

ENVIRONMENT (AIR) POLLUTION

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The environment refers to physical aspects like air, water and soil under which we the living things live. Environmental pollution means some direct or indirect changes in the components that deteriorate the environment that adversely affect the world. Major environmental problems have resulted from land degradation, depletion of forest resources, unplanned urban development and mismanagement of industrial wastes and domestic wastes. In the context of our country, both rural as well as urban is facing air pollution problem. This is attributed to the population increase, which increases the needs, and in turn increases pressure on natural resources for the survival. In the rural areas air pollution is caused by the combustion of biomass. Meanwhile, vehicular emission is the major cause of air pollution in the urban areas. Industries also play a major role in increasing the load of air pollutants. Governmental and non-governmental organizations are jointly working to promote alternative sources of energy by creating public awareness. These public awareness activities like print media have actively contributing by publishing emerging environmental problems. Nepal has joined the international community in their initiatives for environmental management by being a Party to several Conventions. Despite all the laws, policies and programs enacted, hordes of environmental challenges are still prevailing due to rapid population growth and rapid urbanization subsequently causing environmental pollution. Therefore, a more effective combined effort is needed to overcome this environmental pollution thereby enabling to achieve sustainable development