

An Assessment of Environmental Consciousness Level of University Students of Hisar City

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ABSTRACT The present study was conducted on the university students of Hisar city. 65% students of postgraduate (PG) and 35% students of undergraduate (UG) level were interviewed. Scoring was done for each subject, then a scale was devised and the scores were accordingly classified in good, moderate and poor category. Results revealed that the average score of consciousness level for PG as well as UG student was same i.e., of moderate category. Regarding use of polythene maximum students (68%) show lack of consciousness in spite of their high education level. The same was true for avoiding mosquitoes as 80% students preferred repellent mats, spray or odomos. About the quality of drinking water 75% students were conscious. On the question of use of unleaded vs. leaded petrol and inverter vs. generator, the consciousness levels were quite high. Similarly 78% students appreciated natural beauty and preferred to visit National park/sanctuary or a hill station for recreational purpose. Television and newspaper were the main sources of information for students though interpersonal communication was also important medium to keep people aware regarding environmental issues and to update their knowledge.