

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

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SMS is an environment-friendly organization, which aims at promoting environmental awareness. It is an independent, campaigning organization, addressing the environmental abuse through direct, non-violent confrontations with governments and companies. It exposes the global environmental problems and provides solutions for a healthy environment.

SMS mission is to establish a strong link between research and its effective use in the process of development, for poverty alleviation, sustainable resource use and participatory conservation.

The path to accomplish this mission goes through our work at grassroots levels for conservation of valuable habitats and biodiversity, through establishing meaningful partnerships, networking initiatives, participation and sharing benefits with communities. Our programs are designed to strike a balance between environment & development.

SMS aims to maintain a balance between conservation of biodiversity, forests, ecosystems and use of natural resources for the development of people. SMS is engaged in creating a link between research in the field of conservation and its actual use in action for conservation on the ground.

SMS OBJECTIVES-

- To develop and implement feasible and locally effective models of sustainable natural resource management.
- To study and preserve indigenous knowledge and practices linked to environmental protection, natural resource management and agriculture.
- To design and undertake conservation awareness programmes for different target groups including children and women.
- To mainstream biodiversity issues in cross-cutting areas and to promote dialogue with diverse stakeholder groups on biodiversity concerns through capacity building.

Many forests of the country are in crisis. The plants and animals are facing the threat of extinction. People living in forests and depending on them for their livelihood are also under threat. SMS takes up the responsibility to save the forests and provides solutions for the same.

The extensive use of oil, gas, fuel, and other energy resources leads to climatic changes, which results in global warming. In order to stop climate change, organisation is campaigning on various fronts. It has been working to stop climate change and to promote clean air and organic agriculture solutions.

SMS It demands that the Govt should adopt policy which works for all and that pre-serves and restores the environment. Governments must work toward achieving sustainable development, which means integrating three things: environmental, social, and economic priorities.

ShramajiviMahilaSamity is a non-profit organization, and in order to maintain its independence and depends mainly on the voluntary contributions of individuals and grants from foundations.

The SMS's constitute environmental policies;-

- Creating awareness among the public on current environmental issues and solutions.
- Facilitating the participation of various categories of stakeholders in the discussion on environmental issues.
- Conducting participatory rural appraisal.
- Being involved in the protection of human rights to have a clean environment.
- Protecting the natural resources and entrusting the equitable use of resources.
- Data generation on natural resources, time line history of villages.
- Analysis and monitoring of environmental quality.
- Transferring information through newsletters, brochures, articles, audio visuals, etc.
- Organizing seminars, lectures and group discussion for promotion of environmental awareness.
- Helping the villages' administrative officials in preparation, application and execution of projects on environmental protection.

SMS work to raise awareness of environmental issues and push for changes in policy and development programmes. These groups carry out environmental awareness raising and campaigning locally and with some campaigns operating simultaneously at all levels.

Women play crucial role in helping the communities and societies of the region to improve the condition of the environment and achieve sustainable development. Indeed, as farmers, housewives, mothers or social mobilizers, women are at the heart of issues and often bear the brunt of problems resulting from environmental degradation. There are still a large number of forest dwellers communities in the region, inhabiting remote areas, in close proximity to nature, practicing traditional farming, fishing, agricultural and forestry techniques. Conserving the environment is a part of their way of life. The age-old traditions and experiences of these communities (usually termed "indigenous people") can help improve the efficiency of resource use and it is for this reason that SMS build on traditional or indigenous knowledge systems. These knowledge systems are researched and disseminated so that the wider public can learn from them.