

Strategies for Safe Environment in Rural Areas

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ABSTRACT Environment is an integrated life support system. It determines the quality of life. Deforestation, industrialization, urbanisation etc. have been the major causes for environmental degradation. Man is the causative agent for many ecological crisis such as global warming, ozone depletion, global climatic changes and so on. Unless the eco-system is properly managed the world's resources will be depleted very soon. Then the future generations have to face problems related to environment. Although there is a concern about environmental degradation in and around, But, studies are conspicuously absent on themes like environmental conditions and its issues in village communities. In this context, the present paper addresses the issues-sanitary conditions, disposal of waste water garbage and solid waste and examines the environmental awareness among rural people and efforts of the rural people for protection and preservation of the environment in rural areas. The study found that the situation in two selected villages is deplorable. The study, however, observed that the rural people's level of awareness and participation is quite satisfactory with respect of environmental endeavours. This is a highly encouraging silverline for sustainable rural development.

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