Dear students,

We are living in an unprecedented phase of a man-made calamity. The world is facing a terrible pandemic. People all over the world are under a lockdown. Travelling, meeting people, going to malls and everything is banned.

But there is a silver lining in this.

**The Earth is healing**.

As per reports, the water quality of the River Ganga has improved, the air around us is much cleaner because of sudden drop in carbon emission and NO2 in the air. The Dhuladhar range of the Himalayas is visible from the city of Jalandhar, first time ever. Greater Flamingos, annual migratory birds to Nazafgarh lake ( Delhi) stay for a longer time as compared to past four years due to comparatively clean water. The largest ozone hole above the Arctic circle has healed itself due to the changes in atmospheric conditions during the lockdown.

Students, isn’t this self healing of Mother Earth like a miracle?

‘Man' is just another creation of Nature and not the pinnacle. Let us understand this and stay in harmony with our environment. This World Environment Day lets pledge that even after the lockdown we will be part of this miracle. Some easy steps which can be followed even after the lockdown:

* Minimise use of vehicles. Try to walk or ride a bicycle instead.
* Discourage throwing of any material (garbage) in rivers.
* Switch to eco-friendly measures to celebrate festivals.
* Save water, save electricity, save fuels.
* Avoid using Single Use Plastic.
* Follow the 5R's i.e. Reuse, Recycle, Reduse, Repurpose and Refuse.

On that note, I wish for a happy World Environment Day to my students - my green crusaders.

Principal