
ARMONY BETWEEN HUMANITY AND ENVIRONMENT

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Abstract

Present study is focussed on environment awareness among B.Ed. students. In present technical era environment is being depleted day by day. Man ever since he appeared on the surface of the earth, awareness of his physical environment was not something new for him. He observed and enjoyed nature but today he no longer thinks of nature as a personified being whether it is necessary for him due to increasing environment pollution. Several national and international seminars, workshops and conferences are organised time to time for environment awareness. An international conference held on Human Environment in Stockholm in June 1972 to discuss how ecological balance is disturbed. Environment awareness is need of hour.

People have always lived symbiotically with nature, and built stories, religions and cultures around nature and the local environment. Critical to an historical understanding of the environment is the definition of 'God' itself. Many ancient religious and beliefs invariably created 'Gods' and other supreme Beings out of natural phenomena such as the sun, moon, stars, planets and also from rivers, mountains, oceans, trees and other animals. This respect and 'fear' of inexplicable natural happenings and human dependence on it - has had an influence on the relationship between humans and nature.

Introduction

Human beings are the topmost of all the organisms on this planet. He started modifying the environment according to his own needs and ways. He has converted wild forests into park gardens, orchards and cities, and deserve all praise for that. But in doing that and in attempts to make life more comfortable he destroyed forests thoughtlessly, polluted the air, soil and water. Urbanisation, industrialization and commercialization has deteriorated the environment. The competition in the villages for increase in production by use of fertilizers and

pesticides has spoiled the environment. Therefore environment can simply be defined as all those things and set of conditions which influence the organisms at a particular place, i.e. nonliving and living environment. Non living environment includes all other organisms with which the organism comes into regular contact. Man is an integral part of natural environment. There is nothing beyond nature behind nature and other than nature. The earth's life forms in natural state live in equilibrium with their environment. Population alone have the

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potential to gather resources from beyond their immediate surroundings and process them into different and more versatile forms. This has made human to thrive and flourish beyond natural constraints. This resulted into the anthropogenic (man induced) pollutants that overloaded the system and the natural equilibrium is disturbed.

During last millenia, human population has increased considerably causing serious damage on destruction of natural resources. Different species of animals and plants have already extinct from the face of earth and many more are on the verge of removal. Our ancestors used natural resources to satisfy their basic needs of air, water food and shelter. The resources in natural conditions were readily available in the biosphere. When the use of fire become very common, the smoke generated were easily and quickly dispersed and assimilated by the atmosphere. Mahatma Gandhi has rightly stated that 'The earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not for any body's greed'. By the start of industrial revolution, humans were better able then ever to satisfy their needs for air, water, food and shelter. Their acquired needs are usually met by meets that must be processed or manufactured or are fined; and the production distribution and use of such items usually results more complex residuals or wastes, many of which are not compatible with or easily assimilated by the environment. Soil pollution is due to the addition of solid wastes and chemicals. In the large cities the major pollution problem has been of the disposal of solid waste

material, farm and animal manure, crop residues, industrial wastes such as chemicals, fly ash and cinders. Which have been residues of combustion of solid fuels, garbage, paper, card board, plastics, rubber, cloth, leather, sand brick metal and glass resulting from demolition of building, dead animals. Large quantities of unwanted material bring about serious disposal problems.

Today the delicate ecosystem of our planet is facind of destruction on a scale as never before in the history of mankind. In the mad race of development, man has been ruthlessly consuming natural resources and polluting the environment. The craze of progress in agriculture, trifurcation, industry and technology is taken as the general criterion of development of any nation. Such activities of man has created adverse effect on living organism in the biosphere. Rapid industrialization has left us with polluted rivers, contaminated soil, depleted wild life and exhausted natural rivers. Today environment has become foul, contaminated undesirable, and there four harmful for the health of living organism including man. We should be very attentive in this mechanical world. The pollution problems results largely from ignorance and indifferent trends of continued misuse of the environment can, however, be altered by creating awareness among people of how man's activates effect the environment for good or ill. The ultimate need of today is knowledgeable citizens, should be conscious about their surroundings and must have great urge to take necessary social,

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economics and political steps to ensure a every citizens on earth and for balance and harmony between humanity and environment, world economists, educationists and ecologist devised a new approach to education, namely environment education students can play crucial role in checking environment pollution. Efforts have to be made pupils aware of the factors related to ecological systems, wild life and misuse of resources and population explosion, there should be individual and joint effort to awaken environmental consciousness though research activities, seminars, workshops and other common.

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