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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES

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Unit I: Introduction to Sustainable Development



What is Open Elective Course & Why Open Elective Courses

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Course Objective & Outcomes

Objective

- Gain a basic understanding on sustainable development
- Understand the necessity of social development towards sustainability
- Familiarize the integrated strategies of sustainable development

Outcome

- Familiarize the necessity of sustainable development by various stake holders
- Recognize the feasibility approaches techniques and outcomes of sustainable development
- Interpret various policies and integrated approaches for adoption of sustainable development

Mother Earth







Mother Earth Should be Revived



Introduction to Sustainable Development



Sustain

To make something continue for a long period of time without becoming less

Sustainable

Involves the use of natural products & energy in a way that does not harm the environment

Sustainable Development

Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

SDP: What it is???

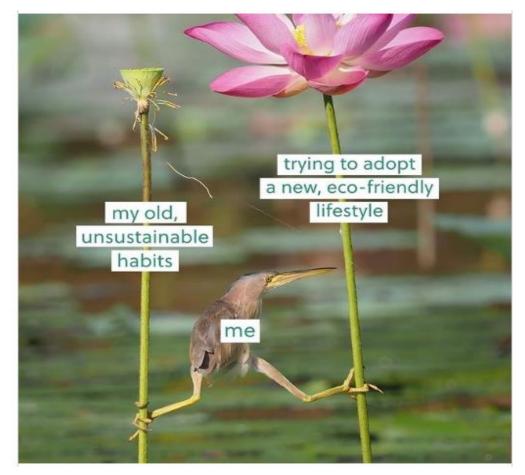


 Holistic approach to growth and progress that aims to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (1987 Bruntland Commission Report, United Nations)

• Sustainable development ensuring a healthy planet and a prosperous society for present and future

generations





Need for Sustainable Development





OVEREXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Extinction of Species,

Decline in world's food production,

Decline in Marine Fisheries



SCARCITY OF RESOURCES

Demand for a good or service is greater than the availability of the good or service

Water Scarcity

Food production needs double over next 40 years



CLIMATE CHANGE

Protecting the planet,
halting climate
change and
promoting social
development, without
endangering life on
Earth or leaving
anyone behind



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Equal economic growth that generates wealth for all, without harming the environment



SOCIAL EQUITY

Focusses on Social Justice & Fairness

Where We Lack









Our Goal?



 We cannot continue using the resources at the current rate, as this way not enough would remain for future generations





























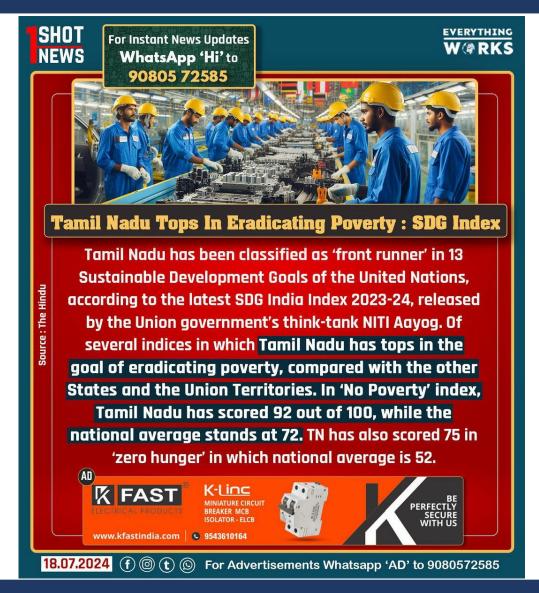






Where TN stands in SDG??





Scope of SDG





Sustainable development believes that operating within the right economic, social and environmental boundaries will create a truly sustainable health system, one that is fit for the future.



The scope of sustainable development is very wide, as it deals with areas like social, economic, environmental, and institutional dimensions.

Introduction to Sustainable Development

Scope of SDG



Environment Dimension

- Practices that conserve resources, reduce pollution, and preserve ecosystems in the long term
- Practices like renewable energy use, sustainable agriculture, and biodiversity protection.

Economic Dimension

 Aims to create inclusive communities with fair access to basic needs, quality healthcare and education, promoting social equity while emphasizing the importance of justice, fairness, and equality for all individuals

Social Dimension

 Prioritizes long-term planning, equitable wealth distribution, and stable growth through responsible business practices, encouraging innovation, and investment in sustainable industries



Scope of SDG



Institutional Dimension

- Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- Sound financial resources
- Peace, justice and strong institutions
- Sustainable cities and communities

SRM University Initiatives

- Water and Air Research Initiatives: A Climate Change Perspective
- Sustainable Technology Development
- Consultancy and Outreach Programs
- Capacity Building

SRM University aims to

- Install Biogas plants
- Install Solar panels
- Installing LED based lighting
- Reduce e-waste
- Reduce average wastewater generation
- Rainwater harvesting

Elements of SDG: 5 P's







People: Roles & Responsibilities

Eco-conscious Consumers

Individuals can make sustainable choices in their daily lives, such as reducing waste, conserving energy, and supporting eco-friendly businesses.

Community Advocates

Local communities can organize and participate in initiatives that promote sustainable practices, like urban gardening and renewable energy projects.

Responsible Citizens

Citizens can engage in the political process to support policies and leaders that prioritize environmental protection and social equity.



Legislation

Governments can enact laws and regulations that incentivize sustainable practices, such as carbon pricing, renewable energy targets, and waste management standards

Funding

Government: Policies & Regulations

Governments can provide financial support for research, development, and implementation of sustainable technologies and initiatives

Enforcement

Governments can enforce environmental laws and hold polluters accountable, ensuring compliance with sustainable development goals.



Investors: Initiatives

Financing

Sustainable

Green Bonds

Investors can finance green infrastructure, renewable energy projects, and other sustainable initiatives through the issuance of green bonds.

ESG Funds

Investors can allocate capital to funds that prioritize environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors, supporting companies with sustainable practices.

Impact Investing

Investors can directly invest in businesses and organizations that have a positive social and environmental impact.

Shareholder Advocacy

Investors can use their shareholder influence to push for more sustainable policies and practices at companies they invest in.



Renewable Energy

Businesses can adopt renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, and geothermal, to reduce their carbon footprint

Industry: Sustainable Practices and Innovation

Circular Economy

Industries can implement circular economy principles, reusing, recycling, and repurposing materials to minimize waste

Sustainable Supply Chains

Companies can work with their suppliers to ensure sustainable practices throughout their supply chain, from sourcing to distribution



Adjudication

The judiciary plays a crucial role in interpreting and applying environmental laws, ensuring compliance and accountability

Judiciary: Enforcing Environmental Laws

Balancing Interests

Courts must weigh the competing interests of economic development and environmental protection, upholding the principles of sustainable development

Enforcement

The judiciary can impose penalties and take enforcement actions against individuals and organizations that violate environmental regulations

Stakeholders of SDB







UNITED
NATIONS
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION
FRAMEWORK

Conclusion: Collaborative Efforts for a Sustainable Future

Stakeholder	Key Role
People	Eco-conscious consumers, community advocates, responsible citizens
Government	Enacting policies, providing funding, enforcing regulations
Investors	Financing sustainable initiatives, advocating for change
Industry	Adopting sustainable practices, driving innovation
Judiciary	Interpreting laws, balancing interests, enforcing compliance
International Organizations	Establishing global frameworks, providing funding, building capacity

Sustainable development requires the collective efforts of all stakeholders, working together to address environmental, social, and economic challenges. By aligning their roles and responsibilities, we can create a more sustainable future for generations to come.

International Organizations: Promoting Global Sustainability



Policymaking

International organizations, such as the United Nations, can establish global frameworks and agreements that guide national policies on sustainable development

Funding

These organizations can provide financial assistance and technical support to developing countries for implementing sustainable initiatives

Capacity Building

They can also help build the capacity of local governments and communities to address environmental and social challenges