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**Regional Office Maharashtra Pollution
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In Honour of

Dr. Dilip B. Boralkar

Most human beings arrive on Mother Earth and depart without either a trace or a ripple. Many retire from life only with a list of endless complaints. Though everyone arrives with a capacity to help change the world, few utilise that capacity, preferring to waste and squander their talents in trivial pursuits.

It is the ones that want to make a change – which they often do in great and significant ways – that we celebrate on glorious occasions like these.

Therefore – on the occasion of World Environment Day this year – we honour Dr Dilip B. Boralkar of Aurangabad with this year's "ParyavaranBhushan" in honest and grateful recognition of his monumental contribution to the cause of India's environment and its wholesome protection over the past 40 years.

Dr Boralkar served the Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for about 30 years. During the period, he was responsible for drafting several critical environmental regulations which have made our lives safer today.

During his tenure as Member Secretary of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, there was a 72.5% recorded reduction in the discharge of industrial water pollution in terms of COD. The number of water quality monitoring stations went up from 38 to 383 across the State. The revenue of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board went up from Rs.22 crores to more than Rs.100 crores.

More than 4 lakh tons of hazardous waste – accumulated in the open environment within different industrial estates and outside – were physically removed and taken to engineered landfills. The environment was able to breathe once again due to the presence of Dr Boralkar and his extremely fierce and no-nonsense approach to environmental violators.

In 1997, Dr Boralkar was nominated by the CPCB to be part of the Prof. M.G.K. Menon High Powered Committee on Hazardous Wastes. Clearly impressed with his work, the Supreme Court in 2003 nominated him to its own Monitoring Committee to ensure implementation of its orders.

Dr Boralkar was able to achieve all this simply because he was able to bring to the field of environment protection a formidable armoury of knowledge and expertise in pollution control, environment law, great administrative capacity and firm decision-making ability – all qualities that are sorely needed in a country where environment is often sacrificed for short term economic projects and goals.

For these reasons – on behalf of all living creatures and on behalf of Mother Earth as well – we honour him today at Pune on 8th June, 2014.

World Environmental Day
8th June, 2014

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