MODELS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SUSTAINABILITY

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ABSTRACT

A clean and sustainable environment is indispensable for the healthy existence of all forms of life on this planet earth. Environment and its resources are being polluted by mankind in the recent years due to various technological advancements. Environmental education has been well – thought – out as one of the most significant long – term solution to the crisis of the environment pollution. Alternative or informal approaches in the environmental education have become more significant in encouraging the attitudinal change. Even though the environmental education is made as a compulsory subject in the educational institutions, the children are just mugging the details given in the environmental education subject and are do not understand the information provided in the environmental education subject. Therefore, it is necessary to develop a model of environmental education in order to make the children realize and understand that they are a part of the problem and trouble and hence they have to be part of the solution. This paper intends to propose strategies for improving the environmental education by examining different successful models of the Environmental Education specifically with respect to sustainability that is currently being adopted in India at present. The paper also highlights that present environment education models needs much improvement and finally suggests some recommendations to improve the environmental education in India.

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