

CHAPTER 4

THE MUTUAL SYNERGY OF FEMINITY AND ECOLOGY IN THE STATE OF UTTARAKHAND

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ABSTRACT

Ecofeminism highlights the deep connection between women and nature, emphasizing women's nurturing role in environmental conservation rather than ownership or control. Historically, women's involvement in environmental stewardship grew significantly, particularly after men migrated for industrialization. Despite this, women remain largely unrecognized in policymaking at national, state, and local levels. Acknowledging women's contributions can integrate their traditional ecological knowledge into global strategies for reforestation, organic farming, and sustainable resource management. A gendered perspective on environmental sustainability ensures that women are included as decision-makers alongside men. This chapter explores how gender theories influence environmental laws and policies, focusing on feminist perspectives and gender equality, particularly in Uttarakhand. It also examines the patriarchal dominance in environmental discourse and critiques Western reductionist views that have marginalized both nature and women. The global challenge to the notion of progress tied to environmental degradation and women's subjugation is central to the discussion.

Keywords: *Eco-feminism, gender, policymaking, traditional practices, women.*

INTRODUCTION

"I need no inspiration other than Nature's. She has never failed me as yet. She mystifies me, bewilders me, sends me to ecstasies."

– Mahatma Gandhi

Uttarakhand, located in northern India at the foothills of the beautiful Himalayas, has an abundance of cultural treasures and fascinating mythology. Uttarakhand's distinctive tales, myths, legends, songs, dances, and oral traditions provide insight into the customs, principles, and encounters of the various groups living in the

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