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'BREAKING GLASS CEILING FOR THE CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF GREENGLOB'

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INTRODUCTION

In the early 1970s interest in women and their connection with the environment was sparked, largely by a book written by Esther Boserup entitled, *Woman's Role in Economic Development*.¹ Starting in the 1980s, policy makers and governments became more mindful of the connection between the environment and gender issues. Changes began to be made regarding natural resource and environmental management with the specific role of women in mind. According to the World Bank in 1991, "Women play an essential role in the management of natural resources, including soil, water, forests and energy...and often have a profound traditional and contemporary knowledge of the natural world around them".² Whereas women were previously neglected or ignored, there was increasing attention paid to the impact of women on the natural environment and, in return, the effects the environment has on the health and well-being of women. The gender-environment relations have valuable ramifications in regard to the understanding of nature between men and women, the management and distribution of resources and responsibilities and the day-to-day life and well-being of people.³

Women, Environment and Development (WED) debate

The women, environment, and development debate (WED) began in the early

1970s due, largely in part, to the oil crisis. In Mexico-City, in 1975, at the First World Conference on Women, Vandana Shiva introduced the issue of women and the environment. Concern was raised about the depletion of forestry resources as people began to realize that those resources were finite. Women's role in agriculture and their role as wood-fuel users began to come under scrutiny. Soon, a major connection was made between the impact environmental developments had on women. According to Schultz et al., "The women, environment and development debate is anchored in a critical view of development policies where the link between modernization or industrialization and technology on the one hand and environmental deterioration on the other is focused". Women took active part in the Liberation Movements, field of Social reforms, etc., in US and UK. But among these there are women who sacrifice their life, even their children for these movements.

Women's Attitude towards Environment

Women's perspective and the value for environment are totally different from men. Women give more importance to protect and improve the quality of environment. Knowingly or unknowingly, it happens in their day-to-day life, because of both are subordinated so far. We can observe our Mothers while doing housekeeping. In rural areas, women do not dispose just like that any vegetable wastes instead they stored in a pan