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News: Earth Day

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- Earth Day is celebrated every 22nd April by UN General Assembly and implemented by **EARTHDAY.ORG**, formerly known as **Earth Day Network** on behalf of UNGA.
- The earth is celebrated **to demonstrate support for environmental protection.**
- Theme for the year 2024 is “**Planet vs Plastic**”.
- Earth Day was **first observed in 1970** when 20 million took to the streets to **protest environmental degradation** on the call of US Senator Gaylord Nelson.
- The event was **triggered by the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill**, as well as other **issues such as smog and polluted rivers.**
- In 2009, the **United Nations designated 22nd April** as ‘**International Mother Earth Day.**