



Q. Gender Equality and Environmental Goals are mutually reinforcing and create a virtuous circle that will help accelerate the achievement of the SDGs. Analyse (15 marks).

Climate change, one of the most alarming global challenge that affects different population, in different ways, depending on location, socioeconomic status and Gender as well.

Women particularly, in developing countries and low income nations experience more challenges because of their dependence majorly on Natural Resources and labor intensive life.

Gender Equality and Environment Goals are mutually reinforcing and create a virtuous circle :-

① Economic vulnerability: Women in low income region bears a huge financial burden due to their role in unpaid household work.

② Occupational vulnerability: Women of low income region are mainly given the agricultural and labor intensive work. They are given low pay and more work.

③ Land ownership: Despite being a vital role in Food production, the land is not being owned by women. Women own only 10% of land.

④ Displacement and Exploitation: Along with climate related disaster, Women are the



majority that got displaced. Along with that Girls and Women are exploited and trafficked.

Women + Environment :-

(1) Empowering women leads to better climate solutions. As the women constitute half of the agricultural workforce. Hence empowering women lead to High Agriculture Yield.

(2) Knowledge and Expertise: Women possess the traditional knowledge and skill related to natural resources management and their sustainable usage.

(3) Leadership: Women led Organisations and movement plays a vital role in generating awareness, in policy changes and in promoting sustainable practices.

(4) Promoting Sustainable livelihood: With having the expertise and knowledge about natural resources. Women can teach and aware families and their children towards sustainable practice.

Hence might play a vital role in reducing the carbon print and fostering the culture of sustainability.

WAY FORWARD :-

(1) Investing in Women's Education and Training her: According to estimates, 130 million people could be pushed into poverty by 2050

due to climate change.

Hence investment in Women Education and Training is much needed

ex: SEWA (Self employed Women Association) teaches Women to be financially independent.

(2) Representation in policy making Bodies:
Representation of women in leg, executive and judiciary bodies should be increased.

(3) Gender inclusive Climate policy : In India, Women led Climate Action is of an urgent need. Including women in new technology can ensure that they are adaptive, appropriate and sustainable.

In India, Women plays a vital role in Climate Action. Empowering women by Education, representation, training is essential of achieving SDGs.

Women's role is not only necessity but also a catalyst for addressing the most alarming challenge of our time.