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LISTEN, NATURE SPEAKS

Climate change refers to changes in temperatures and weather. Nature changing from normal to abnormal has affected the human race in all aspects.

There are several causes of climate change and man is responsible for all. If human beings changed their behavior towards nature, the world would be a better place to live in. Nature would not be angry with us.

If nature were able to speak like human beings, it would speak up against all the violence done by people towards it. It would tell how much it has been tolerant towards the human race. It would tell how it has kept quiet for many decades seeing its vegetation being cleared, trees cut down, water bodies being tampered with, and how it can no longer consume carbon dioxide emitted from industries and fossil fuels.

It would speak over radio, television, social media, in schools, churches, and everywhere how it is suffering. However, actions speak louder than words. Nature speaks through flooding, droughts, fires, landslides, rising temperatures, and coastline deterioration. All those ways how nature is telling human beings worldwide to change their ways of action towards it. If we cannot listen to it and pay attention, animals, birds, insects, and the human race will be extinct.

In my community, I remember two children were killed by a flooded river as they were going to school and this caused fear to many children who abandoned school and stayed home for some time until the situation was stable. More to this, some homes in our neighborhood were displaced due to a landslide in which they also lost their property.

My humble appeal to everyone is to protect and safeguard the nature around them.