

# Needs And Importance Of Positive Attitude And Awareness Towards Environmental Education

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*Abstract: We need to raise good stewards of the environment to care for issues like resource depletion, environmental pollution, land degradation, and accelerating species extinctions. Conservation efforts will benefit when we can better educate children on their connection to and dependency upon nature. The spiritual connection to the Earth teaches children that they are a part of nature and must take care of both their surroundings and other people. Environmental education increases public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues or problems. In doing so, it provides the public with the necessary skills to make informed decisions and take responsible action., environmental education provides the capability and skills over time to analyze environmental issues, engage in problem solving, and take action to sustain and improve the environment. As a result, individuals are more capable of weighing various sides of an environmental issue to make informed and responsible decisions. Environmental education programs provide many benefits to students. The components of environmental education are: Awareness and sensitivity to the environment and environmental challenges. Understand the environmental challenges. Environmental education programs provide many benefits to students. Environmental education program areas include: Water, sanitation and hygiene, sustainable use of biodiversity, environmental governance and natural resource conflict management. We also focus on training programs for climate change and sustainable energy options, waster reduction management and disaster prevention.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

Our earth is the most precious gift of the universe. It is the sustenance of 'nature' that is the key to the development of the future of mankind. It is the duty and responsibility of each one of us to protect nature. It is here that the understanding of the 'environment' comes into the picture. The degradation of our environment is linked with the development process and the ignorance of people about retaining the ecological balance. Indeed, no citizen of the earth can afford to remain aloof from the issue related to the environment. It is therefore, essentially important that the study of the environment becomes an integral part of the education process. Environmental education increases public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues or problems. In doing so, it provides the public with the necessary skills to make informed decisions and take responsible actions.

## NEEDS AND IMPORTANCE OF POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND AWARENESS TOWARDS ENVIRONMENT:

Our earth's natural resources are rapidly dwindling and our environment is being increasingly degraded by human activities, it is evident that something needs to be done. We often feel that managing all this something that the government should do. But if go on endangering our environment, there, is no ways in which the government can perform all these clean up function. It is the prevention of environmental degradation that must become a part of all our lives. Just as for any disease, 'prevention is better than cure'. Protecting our environment is economically more viable than cleaning it up once it is damaged. As individual we can play a major role in the environment management, about sources that lead to pollution and degradation of environment.

It can be made possible through public awareness, mass media such as newspaper, radio, television and strong public opinion. However, someone has to bring this about. If each one feels strong about the environment, the press and media

will add our efforts. Politicians in a democracy always respond positively to a strong public supported movement. Thus, if we join any Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that supports conservation, we might be able to influence politicians to make 'Green Policies'. We are living on a spaceship 'Earth' with limited supply of resources. Each one of us is responsible for spreading this message to as many people as possible.

Environment is not a single subject. It is an integration of several subjects that include both science and social studies. To understand all the different aspects of our environment, we need to understand biology, chemistry, physics, geography, resource management, economics and population issues. Thus, the study of environmental studies is extremely wide and covers of nearly major discipline.

We live in a world where our natural resources are limited. Water, air, soil, minerals, oil, and the products we get from forest, grasslands, oceans, and from agriculture and livestock's are all a part of our life support system. Without them life itself would be impossible. As we keep increasing in numbers and the quantity of resources each of us uses also increase. The earth's resources base must inevitably shrink. The earth cannot be expected to indefinitely sustain this expanding level of utilization of resources, added to this is the misuse of resources.

We waste or pollute large amount of nature's clean water, we create more material like plastic that we discard after a single use, and we waste colossal amount of food, which is discarded as garbage. Manufacturing process create soil waste byproducts that are discarded, as well as chemical that flow out as liquid waste and pollute water and gases That pollute the air. Natural processes cannot manage increasing amount of waste. This accumulates in our environment leading to a variety of disease and other adverse environmental impact now seriously affecting our lives. Air pollution leads to respiratory diseases, water pollution to gastro-intestinal disease and mainly pollution are known to cause cancer.

Environmental situation will improve only if each one of us begins to take action in our daily lives that will help preserve our environmental resources. We cannot aspect government alone to neither manage the safeguarding of the environment, nor can us aspect other people to prevent environmental damage. We need to do it our own selves. It is a responsibility that each one of us must take on as one's own.

Needs and importance of the environmental study cannot be disputed. The need for sustainable development is a key to the future of mankind. The degradation of our environment is linked to continuing problems of pollution, loss of forest, solid waste disposal and issues related to economic productivity and material as well as ecological security. The increasing levels of global warming, the depletion of the ozone layer and a serious loss of biodiversity have also made everyone aware of the environmental concerns.

The United Nation Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio-de-Janeiro in 1992 and the World summit on sustainable development and development at Zoharbox in 2002 have drawn the attention of the world that the earth cannot afford to be ignorant of environmental issues. Environmental Management has become a part of health care sector. Managing environmental hazards and preventing

possible disasters has become an urgent need. Human's beings have been interested in ecology since the beginning of civilization. Even our ancient scriptures have included practices and values related to environmental conservation. It is even more critical than even before for mankind as a whole to have a clear understand of environmental concerns and to follow sustainable developmental practices.

The spiritual connection to the Earth teaches children that they are a part of nature and must take care of both their surroundings and other people. We need to raise good stewards of the environment to care for issues like resource depletion, environmental pollution, land degradation, and accelerating species extinctions. Conservation efforts will benefit when we can better educate children on their connection to and dependency upon nature. The spiritual connection to the Earth teaches children that they are a part of nature and must take care of both their surroundings and other people.

Environmental education refers to organized efforts to teach how natural environments function, and particularly, how human beings can manage behavior and ecosystems to live sustainably. It is a multi-disciplinary field integrating disciplines such as biology, chemistry, physics, ecology, earth science, atmospheric science, mathematics, and geography. The term often implies education within the school system, from primary to post-secondary. However, it sometimes includes all efforts to educate the public and other audiences, including print materials, websites, media campaigns, etc.

## II. CONCLUSION

Environmental Education is the teaching of individuals, and communities, in transitioning to a society that is knowledgeable of the environment and its associated problems, aware of the solutions to these problems, and motivated to solve them. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) states that environmental education is vital in imparting an inherent respect for nature amongst society and in enhancing public environmental awareness. UNESCO emphasises the role of environmental education in safeguarding future global developments of societal quality of life, through the protection of the environment, eradication of poverty, minimization of inequalities and insurance of sustainable development.

Despite the deteriorating status of the environment, the formal study of the environment has so far not received adequate attention in our academic domain. Recognizing this Honorable Supreme Court directed the University Grant Commission (UGC) to introduce a basic course on environment for every student. Accordingly the matter was considered by the UGC and it was decided that a six month compulsory care module course on environmental might be prepared and compulsorily implemented in all the universities/colleges in India. The educational approach developed in Building a Sustainable Future should therefore entail more than developing personal attributes to deal with immediate environmental challenges, it should also seek to arm individuals and communities with the

means to critically examine and influence the social structures that fundamentally affect their lives.

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