**Importance of environmental education**:

Environmental education is a complex phenomenon which is multi dimensional in its purpose. The importance of environmental education has been recognized in India since long. As such environmental education has introduced at all the levels of education by using multi media and by targeting multi levels of people. The importances of environmental education are mentioned below:

* **Development of values**: Environmental education is very important to bring changes in attitude and values of people towards nature. In present time, men have to realize the importance of the steps of good use and preservation of natural resources to save the endangered future. Environmental education deals with creating values towards nature and developing attitude within people to appreciate nature.
* **Awareness:** Environmental education is also important to create awareness and sensitize human being about environment and its various problems.
* **Understanding**: It is also important to provide basic knowledge and understanding **about environment and its issues.**
* **Skills**: Environmental education is also important to develop proper skills among individuals which are required for the solution of environmental problems.
* **Realization**: Environmental education is important to help individuals in realizing the interrelationship between men and environment. It also helps in making people realize how the various species of nature serve as the raw materials for producing enormous complex chemicals and different medicines.
* **Planning**: Environmental education helps the planners, landscape designers, architects and civil engineers who are connected with planning, construction and control of various schemes and projects that affect the environment.
* **Responsibility:** Environmental education specially helps the educationists who take the responsibility of analysing and interpreting knowledge about environment for the new generation.
* **Evaluation ability**: Environmental education is also important to help individuals in evaluating environmental measures and education programmes in terms of ecological, political, economic, social, aesthetic and educational factors.
* **Research:** Environmental education also helps the physicists, chemists and technologists in conducting researches without disturbing the ecological balance.
* **Participation:** It is also important to develop deep respect and love for nature and create appropriate situations for the students to participate in the process of decision making about environment.