



Study of Environmental Awareness among School Students

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ABSTRACT

Today environment has become the concern of all; the academicians, intellectuals, scientists, policymakers and government across the continents. In present study the researcher investigated the environmental awareness among school students. In this research, sample of 100 students were selected randomly from different schools of District Jind. Environment awareness ability measure by Parveen Kumar Jha (1998) was used for the investigation. The obtained data were analyzed by mean, standard deviation and t-ratio. The study revealed that there is no significant difference between the environmental awareness of boys and girls of school students.

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INTRODUCTION

Environment has influenced and shaped our lives since the time immemorial. It is from the environment that we get our food to eat, water to drink, air to breath and all the necessities of day to day life, thus constituting it as a life support system. Through the process of natural selection and elimination, it is environment only which has caused the evolution of biological spectrum, the biosphere as it exists today. Today environment has become the concern of all; the academicians, intellectuals, scientists, policymakers and government across the continents (Kant and Sharma, 2013).

For the first time in his entire cultural history, man is facing one of the most horrible ecological crisis i.e., the problem of pollution of his environment which some time in past was so pure, virgin, undisturbed, uncontaminated and quite hospitable for all life forms to exist. Man's ignorance, greed and lack of respect for the 'Mother Earth' has drawn all of us into one of the very serious problems of today i.e., of over population, dwindling natural resources and environmental crisis that are threatening air, water and soil along with the vast number of beautiful life forms which are the very foundation of life existence on this wonderful planet 'The Earth'.

ENVIRONMENT

The concept of environment is complex and comprehensive of several factors influencing it. It is not merely the air, water and soil that form our environment but also the soil and economical conditions of our life. It is usually defined as the aggregate of all external conditions and influences the life and the development of an organism, human behaviour or society. The internal and external environments comprise the total environment. For descriptive purposes, environment has been divided into components, viz. physical, biological and psychosocial, all closely related.

The concept of total global environment is the product of convergence of many forces – industrialization, the effects and dangers of weapons of mass destruction, with overall global technological advancements which make communication, ecological studies of nature and man-made environment easier than thought earlier.

Thus the concept of total global environment is derived directly from ecological studies of the outcome of the convergence of the above forces.

These studies base their work on the basic principles of ecology which may be summed up as follows:

1. All forms of life are interdependent.