

# Indian community celebrates World Environment Day

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The Indian High Commission in Lilongwe and others joined the globe in celebrating World Environment Day yesterday by planting trees in various locations of the capital city such as the Indian Country Club, Hindu Shrine in Area 2, Lilongwe Private School and Hindu Crematorium.

The initiative, led by Indian High Commission head of chancery Anil Suri, was well received by the community.

Said Suri: "It is our collective responsibility to leave a cleaner world for future generations. Trees indeed help in maintaining a clean environment."

On his part, one of the participants Pramod Kalaria, who is Shree

Hindu Seva Samaj Lilongwe chairperson, called for collective effort in saving the environment.

"It is high time we all came together and took environmental issues seriously. There is need to put in collective efforts to improve air quality by keeping the air we breathe pollution-free and clean at all times," he said.

Members of the Indian diaspora in Lilongwe, school children, teachers, Malawians and members of different communities also joined in the celebrations.

World Environment Day, commemorated annually on June 5, was set aside by the United Nations to encourage worldwide awareness and action to protect the environment across the globe. This year's theme is Air Pollution. ■