

# A Critical Analysis on the Government Initiatives with Respect to Environmental Protection

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**Abstract:** *Need for equal protection for economic development and environmental protection. The main objective of the study was to find the relationship between economic development and environmental protection in India. Environmental concerns in India, like high air pollution or severe pollution in water bodies have increasingly been getting the attention of media and citizens, over the past few years. But, according to the experts, the time when elections in India will be fought on environmental issues still seems to be far away. The samples have been collected through a convenient sampling method sample size is 200. This research it has been found that there is a negative relationship between economic development and environmental protection as far as the present condition of the country. Government is taking a number of environmental protection policies but that requires public awareness as well as proper implementation of all those policies. The government should also spread awareness about sustainable development goals which were implemented in our country and government should not be negligent when it comes to environmental protection and should give equal focus on both environmental protection and economic development of the country as a whole.*

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