

Environment

Summary:

Wangari Maathai started the Green Belt Movement and also fought for equal rights for women in Africa. She is the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Maathai felt that wars are fought over natural resources. To maintain peace there should be proper distribution of resources. She strongly felt that a country can progress if there is peace, good governance and sustainable management of resources. Maathai said when she was a child, the environment was very beautiful. Later British wanted to plant timber trees which could bring money. Due to which forests were destroyed completely. To overcome this situation Maathai took help of women. She asked them to plant trees. Women agreed. In future, those trees would be a source of income. Maathai thought her efforts would inspire people in the rest of Africa. For her planting a tree was the biggest activity. She felt planting a tree is planting a future for the next generation.