

# **Sustainable Development Adhering to Society and Environment**



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## **Abstract**

Sustainability is a challenging and complex notion with diversified range of meanings and opinions. This in turn affects the way issues are put together and actions propounded.

The environmental, social and economic processes involved in sustainable development are not only complex from the conceptual and technical point of view but also from the management point of view. No matter even if we conceive them separately they are bridged with congruence. It could be a matter of argument that these three are not integrated bodies but on the contrary they are fragmented and multi layered and we can comprehend them at various territorial degrees. What might happen if we confine society to an insignificant institution and Environment to be mere an ideology? Society and Environment are the pillars of human existence and their segregation likely could challenge the socio-environmental structure of our society.

Objective of this paper is to highlight the complex problem of sustainable development and its needs to be maintained through proper planning, management and infrastructure. In this paper some of the fundamental attitudes are dealt with leading to basic approaches to Sustainable Development.

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## **Introduction**

God is one and he created all of us as a whole i.e human race .On the contrary we as human (mortals) have tremendous power to create or uncreate abstract notions, plans, language, convictions ,ideologies and create devices of various kinds.

Humanity can be on the brink of peril if we adhere to the notion of our separations. It could be because of some self-imposed concepts of religion or could be some weird concepts related to evolution. We influence our own environment not only as individuals, but also as a whole society. As we are an inevitable and integral part of nature we can't estrange ourselves from the environment.

## **Aim of the Study**

To target a sustainable (solid) future we ought to set goals for an authentic life ahead which could enhance the quality lives of the masses.

The aim of my study in this paper is to highlight all such aspects related to climate, Environment (a better one) prosperity in all ways along with inequality, peace and justice too.

If we sow good seeds for a good society and a good Environment, we can undoubtedly water this tiny sapling of sustainable development transforming it into a firm tree whose fruits could be enjoyed and relished by generations and generations to come.

With a holistic and integrated approach the targets and possibilities of sustainable development seems an achievable possibility.

## **Paper**

Sustainability is aspiration:” Sustainability is hoping that we must operate together as an inseparable part of existence –One that lasts eternally”: Levins and Lewontin.

When the environmental economists speak of the environmental influences of things such as pollution, harm to bio-diversity and losing of enchanting landscapes. This raises our eyebrows as to how or in which way the unpaid price or externalities be recompensated by money? Can money rescue an animal from losing its habitat or a plant from acid rain?

Economy to a great extent can't solve the issue of unemployment or health problems. Sensitivity can intrude in the society only when we become sensitive to the environment. Taking care of the needs of others,

moving to empathy from sympathy, helping each and all, sustaining our values, sensitivity, all contribute much to society and as a result to our environment.

#### **Material reality**

Now a days much priority has been given to economy and as a result Environment and society are neglected and exploited. The political reality is such that the serious problem of unemployment, ill health and waste are dumped down somewhere. Contrary to this the material reality is that society is controlled by economy..

But one needs to be understanding enough that society cannot survive without humans which is based on social interactions.

All human actions impact the Environment. Human life itself is dependent on it. All our needs are provided by it. All products whether considered good or waste affect the Environment, whether culture, art philosophy all draw from the Environment.

Awareness is required towards needs than 'wants'. Society and environment can cater to our needs by putting a halt at our mindset where relationships turn to commodities. Environmental destruction can be mitigated by linking environment with economy in order to interiorize the exterior: some critics stated. While some said if nature is treated as a commodity and the sphere of human activity increases, society could go far away from sustainability. At ample of places it has been observed that more than society, economy and environment is given weightage. But at the Rio Conference, the Local Agenda 21 agreements dealt with related to social and economic development with the focus of participation and implementation

Deep down the ecologist have rejected the concept of sustainable development as it focuses human needs first and overlook Environment on humanitarian grounds, no matter still through the socio- economic and environmental aspect it has achieved its recognition. There are ample of ways sustainable development could be interpreted and has been by many observers.

Often being divided into three ways- economy, Environment and systems (Newmayer, 1999), most of the times either the economy or the environment are given an upper hand in most of the debates on sustainable development. Although the Local Agenda 21 agreements at the Rio conference included issues related with socio-economic progress. But the environmental economists generally talk about the influence of business on Environment such as damage to bio diversity, pollution or our loosing beautiful landscapes.

As human mortals we are unimaginably creative and attune to abstract notions, philosophy, planning, language because we are very much a part and parcel of this miraculous Universe.

Estranging ourselves from the Environment can't and in any way serve us any good rather we must work over its long lasting interactions (Levies and Lewontin, 1994)

Environment is infact the backbone of society and putting economy at the center can in no way aid the target of achieving sustainability in all spheres of life. If the economy is kept at a little distance from environment and society much of the material could progress towards cultural, much of the profit and loss could move to values and appreciation.

All things need to be worked over principles which are stable indicating the basis for decisions or priorities. Indiscrimination and fulfilment of the needs of the future generations is what sustainable development aims for in human realations. United Kingdom highlighted basically on the environmental issues in L.A 21 plans (County Durham, 1997; Northumberland County 2000). Some American and English environmentalists focused on the affairs concerning landscapes, wild life and habitat so as to keep them away from humans and thereby not talking much about the urban, densely populated environment. Because of this environment to some extent has been segregated from people and anti-urban history.

When politics outweighs environment and society, giving primacy to economy, then undoubtedly the issues related to health or human resource or unemployment are being put into trash. On the other hand it could be said that economy relies on society and our environment. If the supply of natural capital be maintained properly, sustainability could be maintained.

The use renewable resources such as water mustn't cross the price of renewal. Non-renewable sources like fossil fuels must be such that they will not be exhausted before alternate resources are available and foundational eco-friendly proceedings and designs could be kept in existence. A life sans environment is not a human life. We all are an inevitable part of environmental existence. Society too upholds a lot of human actions and activities without which we can't survive. Food, medicine, light, energy are our tangible needs, even today's material goods, consumer goods are made with the energy that comes from environment.

Our major issue of sustainable development is the amalgamation of various actions and sectors having a comprehensive view and bridging constraints between disciplines. The 'Nested' model rather than the three ring model encourages a theoretical outlook supportive to consolidation.

But when we talk about sustainable development from the view point of society and environment, we cannot dislocate it from economy. Though all three are inter-linked yet are multilayered and multi faceted. Merriam-Webster dictionary defines environment as 'the complex of physical, chemical and biotic factors (such as climate, soil and other living things) that act upon an organism or an ecological community and ultimately determine its form and survival.

Diversity is an integral part of human sustainability, just as in the environment (Jacobs 1965). Diversity invigorates alterations in both art and culture as well as in science and technology too. As

Shiva (1998) stated in which way all forms of diversity were being taken advantage of by global capitalism. And in this process the menace of the destruction of diversity covered be assumed with adverse effects on environment and the masses.

We can justify to some extent that most theories and reasons of the world are grounded on simplification and abstract notions. But we also must try to be alert about the perils and boundaries of these abstractions. What could be the obstructions coming in the way of sustainable development?

All the three respective sectors society, economy and environment have been distorted and thus as a result doesn't pay attention to the affluence of perceptibility. The visualization of human activity as distinct from economy and human activity as distinct environment. Even when the overpowering social and economic relationships prevail over everything.

The need of the hour is to break down the barriers and to change our thought process. One remedy could be the eradication of the disconnection of various human activities from the economy, society and environment. This disconnection on the other hand escalates the significance of the market. Presuppose that it is sovereign not making it pivot and predominate in coming at par with the needs of mankind.

A well stated suggestion would be to view the actions of mankind both cultural and material as affiliated and within the environment.

When the British Government defined Sustainability as an authentic goal of a "high level of economic growth"(DETR,1999).So to some extent it can be said that a little progress towards Sustainable Development has been possible because of the growth of GDP.

'Technology ' is undoubtedly an integral part of both society and Environment and we can't afford to overlook this aspect at any

### Conclusion

Today we need to be more empathetic than sympathetic in society-a bridge needs to be constructed between society and environment Sustainable Development is in its own way in need of ample changes-technical and modifications too. A paradigm shift is required as how the world is viewed by us how it is taken care of,after all our mother EARTH is an ardent giver,a planet where we not only come as travellers but also to contribute our bit to exchange energies both positive n unconstructive too.

Sustainable Development requires fundamentally sundry radical changes in the end. An enormous web of human connections is what creativity is all about and Society and Environment creates this web of creativity.

Sustainable Development in other words has to be an integrated process,an Outlook on the betterment of human life which relies solely on principles.

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