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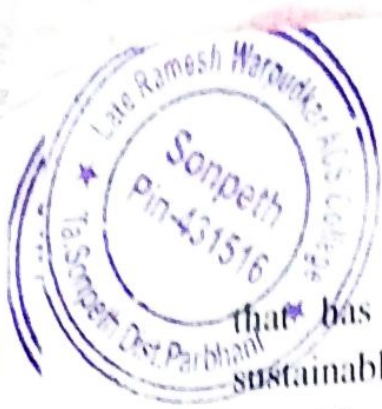


EDITORIAL

We are very happy to publish this book on **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**. All the professors and researchers have made a concerted effort to clarify the contemporary context of Sustainable Development through various perspectives on the occasion of 75th Year of India's Independence. An honest effort has been made in cooperation with the professors and researchers to analyze and explicate their views in context with the Sustainable Development which has been a boon for knowledge through the present editorial book.

Sustainable development is an organizing principle for meeting human development goals while also sustaining the ability of natural systems to provide the natural resources and ecosystem services on which the economy and society depend. The desired result is a state of society where living conditions and resources are used to continue to meet human needs without undermining the integrity and stability of the natural system. Sustainable development can be defined as development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It is interlinked with the normative concept of sustainability. UNESCO formulated a distinction between the two concepts as follows: "Sustainability is often thought of as a long-term goal (i.e. a more sustainable world), while sustainable development refers to the many processes and pathways to achieve it."

The concept of sustainable development has been criticized in various ways. While some see it as paradoxical (or an oxymoron) and regard development as inherently unsustainable, others are disappointed in the lack of progress



that has been achieved so far. The modern concept of sustainable development is derived mostly from the 1987 Brundtland Report. It is also rooted in earlier ideas about sustainable forest management and 20th-century environmental concerns. As the concept of sustainable development developed, it has shifted its focus more towards the economic development, social development and environmental protection for future generations.

Sustainable development was first institutionalized with the Rio Process initiated at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. In 2015 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (2015 to 2030) and explained how the goals are integrated and indivisible to achieve sustainable development at the global level. They address the global challenges, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace, and justice.

The contributions of the professors, researchers and authors who have contributed to Sustainable Development are invaluable. We feel it is our duty to express our gratitude to them. The publication of this book has been facilitated due to the untiring efforts of our friend Prof. Virag S. Gawande Sir, Director, Aadhar Publications, Amravati. A heartfelt thanks to all the distinguished professors, researchers and loved ones who have contributed to the publication of this book.

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