

Message by Chairperson Hon'ble Justice Prakash Shrivastava, NGT

On World Environment Day 2024, I am pleased to address on the theme of "Land Restoration, Stopping Desertification, and Building Drought Resilience." Land degradation and desertification threaten our ecosystem, food security, and livelihood, especially in the face of climatic changes and increasing human/ manmade interferences. The quality of Land is threatened on account of mismanaged disposal of waste, massive cutting of trees leading to desertification and disturbing integrity of soil and over extraction of ground water causing drought and other environmental consequences. By restoring degraded land, enhancing soil fertility, and fostering biodiversity, we can combat these challenging issues and improve agricultural productivity. Sustainable land use practices, reforestation, and effective water management are essential to stop desertification, while building resilience against droughts requires water conservation, drought-resistant crops, and improved early warning systems.

Effective enforcement of environmental laws and regulations is very crucial. We must commit ourselves to take up plantation of more trees, reduce water consumption and support environmental protection practices. Together, we can restore the quality of land, protect our environment and build a sustainable future for generations to come.