

The Ailing Planet: The Green Movement's Role



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ABOUT THE ARTICLE

According Mother earth is degrading at a fast rate. India according to reliable data, is losing its forests at the rate 3.7 billion acres a year. The article "The Ailing planet: The Green movement's role" was written by Nani Palkhivala and published in "The Indian Express" on 24th November 1994. The article raised vital issues regarding the degrading environment of the planet,

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About the Author :

Nani Palkhivala was born in 1911 in Bombay to middle-class Parsi parents. Educated at St. Xavier's College, Bombay, he was a dedicated scholar and earned a master's degree in English Literature. He pursued his studies in Law at Government Law College, Bombay, where he discovered that he had a gift for unravelling the intricacies of jurisprudence. He was called to the bar in 1944 and quickly gained reputation as an eloquent and articulate barrister. His excellent court craft and an extraordinary ability to recall barely-known facts rendered him an invincible force. His initial forte was commercial and tax law. Together with his master, Sir Jacobson, he authored the most authoritative work, *The Law and Practice of Income Tax*. By 1954, barely 10 years after his admission to the bar, Palkhivala was arguing before the Supreme Court. It was in this, his first, case in that Court concerning the interpretation of Article 29 (2) and Article 30 of the Indian Constitution, which regulate the right of the religious minorities that he first articulated his famous famous statements on the pristine nature of the constitution.

About the Essay :

The article "The Ailing Planet : The Green Movement's Role, though written in 1994 and published in *The Indian Express*, has a great relevance even today. It is related to the deteriorating condition of the planet, called the earth. Man, in his overreaching lust to exploit all the resources, has made the earth barren and a burning per brimming over with hazardous chemicals. The author avers that population explosion is eating into the resources of the society.



and immediate need to promote sustainable development, which have become the burning issues of the day. However, despite conscientious efforts of environmentalists and the rapid awareness towards "Green movement", the success story of depleting the earth is bleak. The planet is heading towards **catastrophic depletion**.



INTRODUCTION

This chapter is based upon degrading position of mother earth. The present scenario of India is highly deplorable as a report of parliament's estimates committee highlights near catastrophic depletion of India's forests at the rate of 3.7 million acres a year. The article "The Ailing planet: The Green movement's role" was written by Nani Palkhivala and published in "The Indian Express" on 24th November 1994.



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Environmental conservation is the process in which one is involved in conserving the natural aspects of the environment. Whether through reforestation, recycling, or pollution control, environmental conservation sustains the natural quality of life.



Environmental health movement dates at least to Progressive Era, and focuses on urban standards like clean water, efficient sewage handling, and stable population growth.

Environmental health could also deal with nutrition, preventive medicine, aging, and other concerns specific to human well-being. Environmental health is also seen as an



WHY IS OUR PLANET DAMAGING

Mankind is now the number one cause of all the destruction happening on Earth. As well as trying to destroy each other on the battle-field, we are the cause of a series of other disasters, beginning with the industrial exploitation of the resources of the Earth.

This has become especially bad since the population of the Earth has trippled in the last fifty years to a point which, even with more efficient means of distribution, there is simply not enough food to go around.



GREEN MOVEMENT'S ROLE

- The green movement, a term that includes the conservation and green politics, is a diverse scientific, social, and political movement for addressing environmental issues.
- Environmentalists advocate the sustainable management of resources and stewardship of the environment through changes in public policy and individual behavior.



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There is immediate need to promote 'sustainable development' as popularized in 1987 by World Commission on environment and development.





**The fact is that
there's even more
ways to save our
home, than to
destroy it!**

