

**National Green Tribunal
(Principal Bench)
Faridkot House, Copernicus Marg
New Delhi – 110001**

**MESSAGE FROM HON'BLE CHAIRPERSON TO THE PUBLIC
AT LARGE ON "WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2023"**

World Environment Day 2023, celebrating 50 years, focuses on the urgent need to address plastic pollution. Plastic pollution has become a global environmental crisis that threatens our planet. Reliance on single-use plastic has resulted in immense harm to our oceans, land, and health. To address this challenge, collective efforts and individual responsibility are crucial. We must raise awareness, reduce consumption of single-use plastic, promote recycling and responsible waste management, support innovation for sustainable alternatives, and implement strong policies and regulations. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has played significant role in enforcing plastic waste management rules, raising awareness, and emphasizing extended producer responsibility. However, more work is needed and as individuals and communities, we must lead by example to create a positive change in society and protect our environment for future generations.