

Letter to Editor

Nature is our Natural Heritage: Let us secure it for future

India, land of nature worshipers. Where the concept of Panchmahabhuta was accepted centuries before the world started understand their importance. We the people of India knew importance of biodegradable material and used them in our day today life to maintain the natural cycle of 3 R (Reuse, reduce and recycle) (Bain, 2017). Conservation was part of our culture before it got recognized as a science and world started to teach in universities Conservation of nature is more important than conserving the monetary asserts as we knew that true wealth is being in Harmony with Nature (Prakash and Jyothimani, 2019). Even the game of Akhet (shikar) was played to eliminate the one which caused threat to the harmony of the nature. But with time the thought process changed and such games became showcase for the strength and entertainment. Which lead to lot of insecurities and deprivation of certain keystone species of our natural heritage (Thomsen et al. 2017).

Now in 21st century we are facing issues like climate change, pollution, global warming and the rage of natural calamities. All this is consequence of unlimited urbanization and our false narrative for development. This is the time to make people and the youngsters aware about the concepts and importance of biodiversity, conservation. Very few people are concern and working towards the betterment of the nature and preserving. There is lacuna of awareness common practice like disposal of waste, not polluting the fresh water source etc. All this can be attributed being not sensitive for Mother Nature at all.

The need of hour is to create awareness at each level of society each and every child, every adult should be conscious about contributing towards the wellbeing of the society. One should not just know but also value of our natural resources and how can we live a life which is in sync with it. So, the subject environment not only be theory, but individual should be able to contribute through his/her learnings. May it be home, school or any community place disposal of waste should be managed judiciously, Compassion towards other organisms,

protecting our green cover, planting more trees are few to mention to bring back mother Earth in her happy state again. We witnessed during Covid pandemic time when all human activities were at seized within two months prominent and positive changes were observed so, give it a thought if that becomes our habit forever and for generations to come mother Earth will rejuvenate and flourish.

Then the knowledge which is with few people will reach to every nook and corner of the world a new era will begin. So, strength building in the area of nature studies or environmental studies is the crucial matter and not to forget using and preserving our ancient knowledge about nature at local level is also an important factor.

One should think globally and act locally. Let's all of us contribute from our own level and do our bit and fill the missing pieces of the puzzle. Every small effort matters.

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