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# 6th Sem (Social Geography)

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Chapter: Concepts in Social Geog.

society and environment, type of society, social space, social differentiation and integration.

## \* Impact of Environment on Society :-

Introduction - Environment: <sup>It</sup> includes

the physiographic elements of the earth's surface, like relief, drainage, location, situation, etc., the climatic elements, the atmosphere including sunrays, the biotic elements both plants and animals and man, all in their original status, as well as their activities and interactions.

Society is a group of people who live in the same environmental condition, work more or less for the same goal, follow same customs and traditions and strive to keep common interest.

Thus, it is clear that the people of a society interact among themselves socially, culturally, economically and politically and their response to the environmental forces is same.

Environment can roughly

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defined as "the sum total of all conditions and influences that affect the life and development of organisms. Life originated and flourishes on earth because of the environment. Every organism influences its environment and in turn gets influenced by it. We are an integral part of the environment.

Among all living organisms man influences environment the most and can also modify the environment to some extent as per his needs. Changes in environment affects us. Man has been influencing the environment since the beginning of human civilization through his activities.

Rapid population growth, industrialization, faster modes of transport, urbanization and increasing human activities has contributed to the pollution of environment. Environmental pollution has several impacts on society. Environmental pollution causes serious problems like global warming,

depletion of ozone layer, extinction of bio-diversity etc. Large scale degradation of the environment not only causes pollution but may jeopardize the very existence of human society.

There is no end to human needs. Desire to develop is one of the basic need of human beings. To satisfy his increasing needs and to develop man has been exploiting nature vigorously which led to serious env.-environmental degradation and pollution. This may have the following impact on society.

① Environmental pollution resulted in increase of temperature of atmosphere resulted in global warming.

② Air pollution resulted in depletion of ozone layer which causes multiple health hazards.

③ It may lead to acid rain and smog.

④ It affects the fertility of soil and resulted in food shortage.

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(5) It fosters environmental awareness among different sections of society.

(6) It leads to climate change which affects production and life style.

(7) It disturbs terrestrial ecosystem

(8) It led to frequent occurrence of environmental disasters and there by brings changes in society.

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