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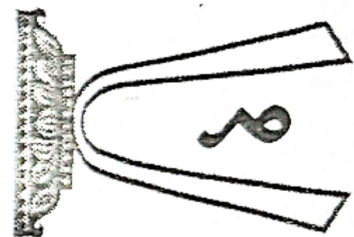
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## धर्म व भक्ति

धर्म ही बाब माणसाच्या उत्पत्तीबरोबर जुळली आहे. त्यामुळेच भारतीय संस्कृतीत धर्म हा प्रधान मानला जातो. विश्वाची स्थिती व गती याचा आधारभूत नियम म्हणजे धर्म. या धर्माची प्रमुख तीन अंगे: कर्म, ज्ञान व भक्ती मराठी तत्त्वज्ञानविचारात कर्मपेक्षा ज्ञानाला आणि ज्ञानापेक्षा भक्तीला अधिक महत्त्व आहे; याहीपेक्षा भक्तीलाच प्रथम स्थान आहे. आर्याकाळापासून धर्माचे स्वरूप सतत बदलत गेले. सुरवातीला निसर्ग-तत्त्वामध्ये ईश्वर शोधणारा मानव, नंतर स्वतःवर नैतिक बंधन लादण्यासाठी व चांगले आचरण करण्यासाठी धर्मतत्त्व सांगू लागला.

चिंतन, मनन, नित्यध्यास घेऊन नीतिमत्तापूर्ण धैर्यवान, बलवान, ज्ञानी, विज्ञानी, सदैव नम्रतेने वागणारा मानव या भारतभूमीत धर्मसंस्कृतीद्वारे दडविला जाऊ लागला. ही धर्मसंस्कृती रुजविण्याचे माध्यम म्हणजे भक्ती. भक्ती माणसाची स्वाभावावीक प्रवृत्ती असल्यामुळे ‘माणूस जेव्हा या पृथ्वीतलावर आला, तेव्हापासूनच, ‘भक्ती’ या संकल्पनेचा उदय झाला असे ज्ञानेश्वर म्हणतात” हे भक्तितत्त्व समाजमानसात रुजविण्याचे कार्य वेळोवेळी होऊन गेलेल्या संतमहंतांनी केले

प्रचलित धर्माच्या स्वरूपात, धर्मव्यवस्थेत ज्या-ज्या वेळी दोष शिरले, त्यामुळे समाजजीवनावर परिणाम होऊन समाजव्यवस्थेस ग्लानी आली, ही व्यवस्था रसातळाला गेली, त्या-त्या वेळी हे दोष दूर करून धर्माचे स्वरूप बदलऊन, समाजाची घडी नीट बसविण्यासाठी महान विभूतींनी जन्म घेतला. श्रीकृष्णाने गीतेतही म्हटले आहे.


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# The Impact of Technology on the Environment

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## Abstract:

Technology has been a driving force in shaping the modern world. From the industrial revolution to the digital age, it has transformed the way we live, work, and communicate. While technology has brought many benefits, it has also had a significant impact on the environment. This essay explores the multifaceted relationship between technology and the environment, focusing on both the positive and negative aspects of this interaction.

## Introduction

Technology, broadly defined as the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes, has played a pivotal role in the development of human civilization. It has led to advancements in fields such as healthcare, transportation, communication, and agriculture, resulting in a higher quality of life for many. However, as technology has evolved, it has become increasingly evident that these advancements have not come without consequences for the natural world.

## Positive Impacts of Technology on the Environment Renewable Energy

One of the most significant positive impacts of technology on the environment is the development of renewable energy sources. Innovations in solar, wind, and hydroelectric power have allowed for the generation of clean and sustainable energy, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions. These technologies not only help combat climate change but also contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment.

## Energy Efficiency

Advancements in technology have led to increased energy efficiency in various sectors. From energy-efficient appliances to smart grid systems that optimize energy distribution, these innovations reduce overall energy consumption, leading to decreased pollution and lower environmental impact.

## Conservation and Monitoring

Technology has greatly improved our ability to monitor and conserve natural resources. Satellite technology, for instance, enables us to track deforestation, monitor wildlife populations, and better understand climate patterns. These tools help in making informed decisions for the preservation of ecosystems and biodiversity.

## Sustainable Agriculture

In agriculture, technology has been instrumental in increasing food production while minimizing environmental harm. Precision agriculture, for example, uses data and sensors to optimize crop management, reducing the need for excessive water, pesticides, and fertilizers.

**Negative Impacts of Technology on the Environment** **Polished & Found Correct**



Technology has facilitated industrial processes that release pollutants into the air, water, and soil. The burning of fossil fuels, the production of electronic waste, and chemical manufacturing are just a few examples of how technology contributes to pollution. This pollution has severe consequences for ecosystems and human health.

### **Resource Depletion**

The extraction of natural resources, driven by technological demands, has led to resource depletion. Mining, logging, and overfishing are practices accelerated by technology, often resulting in habitat destruction and the endangerment of species.

### **E-Waste**

The rapid pace of technological innovation has led to a surge in electronic waste, or e-waste. Disposal of obsolete electronic devices poses environmental challenges, as they often contain hazardous materials that can leach into the environment.

### **Habitat Destruction**

The construction of infrastructure and urbanization, fueled by technological progress, frequently results in habitat destruction. This displacement of natural landscapes negatively impacts biodiversity and can disrupt ecosystems.

### **Balancing Technology and Environmental Preservation**

To mitigate the negative impacts of technology on the environment, a balance must be struck between technological advancement and environmental preservation. Several strategies can help achieve this equilibrium:

#### **Green Technology**

Investing in green technology that prioritizes sustainability and environmental responsibility is crucial. Governments, businesses, and individuals can support the development and adoption of eco-friendly solutions.

#### **Regulation and Policy**

Stringent environmental regulations and policies can help curb harmful practices while promoting environmentally friendly alternatives. Governments can play a vital role in enforcing and incentivizing such regulations.

#### **Education and Awareness**

Promoting environmental education and raising awareness about the consequences of technology on the environment is essential. Informed consumers and decision-makers are more likely to make choices that align with ecological preservation.

#### **Responsible Consumption**

Consumers can contribute by making responsible choices, such as recycling electronics, reducing energy consumption, and supporting sustainable products and practices.

#### **Conclusion**

Technology is a double-edged sword when it comes to its impact on the environment. While it has led to advancements in renewable energy, conservation, and efficiency, it has also resulted in pollution, resource depletion, and habitat destruction. Striking a balance between technological progress and environmental preservation is essential for the well-being of the planet. With concerted efforts from **governments, businesses, and**

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individuals, it is possible to harness the positive potential of technology while mitigating its negative consequences, ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

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