

ENVIRONMENT

FOR NATURAL RECYCLING

A LOCKDOWN EVERY LEAP YEAR IS WHAT BK SONI OF ECO RECYCLING RECOMMENDS TO RESTORE THE BALANCE WE CAUSE TO NATURE DUE TO OUR THOUGHTLESS ACTIONS

What a wonderful change in the air quality across globe! It's a time to breathe without mask but because of Corona, we can't dare to do so. Same is the case with water bodies, it is so fresh and potable, it's time to drink the water without applying any filter. It is equally true that these positive changes have been achieved at the cost of complete lockdown to avoid spread of Corona Virus.



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Unfortunately, whenever we fail to perform our part of responsibility to upkeep The Nature's Properties (natural resources) as per its standard in such cases the Nature never hesitates to apply one or the other Recycling Systems like Earthquake, Tsunami, Glacier Melting, etc. to protect its properties but the cost and damages of the same is always very high. Probably, the corona virus is another creation of the Nature, till proven otherwise. To these natural recycling systems, we call "Natural Calamities", probably because, we are unable to control Nature's ex-

treame action which is a result of our misbehaviour with the Nature. We must remember that the Nature will never fail to apply one or the other Recycling Systems as and when, we fail to protect its Properties. The time has come for us to start distinguishing between our need and greed before using natural resources. It is often mentioned by the experts that we must protect the natural resources and the environment for our future generations! I would like to ask, whether do we not need the above, and if we do, can we further defer our responsibilities towards environment and ecology.

I am of the view that, UN should consider complete lockdown throughout the world for one month

(preferably February itself) every leap year to give time to the Nature to neutralise the damages caused in the past four years. As we better know, prevention is better than cure, maintenance is bet-



ter than breakdown and now conservation of natural resources is a better option rather than giving Nature a chance to apply its Recycling Systems to streamline its resources without imposing an unbearable cost on us.

The above action will surely help the nature to heal / to restore / to revitalize / to recapture its glory and will help each and every one live a healthier life. This will also help build better physical and mental health which will directly reduce the burden on hospitals and other medical facilities and will improve productivity of every nation which will result into greater GDP of every nation.

The lockdown will have great positive impacts, like clean air that we can breathe because of absence of air pollution from vehicular transport and the industrial sector which contributes the most. Never in so many decades we have seen the holy rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Narmada etc. so clear due to the closure of all kinds of pollutants going into these rivers. Never did we see the skies so clear, thus improving the extent of visibility.

According to the suggestion for a lockdown every leap year, the next leap year will be in February 2024 which will give sufficient time to public and administration to plan everything in advance with the application of the learning and experiences acquired during this ongoing lockdown of Covid 19.

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