

The Role of Education in Saving Environment

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ABSTRACT

External surroundings and conditions, which directly or indirectly affects the living organism is known as environment. There are some basic questions are related with environment. They can be answered by the role of education in 'Saving Environment.' The environmental study is very broad based and it includes a large number of areas. Study of environment is not confined within books only it should be expanded to field work and make it interesting. Environmental studies helps to solve biggest environmental problems like acid rain, ozone deflection, global warning etc. at wide angle an informal education play important role. Environmental education can be given by through audio-visual programmes, seminars, symposia, training programmes, environmental awareness campaign, etc.

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There are many definitions of Education. Conclusion of all them is over all development of all people. It means, education is not meant only for bread and butter, but physical, mental, social aspects. In wide aspects 'Education' modifies the society better. Education does not mean to give literacy. It should help to solve each types of problems. One of most burning problem is to 'save nature' or 'save environment'. We should think how education helps to solve this problem.

Environment :

External surroundings and conditions, which directly or indirectly affects the living organism is known as environment. It is sum

of air, water, land and interrelationship among them, and also with human beings, other living organisms and property. The word 'Environment' is derived from the French word 'Environner' that means 'to encircle' or 'surround'.

There are some basic questions related with environment. What is environment ? Which things are part of it ? What is its importan ? Why have we to save it ? How have we to use the technologies ? Why is the study of environment necessary ?

Principles and Ethics of Environmental Education:

The above raised these questions can be answered by the Education.

- Environmental hazards are controllable and every citizen has a moral obligation and responsibility towards this.
- Its is not a one shot learning process but requires a holistic approach as it is multidisciplinary in nature.
- Education must be given to all sections of the society.
- The persons, and several agencies should work together for the concerns of environment,

As the importance of environment the education is necessary let's see how its helpful to develop the awareness about environment and for me it is very important point. There are two types of education, one is our formal education system and the other is informed education. The scientific study of our environment and our place is important. The study related with earth, air, water, living organisms and man, his impact on environment is known as 'Environmental Science.' The knowledge of environment is necessary for the different aspects. The environmental study is very broad based and it includes a large number of areas.

- ❖ Some basic aspects to study the environment:
 - Natural resources, their conservation and management.
 - Environment and Human population.
 - Some issues related with environment.

In our formal education system at different level including primary, and high school, and in higher education, some topics or chapters or subjects related to the study of environment are introduced in syllabus. In lower standard they should be told why it is required to save, and what is the effect of imbalance of environment. In higher education study of environment has some scientific aspect also. Environmental studies can be highly specialized, and it also may concentrate on more technical aspects like Environmental science, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management and so on. Realizing the importance environmental education the Supreme Court of India has directed all national organizations like UGC to offer environmental education as a paper in the curriculum or syllabus of various degree courses. Thus education system play an important role to save environment.

Study of environment is not confined within books only it should be expanded to field work and make it interesting. Environment belongs to all and is thus important to all. It is affected to all living organism. The environment is one subject that is actually global in nature. Environmental studies is very important, deals with routine issues like safe and clean drinking water, hygienic living conditions, clean and fresh air, fertile land, healthy food. Environmental studies helps to solve biggest environmental problems like

acid rain, ozone deflection, global warning etc.

Role of Informal Education:

To develop awareness about environment is not a duty of only formal education. Formal education is limited for some people only but for some groups or class of people have limitations. So at wide angle an informal education play important role.

- Every person who knows about environment, should inform and explain others how to take care of environment.
- Non-governmental Organizations can also develop environmental awareness in public. There are nearly 10,000 NGO's in India ranging form National agencies to local groups.

They can help by conducting education and citizen awareness programmes. They can also provide factual and reliable information with a network of professional expert staff. Another way is by working out at the grassroot level and reaching far-flung areas with or without government invitation.

- Printing media and electronics media can also play an important role. For common people, to cultivate awareness about environment, different types of media are a powerful tool.
- In the Government body, different central boards and state boards are working for the same. Constitution of India has a number of provisions demarcating the

responsibility of central and state governments towards 'Environmental Protection.'

• **Environmental Education:**

Environmental studies covers different points.

- **Ecology** : It is the study of the interrelationship between living organisms and their physical an biological environment.
- **Ecosystem** : It is a community of interdependent organisms together with the environment.
- **Environmental Science** : It is the study of earth, air, water, living organisms and the man with his impact on the environment. It is highly multidisciplinary integrating discipline.
- **Natural Resources** : Renewable and Nonrenewable resources.
- **Pollution** : Water, air, land and noise pollution.
- Global environmental issues.

I would sum up with the suggestion that Environmental education can also be given by audio-visual programs, seminars, symposia, training programmes, environmental awareness campaign or a national level seminar can be a very good idea to share our views on the importance of our role in saving environment.

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The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving .

- Oliver W Holmes.