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This unique book highlights the various environmental problems that beset Panjab today. It was launched at the meeting of the Environment Advisory Group of the Panjabis in Britain All-Party Parliamentary Group at the House of Commons, Westminster, London. Please contact us for purchase of copies of this important book.

Summary

Panjab, the famous 'Land of Five Rivers' is a semi-arid landlocked region in the north - western part of South Asia. It was in complete harmony with its resources and environment and its diverse habitats co-existed largely unspoilt until the region lost its independence in 1849. However, it was not until the Green Revolution of the 1960s brought a dramatic increase in the use of intensive irrigation, chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides that decisive environmental degradation set in.

Today, Panjab faces major environmental concerns with water scarcity, ground water depletion, water pollution, land degradation, erosion, drought, and desertification. Climate change is exacerbating all of these problems. Panjab is also beset by other environmental concerns such as air pollution, loss of biodiversity, GM crops, improper waste disposal, unsustainable energy use, polluting transport, unsustainable housing and noise pollution.

However, Sikh Eco-Theology and spiritual insights of the Sikh Gurus can show the way forward. The care for the environment, the sense of ecology, the protection of bio-diversity and sustainable living have all been part of the basic tenets of the Sikh faith. There is a need to combine environmental protection and conservation of Panjab with sacred insights and traditions.

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