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# Awareness of Environmental Issues in Our Locality

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**KEYWORDS**

**Introduction**
Environmental issues are the result of harmful effects of human activities on the biophysical environment. Social and environmental movements can address the environmental issues through advocacy and activism.

The carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gases (CHG) in the atmosphere has already exceeded 400 parts per million (NOAA) (with total "long term" CH4 exceeding 455 parts per million) (intergovernmental panel on climate change report). The amount of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere is already above the threshold (Tipping Point) that can potentially cause dangerous climatic changes. *"We are already at risk of many areas of pollution. It's not next decade, it's' now."*-report from the UN office for the coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Major environmental issues include climate changes, pollution, environmental degradation and resources depletion. The conservation movement lobbies for the protection of endangered species and protection of any ecologically valuable natural areas, genetically modified foods and global warming.

The nature has always given a lot to the human beings, but very rarely the people had responded to the nature in the way they were actually supposed to reciprocate. Human beings have always been known for being the superior one compared to the nature because of their thinking ability. But then one should not forget that the relationship between men and nature is interdependent. There are some people who have a very strong intellect and they do feel like doing their bit for nature. But the problem with them is that they feel they are alone in this self initiated go green campaign. As a result, they land nowhere in this long struggle and give up.

**Types**
The major problems in our local environment are abandoned vehicles, air pollution, Stray animal's nuisance, flooded sewers, litter, mobile phone masks, noise, pest control, traffic management and parking, waste disposal, etc.

Environment problems can further be classified as local or regional on the basis of the area which they are affecting.

A small place in Delhi like rohini or pitampura is facing water shortage. This problem is not facing by any other state or country then it is a local environmental issue.

The earlier environmental problems caused by people were local in nature. Many of today's environmental problems are also local, where "local" may refer to a municipal jurisdiction, a neighbourhood or ever a specific property, such as dump or industrial site. Air, water and soil pollution are all examples of local environmental problems.

Reduced habitat caused by urbanisation or industrial activities, perhaps even leading to extinction of endemic species, other examples are local deforestation , soil erosion or loss of soil fertility due to industrial agriculture.

Many local environmental problems may create a nuisance, but this does not mean they are sustainable scale problem. A local environmental problems becomes a sustainable scale problem if:-

1. A local non renewable resource is being used
2. A local renewable resource or sink is being used faster than it can be renewed.

**Local environmental problems**
Local environmental problems are as old as man. In pre-agricultural times, if a local site was hunted or finished out the clan could move to other site with more resources. In the past, the nomadic lifestyle meant moving on to another site was "normal". Today, moving entire communities and abandoning a build up infrastructure is virtually sites to move to. Relying on trade to move resources or bio capacity or even waste is more likely than moving people.

**Flow to raise environmental awareness**
**Green blog**
You can make a green blog on any free blogging platform like blogger or WordPress to simply communicate to community what they need to do for the proper maintenance of cleanliness in their area.

**Social media**
We need to create a page or group on any popular social media account with a name that reflects the area where you live and you just have to basic all your neighbours and other people living in your area to be the member of that group. From that group you can share your environmental concerns with them and can motivate them to make collective efforts for the improvement of your local environments.

**Green club**
If you have more time you can establish a community based green club to interact in free time to discuss the environmental issues of your area and to make them act together for the green club. For this purpose you need not to get registration of your club. You just need to write on a plain paper the name and objectives of your club to distribute it among community members.

**Women forum**
The societies where earning livelihood of the family is the job of men folk and this women live in homes as housewives the option of women forums can bring best results to raise environmental awareness in community to solve the environmental problems o your area on self help basis. If women folk has to stay at home they have usually free time to campaign for the environmental care of their area and can solve their green issues on self help basis.

**Religions podium**
The societies where religion dominates, the religion podium of either church or mosque can also be a good platform to bring community there and discuss with them the issues of surrounding environment. Here religious leader of the commu-

nity can also play leading role to thrice all people together for the enhancement of environmental awareness and resolution of green issues.

Environmental problems, and our perceptions of their current and future health effects, have changed over the decades. About 20-40 years back, public health was most concerned about localised environmental degradation as exemplified by air and water pollution. Although it was often difficult to measure the direct health effects, the paradigm of health effects, and the paradigm by public health effects, the paradigm of health worked reasonably well to cope with these problems. As a result, some of the localised environmental problems of the 20th century have been solved at least in the richer part of the world.

A better understanding by the (potential) health effects of global environmental change is only just emerging, partly based on observation of current exposure health outcome association, partly based in scenario analysis, and in both cases surrounded by considerable uncertainty. These health effects are mediated by number of casual pathway, of which the most important probably are her waves and other extreme weather events, changes in the spread of micro organism, change in biological productivity of land and water and pollution of air and water.

Here are the most effective ways in which one can develop environmental concerns in their area.

**Start a tree campaign**
This is the simplest method to develop environmental concern. When you start a tree campaign, there is no body who is going to stop you. This is because somewhere down the line the people do know the fact that tree campaign are meant for the good of nature and is a good thing. You can propagate or popularise your campaign through small brochures or bill bonds.

**Car pooling**
When you live in a society, you can always try car pooling to create awareness among others. When to or more people have to go to the same area for work, they can always go in one vehicle.

**Waste management**
The generation of waste is one of the most worrying issues for the nature. This issue can be very well used for spreading the awareness among the people. Waste has to be managed well in order to minimise the adverse effects that it causes. You can create awareness about waste management by getting a few disposable bins installed in our society.

**General public awareness**
It is one of the best methods to instigate your apprehension over the environment with the help of other people in our locality a few street plays depicting the environmental problems, their causes and the remedies is always an effective idea. Peoples are too busy with their day to day schedules and it is our responsibility and duty, as responsible citizens to teach them small awareness lessons that can help the environmental raise a small group of people comprising of your friend and relative fir this purpose. Prepare small brochure and give it to the people walking in your main roads. There are sponsors who are ready to provide you with the necessary monitory benefits to do such public awareness programs.