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Mumbaikars to join in observing Earth Hour today

Mumbai: Mumbaikars will observe Earth Hour on Saturday by switching off electricity at residences and establishments between 8.30pm and 9.30pm.

"We have appealed to our 27 lakh consumers in the suburbs to switch off lights and fans during Earth Hour and support the cause for environmental friendliness," said an Adani Electricity official.

Ornamental lights in heritage structures, such as CSMT, will be switched off too. Central Railway chief spokesperson Sunil Udasi said, "We observe Earth Hour every year. This year too, lights outside CSMT heritage building will be switched off."

Power utility firms also appealed to citizens to show their support towards building a sustainable future. "The planet's average surface temperature has risen due to increased carbon dioxide and other human-made industrial emissions in the atmosphere. The record-breaking heat that made 2016 the hottest year recorded continued into 2017," said a power utility firm official.

"The reason for this unfortunate development is global warming and reckless and relentless use of electricity," the official added.

For over a decade, more than 180 nations and territories have been supporting Earth Hour. TNN