

# Environmental Education as an effective tool for developing environmental awareness in Students

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## ABSTRACT

*There is a close link and relationship between Environmental Education and environmental awareness. Environmental awareness is defined as a process of equipping people with knowledge and skills, which make them informed and interested in the environment. It additionally includes the comprehension of how man interfaces and how man is influencing the earth. Environmental mindfulness will create environmentally learned and well-educated people who have unmistakable fascination of what is befalling the earth and take an interest in tackling environmental issues.*

## 1. Introduction

Environmental awareness is of fundamental importance towards ensuring sustainable use of resources and sustainable development. The present students are the pioneers of tomorrow and they should subsequently be outfitted with environmental information to successfully oversee assets and to make sure that the standards of feasible improvement are figured it out. Absence of environmental mindfulness and lacking data will hamper the utilization of assets in an environmentally capable manner and practical improvement. It is understood that a large portion of the students at center and secondary schools in the absence of the essential learning concerning the need in safeguarding, securing and preserving the earth. They don't comprehend the consideration for the earth. This is apparent in schools where there are components of littering, soil disintegration, blundering of both the normal and physical assets and constrained inventive investment in environmental battles, tasks and projects by the students. These students should be cognizant about nature and figure out how to be delicate towards the earth. It is of most extreme significance for the students to be instructed through environmental mindfulness projects to be dependable natives [1].

As developments overwhelmed nature, man got a permit to misuse the nature in his endeavor to overcome it. Logical and mechanical upset during the only remaining century carried more solaces to man. The blast of logical learning during the previous century, improvements of new advancements, modernization and urbanization have caused genuine environmental emergency. The uncontrolled exercises of person are harming the sound condition to an ever increasing extent [2].

In the Indian setting, coming up next are the environmental issues where need activity is required.

- Population stabilization
- Integrated land use arranging
- Healthy cropland and meadow.
- Woodland and re-vegetation of peripheral grounds.
- Conservation of environmental decent variety.
- Control of water and air contamination.

- Development of non-dirtying sustainable power source frameworks.
- Recycling of squanders and deposits.
- Human settlement.
- Environmental training and mindfulness; refreshing environmental laws.
- New measurements of normal security.

These are the significant issues that are trusting danger to our condition all in all and to supportability specifically.

## 2. Environmental education as an effective tool for environmental awareness

Environmental Education (EE) is an effective tool for developing environmental awareness. Environmental Education can be followed back as right on time as the eighteenth century distinguished in individuals and characters for instance when Jean-Jacques Rousseau focused on the significance of instruction that spotlights on the earth. Anyway in 1920s protection instruction rose managing characteristic world in logical preparing (Gottlieb, 1995). Another sort of environmental instruction developed in 1920s and 1930s ordinarily known as Environmental Conservation Education. Environmental Conservation Education managed the common world in a radically extraordinary manner from Nature Study. It concentrated on thorough logical preparing instead of normal history. It was a noteworthy logical administration and arranging apparatus that understood social, financial, and environmental issues during this period. Works and distributions likewise set a significant history for EE [3].

From Emerson's Nature, to Thoreau's Walden, one can follow the creating concerns in regards to human association with nature. The exchange preceded in the composition and open discussing famous environmentalists and authors of the late nineteenth and mid twentieth century, for example, John Muir (1838–1914), and Aldo Leopold (1887–1948). Yet, quite a bit of what was being composed, talked about, and really practiced principally took the types of asset protection and environmental surroundings conservation as opposed to the environmental quality, environmental mindfulness, and environmental proficiency that are the focal worries of today

(UNEP, 1972). After the end of World War II, a few exercises came up with respect to environmental concerns. The exercises of 1960s prompted the primary United Nations Conference on the Human Environment which was held in Stockholm, Sweden 1972 where a statement containing 26 standards was delivered. Rule 19 of the revelation called for instruction in environmental issues, for the more youthful age just as grown-ups (UNEP, 1972) [4].

As indicated by the Belgrade Charter the point of Environmental Education is to build up a populace which knows about and worried about the all out condition and its related issues and that has the learning, frame of mind, inspiration, duty and the aptitudes to work separately and all things considered towards arrangements of current issues and anticipation of new ones.

The National Policy on Education 1986 states, "There is a principal need to make a cognizance of nature. It must pervade all ages and all segments of society, starting with adolescence. Environmental cognizance ought to include educating in the schools and universities. This perspective will be incorporated in the whole instructive procedure. [5]"

The Supreme Court has guided all States of India to fuse EE as a mandatory subject from the session 2004-05. National Curriculum Framework of School Education (NCFSE, NCERT, 2000) firmly argues and reaffirms the insurance and improvement of the regular habitat.

For the viable program of Environmental Education our educators themselves ought to have enough environmental mindfulness, positive environmental disposition and aptitudes of accomplishing targets in connection to their understudies.

Since instructors assume a noteworthy job in training of youngsters, their very own training turns into a matter of imperative concern; subsequently educator instruction is a necessary segment of instruction framework. Educator training must make fundamental mindfulness among instructors about, for and through condition [6].

The EE at preparing universities ought make environmental mindfulness as well as create essential learning and abilities required to move these among the understudies. For the reason it is required to run different environmental instruction programs for student instructors in their instructional class.

The present research was attempted to contemplate the environmental consciousness of grade school students as rudimentary stage assumes a significant job in the training of a tyke. The qualities, frames of mind and abilities that are made at this stage, stay solid for the duration of the life [7].

### 3. Objectives of environment education

To overcome problems emerging with unsustainability, education and educational cooperation has been viewed as an important factor. A definitive target of Environment Education is planned for enabling natives to partake in environmental preservation. It is planned for displaying environmental conduct

by making mindfulness, frame of mind, creating abilities and making opportunity and limit with regards to interest in environmental preservation [8]. Sarkar (2011) inspects the commitments that mental research has made and may make to understanding the human conduct and condition. He depicted the job of social and conduct science in a worldwide change examine plan as improving comprehension of how human frameworks produce the proximate causes, how changes in human frameworks may change the rate at which individuals modify the earth, how individuals see changes in the worldwide condition, how individuals react to the expectation of worldwide environmental change and are influenced by experienced change, and how changes in human frameworks may make individuals less defenseless with the impacts of worldwide environmental change [9].

Coming up next are the five classes of Environmental Education targets [10]:

**Mindfulness:** Helping the students to gain mindfulness and affectability to the absolute condition and its issues, build up the capacity to see and segregate among upgrades and utilize this new capacity in an assortment of settings.

**Information:** Helping the students to procure fundamental comprehension of how nature capacities, how individuals associate with the earth, how environmental issues emerge and how to take care of such issues.

**Qualities and Attitudes:** Helping the students to secure a lot of esteems and feeling of worry for the earth and the inspiration and responsibility to take part in environmental upkeep and improvement.

**Abilities:** Helping the students to gain the aptitudes expected to recognize, explore and add to the goals of environmental issues and issues.

**Interest:** Helping the students to gain involvement in utilizing their procured information and abilities in taking keen, positive activities towards the goals of environmental issues and issues.

### 4. Relationship between environmental Education and environmental awareness

The current environmental challenges such as climate change, ozone layer depletion and the loss of biodiversity must be taken seriously. Environmental Education and mindfulness are should have been ready to distinguish these environmental difficulties and to endeavor to think of proper arrangements. This area takes a gander at different meanings of condition, Environmental Education, its points and targets, standards and advantages of Environmental Education and environmental mindfulness. It likewise analyzes a nearby connection and connection between Environmental Education and mindfulness. To talk about the connection between Environmental Education and environmental mindfulness, it is of fundamental significance to characterize the two ideas and in any case what the earth itself is. There is no overall agreement about the meaning of the ideas condition and Environmental Education. Perhaps, the comprehension of the

idea condition will prompt the better comprehension of Environmental Education. In this manner, an endeavor will be made to clarify the ideas condition and Environmental Education [11].

It additionally shows the between connection between the socio-political, financial and socio-biological concerns, all of which impact feasible living. The model recommends that the extent of Environmental Education incorporates preservation, advancement, harmony and vote based system. At long last it shows that environmental issues can be better comprehended with reference to the social, monetary, political and way of life decisions. Fundamentally condition incorporates biophysical, social, monetary and political components and networks to rehearse protection, improvement, harmony and popular government for economical living [12].

### 5. Advantages of environmental education and Environmental awareness

The following will be the short term and long term benefits and advantages of Environmental Education and awareness. The present and future generations will benefit out of the knowledge gained from Environmental Education. It should be noticed that one of the objectives of Environmental Education is to have the option to recognize environmental issues, their indications and being in a situation to think of applicable answers for such environmental issues. It is basic for the students to have the option to evade or decrease the effect of their exercises on the earth and where there are impacts they ought to have the option to recommend moderation measures [13].

Environmental Education assumes a critical job in empowering individuals to take care of environmental issues. The benefits of Environmental Education and environmental mindfulness are interlaced and firmly related [14].

They are sketched out as pursues [15]:

- Spread messages on the preservation and assurance of the earth.
- Lead to dynamic interest of the students in different environmental projects.
- Take an interest in the tidying up exercises of spots, for example, parks.

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- Acclimating and making the students mindful of the wealth of their planet and the need to secure it before it is past the point of no return [16].
  - Animating the procedure of request about nature in youthful personalities.
  - Upgrade cleaner creation and improved environmental execution.
  - Empowering individuals to utilize elective innovation that is earth agreeable.
  - Advance the students' inclusion in improving the urban condition.
  - Urge the students to reuse and reuse assets.
  - Persuade the students to pursue (take) professions in environmental administration and preservation.
- Develop enthusiasm among the students about the earth and related issues.
  - Urge the students to participate in days, for example, World Environmental Day.
  - Show financial, political and environmental relationship of the cutting edge world [17].
  - Help to build up a feeling of mindful utilization of assets provincially and among the nations.
  - Help the students to change their utilization designs and later on change their generation frames of mind.
  - Diminish the utilization of assets and the effects of the exercises on nature.
  - Students will be in a situation to all the more likely oversee existing assets to lessen squander, utilize less vitality and encourage reuse and reusing [18].
  - Encourage the students biologically solid practices.
  - Environmental Education builds up a consciousness of environmental issues and issues.

### 6. Conclusions

In conclusion, the arrangement of value training that incorporates environmental information, frames of mind, standards of conduct, environmental proficiency and environmental ethic are expected to keep up the nature of the earth. Students ought to be occupied with the various parts of Environmental Education. Environmental Education can assist the students with becoming residents who are environmentally proficient, talented and devoted people who can progress in the direction of improving or keeping up the nature of the earth. Subsequently, there is a critical requirement for Environmental Education programs for the students and well-prepared instructors in Environmental Education.

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