submit **ONLY ONE** essay on ANY of the three themes provided. Co-authorship is not permitted.
- The essay must be an original and unpublished one, in ENGLISH language. It shall be uploaded in PDF version only.
- The word limit is between 1500-2000 words. Entries must be formatted in Times New Roman, font size 12 with 1.5 spacing.
- Essays containing inappropriate or offensive content will result in immediate disqualification.
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About

Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management, ICFRE, Dehradun

The Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management (CoE-SLM) was established following the announcement made by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's during high-level segment of COP 14 of UNCCD. The Centre was inaugurated on 20th May 2023 with a vision to provide technical support at the national and sub-national levels in India and other developing countries that are party to UNCCD. The Centre aims to facilitate sustainable land management practices, to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality and foster global South-South cooperation to address land degradation issues. CoE-SLM aims to leverage the research, experience, knowledge, outreach and extension network of the ICFRE Research Institutes for capacity building of diverse stakeholders on various issues related to Land Degradation and upscaling of Sustainable Land Management practices to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality.

World Environment Day 2024

World Environment Day, orchestrated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), has evolved since its inception in 1973 to become the premier global event dedicated to environmental causes. Celebrated annually on June 5th, it serves as a catalyst for worldwide awareness and action to safeguard our planet. The 2024 edition of World Environment Day will focus on the theme 'Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience', under the slogan "Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration", as the year marks the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). Through collaborative efforts and innovative solutions, we can forge a path towards a greener, more resilient planet, ensuring a legacy of harmony between humanity and nature.

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