

## **Importance of Environmental Education**

Environmental study is based upon a comprehensive view of various environmental systems. It aims to make the citizens competent to do scientific work and to find out practical solutions to current environmental problems. The citizens acquire the ability to analyze the environmental parameters like the aquatic, terrestrial and atmospheric systems and their interactions with the biosphere and astrosphere.

### **Importance:**

1. World population is increasing at an alarming rate especially in developing countries.
2. The natural resources endowment in the earth is limited.
3. The methods and techniques of exploiting natural resources are advanced.
4. The resources are over-exploited and there is no foresight of leaving the resources to the future generations.
5. The unplanned exploitation of natural resources lead to pollution of all types and at all levels.
6. The pollution and degraded environment seriously affect the health of all living things on earth, including man.
7. The people should take a combined responsibility for the deteriorating environment and begin to take appropriate actions to save the earth.
8. Education and training are needed to save the biodiversity and species extinction.
9. The urban area, coupled with industries, is major sources of pollution.
10. The number and area extinct under protected area should be increased so that the wild life is protected at least in these sites.
11. The study enables the people to understand the complexities of the environment and need for the people to adapt appropriate activities and pursue sustainable development, which are harmonious with the environment.
12. The study motivates students to get involved in community action, and to participate in various environment and management projects.

13. It is a high time to reorient educational systems and curricula towards these needs.
14. Environmental education takes a multidisciplinary approach to the study of human interactions with the natural environment.
15. Environmental study is a key instrument for bringing about the changes in the knowledge, values, behaviors and lifestyles required to achieve sustainability and stability within and among countries.

Environmental education deals with every issue that affects an organism. It is essentially a multidisciplinary approach that brings about an appreciation of our natural world and human impacts on its integrity. It is an applied science as it seeks practical answers to making human civilization sustainable on the earth's finite resources.