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Environmental Education in India: Challenges and Opportunities

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ABSTRACT

It is well known phenomena that human activities affect environment significantly and pose serious consequences for future generations. Environment education has a noteworthy role in making the youth conscious about their environment, adopting green social behaviour and thus responding to the environment crises. Recognizing the importance and need of environment education, India has initiated several efforts including making the environment education compulsory at all level of education. Presently, environmental conditions are changing adversely and all living beings are suffering from the negative consequences of environmental pollution and climate changes, hence, there is a need to reorient the curriculum of environment education for making it more attractive and responsive to the local environmental issues. Moreover, various policies are also needed to be restructured for sensitizing the people, especially school and college level students about the issues related to environment management.

Keywords: Environmental Education, Challenges, Opportunities, Indian Curriculum.

INTRODUCTION

Environment education is a rapidly emerging and dynamic concept of education, which requires a new vision of empowering people about their nature and their role in conservation initiatives. It is now widely acknowledged that the EE is one of the effective conservation tools, which can play an important role in changing the behaviour of individuals. Environmental education establishes a green social behaviour among the citizens, especially