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Manuscript No.: IJAR- 58086

Title: WOMEN AT THE HELM OF GREEN RESISTANCE: GANDHIAN ECOFEMINIST PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS IN INDIA.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

Reviewer Name: **ANAPANA GOPAL**

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

General Comments

The manuscript explores the role of women in environmental movements in India through the combined lens of Gandhian environmental ethics and ecofeminism. The topic is timely, socially relevant, and interdisciplinary, integrating environmental studies, gender studies, political ecology, and Gandhian philosophy. The manuscript highlights several notable environmental movements, including Chipko, Silent Valley, Narmada Bachao Andolan, Navdanya, and contemporary climate justice campaigns. While the article offers useful descriptive insights, it requires substantial revision to improve academic rigor, theoretical depth, methodological transparency, source quality, and overall scholarly contribution.

Content and Originality

Strengths

- The manuscript addresses an important and contemporary topic linking environmental activism, gender justice, and sustainable development.
- The integration of Gandhian thought and ecofeminism provides an interesting conceptual framework.
- Multiple case studies from different regions of India provide broad coverage of women's environmental activism.
- The discussion of recent movements and climate justice initiatives enhances the contemporary relevance of the study.

Weaknesses

- The originality of the manuscript is limited because much of the discussion summarizes well-known environmental movements without generating new theoretical insights.
- The manuscript lacks a clearly defined research question or specific analytical objective.

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- The relationship between Gandhian environmentalism and ecofeminism is introduced but not critically examined in sufficient depth.
- The article is largely descriptive and does not adequately engage with debates, criticisms, or alternative perspectives within ecofeminist scholarship.

Technical Quality

Minor Concerns

1. Absence of Methodology

- The manuscript appears to be a review-based study but does not provide any methodology section.
- There is no explanation of:
 - Literature search strategy.
 - Selection criteria.
 - Databases consulted.
 - Time period covered.
 - Inclusion and exclusion criteria.
- The absence of methodological transparency reduces the scholarly reliability of the review.

2. Overreliance on Secondary and Web Sources

- A significant proportion of references are websites, blogs, media reports, advocacy organizations, and educational portals rather than peer-reviewed academic sources.
- Several claims rely on popular sources instead of primary scholarly literature.

3. Limited Critical Analysis

- Case studies are described sequentially but are not comparatively analyzed.
- No analytical framework is applied consistently across the different movements.
- The manuscript does not critically evaluate successes, limitations, or contradictions within these movements.

4. Conceptual Weaknesses

- Gandhian environmental ethics and ecofeminism are treated as largely compatible without discussing important theoretical differences.
- Key ecofeminist debates such as essentialism, intersectionality, and critiques of cultural ecofeminism are absent.

5. Unsupported Generalizations

- Several statements about women's leadership, sustainability, and environmental justice are presented as universal conclusions without adequate empirical support.

Language and Presentation

Strengths

- The manuscript is generally readable and accessible.
- The writing style is suitable for a broad academic audience.
- Terminology related to environmental movements and ecofeminism is appropriately used.

Weaknesses

- Numerous grammatical and stylistic issues are present.
- Inconsistent punctuation, spacing, and citation formatting occur throughout the manuscript.

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- Some sentences are overly long and repetitive.
- Several sections contain informal language that is not suitable for a scholarly article.

Examples:

- Inconsistent use of hyphens and dashes.
- Variations in citation style.
- Repetition of ideas regarding nonviolence and ecological justice.

Professional language editing is recommended.

Structure and Organization

Strengths

- The manuscript follows a logical progression from theory to case studies and policy recommendations.
- Section headings are clearly identified.

Weaknesses

- The article lacks a dedicated methodology section.
- Several sections overlap and repeat similar themes.
- The policy recommendations section is not clearly linked to evidence presented in earlier sections.
- Some case studies are discussed in considerable detail while others receive only brief treatment, resulting in imbalance.

Specific Issues

- The article would benefit from:
 - A conceptual framework diagram.
 - Comparative tables summarizing major environmental movements.
 - A thematic synthesis section comparing different forms of resistance and outcomes.

References and Citations

Strengths

- The manuscript includes a substantial number of references.
- Recent literature and contemporary environmental movements have been incorporated.

Weaknesses

- Excessive dependence on websites, news articles, blogs, and non-peer-reviewed sources.
- Limited engagement with high-impact academic literature in environmental studies, ecofeminism, political ecology, and gender studies.
- Citation formatting is inconsistent.
- Some references appear incomplete or improperly formatted.
- Several unrelated references appear in the reference list and do not seem directly relevant to the manuscript's topic (e.g., customer relationship management, artificial intelligence, consumer behavior, and branding studies).

Recommendations

- Increase the use of peer-reviewed journal articles and academic books.
- Remove irrelevant references.
- Standardize citation style according to journal guidelines.
- Include foundational ecofeminist and environmental justice literature.

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Overall Recommendation

The manuscript addresses a significant and socially relevant topic and demonstrates the importance of women-led environmental movements in India. The interdisciplinary perspective combining Gandhian philosophy and ecofeminism has potential scholarly value. However, the current version remains largely descriptive and lacks methodological rigor, theoretical depth, and critical engagement with existing scholarship. Minor revisions are necessary to strengthen the analytical framework, improve source quality, and enhance academic contribution.

Major Strengths

- Relevant and timely topic.
- Strong social and environmental significance.
- Broad coverage of environmental movements.
- Useful integration of gender and sustainability perspectives.

Minor Weaknesses

- No methodology section.
- Excessive reliance on non-academic sources.
- Limited critical and comparative analysis.
- Insufficient theoretical depth.
- Presence of irrelevant references.
- Language and formatting inconsistencies.

Final Decision

Minor Revision