



5 June
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2018
**BEAT
PLASTIC
POLLUTION**

Dear Fellow Citizens,

Plastics are non-biodegradable and their presence in municipal solid waste creates anaerobic conditions and inhibits the process of composting and natural decay and cause foul smell. They are blown in the wind or along with other solid waste find their way to surface waters and cause choking of drains/ sewerage system and water logging problems/ flooding. The urban stray cattle, which are often found feeding on garbage, also consume plastic bags, which may be fatal to them.

On 10.08.2017, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal had directed ban on less than 50 micron plastic carry bags in the NCT of Delhi and also directed defaulters to pay Rs 5000/- as environmental compensation.

Therefore, I sincerely request you all to join hands together to fight this growing environmental problem. It is high time we realise that the only solution lies in changing our own habits by avoiding using single use disposable plastics and plastic carry bags.

We should use alternate bags like cloth/jute/paper bags. Carrying own water bottles while going out can help reduce PET bottle waste. Use of "Mitti Kullarh" for serving tea/beverages and "pattals" as disposable plates should be encouraged in social and public functions.

GO FOR ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY OPTION,

**SAY NO TO PLASTIC CARRY BAGS AND SINGLE USE DISPOSABLE
PLASTIC TO – BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION!**

Best wishes and regards,
ARVIND KEJRIWAL,
Chief Minister, Delhi

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