



Emerging Trends On Sustainable Development With Special Reference To Economic Growth

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ABSTRACT:

The term "sustainable development" has become more common in today's development discourse. Nevertheless, many people continue to have questions about the term, including what it entails and implies for development theory and practise, as well as its meaning and history, despite its widespread use and huge popularity over the years. The concept of sustainability is highly valued in discussions of public policy. Analyzing the likelihood of sustainability is a critical component, in addition to the nation's local programmes. It may be challenging for a nation to practise sustainability if its own government systems, which regulate organizations in many sectors, are unsustainable. In other words, it is impossible for many industries to simply generate economic, environmental, and social significance by updating their strategy or creating fresh applications when global marketing objectives exist in the opposite dimension. So, in this article emerging trends on sustainable development with special reference to economic growth has been discussed.

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INTRODUCTION:

The concept of sustainable development, which sought to balance economic, social, and ecological dynamics, was first put forth a number of years ago. Several very distinct interpretations of this concept have emerged in the field of economic analysis today. [1] It may be given special consideration because issues relating to sustainable development revolve around the idea of sustainability just as much as they do around the idea of development. As a result, it is not surprising that our study turned up authors who strongly disagree with this notion. It appears that the theory has attracted the broad interest that other theories of development lacked, and it is expected to replace them as the dominant paradigm for a very long period. [2] However, despite the concept's widespread acceptance and appeal, there are rumblings of unhappiness about it because there are still many questions about what it means for development theory and practise. Therefore, just like the term "appropriate technology," which everyone seems to admire but which no one can truly

define properly, the phrase "sustainable development" runs the risk of becoming overused. [3]

To get past the sustainability hype and pursue a more substantial agenda, a clear definition of "sustainable development" and a description of its key elements are necessary. It has been pushed for by experts in both academia and business to improve sustainable development. Although there is a lot of material on sustainable development, many people are still confused about the term's meaning, history, pillars, and principles, as well as the effects these have on human development. Despite the wealth of literature, it is crucial to answer any unanswered questions about sustainable development because it is crucial for decision-makers to comprehend the connections between the tenets of sustainable development and the implications of those connections for action in the interests of human development. [4] Simply expressed, a concise and consistent discourse on sustainable development is needed to further clarify the path and trajectory toward this objective in order to promote citizenship rather than spectatorship.

SUSTAINABILITY, DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PATTERN:

Sustainability is the capacity to maintain a product, outcome, or process across time. The notion that improving and upholding a healthy social, economic, and ecological system will improve humanity. [5] The definition of sustainability is the efficient and equitable distribution of resources through generations as well as the operation of socioeconomic activities within a constrained ecosystem. Sustainability is described as a dynamic balance in the interaction between the population and the environment's carrying capacity, allowing the population to grow and express its full potential without having a negative influence that is irreversible on the environment's carrying capacity. [6] The concept of sustainability concentrates on human activities and their potential to satisfy wants and desires without depleting or exhausting the available productive resources. This presents issues about how people should conduct their social and economic affairs while making use of the ecological resources available for human advancement. The transition to a sustainable global society, ecology, and economy is one of the most challenging issues facing mankind today since it must be done in the context of the planet's carrying capacity. The ultimate aim of the concept of sustainability is to provide appropriate alignment and harmony between society, economics, and the environment in order to allow the planet's life-supporting ecosystems to regenerate. [7] This dynamic alignment and balancing must be at the heart of any true notion of sustainability. It is important to emphasize in the definition the concept of cross-generational equity, which is clearly important but poses difficulties because it is hard to describe and predict what the requirements of future generations will be. Based on the foregoing, contemporary theories of sustainability seek to combine social, environmental, and economic models in order to handle human concerns in a way that will always benefit humanity. While social models work to strengthen the political, cultural, religious, health, and educational systems, among others, to continuously maintain human dignity and

wellbeing, environmental models primarily concentrate on biodiversity and ecological integrity. In this regard, economic models seek to accumulate and use natural and financial capital in a sustainable manner.

Different scholars have connected the idea of development to a range of interpretations, meanings, and ideas. Human development is thought of as an evolutionary process that increases our capacity for constructing novel structures, resolving problems, adapting to ongoing change, and making purposeful, unique efforts to accomplish novel goals. In addition to economic growth, the abolition of extreme poverty, and the elimination of inequality, development is a complicated process that necessitates considerable modifications to social structures, attitudes, and institutions. [8] Many ideas have been developed around the idea of development. They consist of modernization, dependence, world systems, and globalization theories.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PRACTICE:

One of the tenets of sustainable development is the preservation of the environment. Since all life would end without the environment and biodiversity, they must be protected. All of the needs of the population cannot be met by the earth's finite resources and means. Resource exploitation must be kept to the earth's carrying capacity in order for development to be sustainable because overusing resources damages the ecosystem. The phrase "sustainable development" is now frequently used interchangeably in discussions about development since it is linked to a variety of definitions, interpretations, and meanings. If understood literally, the term "sustainable development" simply means expansion that can persist indefinitely or for the designated amount of time. [9] From a structural standpoint, the words "sustainable" and "development" make up the term. The idea of sustainable development has taken on various interpretations, just as the two words "sustainable" and "development," which are joined to make the concept, have each been interpreted differently from different angles. The justification for sustainable development is that as time goes on and the human population increases, fewer natural resources will be available to satisfy human needs. It shows that the goal of sustainable development is to maintain a balance between economic prosperity, environmental integrity, and social well-being. This bolsters the argument that the idea of sustainable development includes intergenerational equity, which recognizes both the immediate and long-term effects of sustainability and sustainable development. This is made feasible by the decision-making processes taking economic, environmental, and social issues into account. Although the phrases "sustainability" and "sustainable development" are unique, individuals frequently use them synonymously [10].

A manufacturing system that satisfies current consumption levels without endangering future needs is necessary for economic sustainability. Because it was assumed that natural resources were infinite, economic theory has traditionally over emphasized the market's ability to distribute resources efficiently. They also believed that economic growth would be accompanied by technical advancement, which would replace the natural resources used in

production. As has been realized, natural resources are not endless, and not all of them are replenishable or renewable. The increasing economic system has overstretched the natural resource base, requiring a reevaluation of traditional economic postulates. Many academics have questioned if unrestricted growth and consumption are even feasible as a result of this. In economies, markets are the locations where transactions happen. The three main economic activities are production, distribution, and consumption. However, the accounting framework used to guide and evaluate the economy in relation to these activities severely distorts values, which is negative for society and the environment. [11] The planet's limited natural resources are used to sustain and maintain human life. Population expansion causes an increase in human requirements for food, clothing, and housing, but the world can only provide so many methods and resources. [12] The main areas of worry seem to be the effects of pollution and ozone depletion, as well as other substantial cost considerations. In order to achieve economic sustainability, decisions must be made in the most equitable and fiscally responsible way possible while also taking other sustainability aspects into account.

SIGNIFICANCE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO ECONOMIC GROWTH:

The original collection of papers under evaluation is based on conventional economics. Although proponents of this theory still want to present growth models that address this issue, the critique of growth, which was a significant worry in the neoclassical corpus, had some influence on the concept of sustainable development. Solow's model is still a key part of neoclassical theory's solution to the challenges of sustainable development, despite minor modifications. Other types of work underline the idea that sustainable growth is congruent with environmental development and environmental conservation to conclude this doctrinal framework. Neoclassical economists argue that sustainable development should take this into consideration in order for society to continue to produce economic well-being over time and to at least ensure that future generations have access to the same level of well-being as present generations. [13] Sustainability is defined in this context as the "nondecline" through time of individual well-being, which can be assessed depending on the style of analysis by the degree of personal utility, income, and consumption. Neoclassical scholars claim that in order to attain this goal, it is essential to have savings rates that are high enough to ensure that the capital stock that is available to society remains consistent from one generation to the next, allowing for a steady flow of wealth across time. An economy's production capacity is influenced by its stock of resources, including its infrastructure, expertise, and overall level of education and training as well as its supply of easily accessible natural resources. Neoclassical theorists needed a better understanding of "natural capital" in order to theorize about economic growth. An increase in "capital generated by societies" should be able to make up for a reduction in "natural capital" in order to guarantee that people's well-being and productive ability are maintained over time. Regarding the interchangeability of these diverse forms of capital, this is the supposition that these theorists have embraced. As a

result, there is a continuous exchange: as the current generation consumes "natural capital," future generations get access to more comforts, information, and skills.

The first one has to do with technological innovation, which needs to provide a variety of back-up options that enable the substitution of one type of capital with another. The second is a description of a particular investment regime that calls for the reinvestment of profits from the exploitation of non-renewable natural resources in technology capital via a taxation system or a designated investment fund. Regarding the third, Solow's model still shows a planned economy with only one agent making decisions regarding resource allocation despite the absence of pricing. The market should be in charge of making these decisions, according to the alternative idea advanced by the neoclassicals. The rate of substitution between the many types of capital, as well as each form's individual worth, must be determined by the price system. In order to bring into the market what was previously outside of it, it is important to assign natural resources and pollutants a value. Economists refer to this tactic as "internalization of externalities." The restrictions placed on the economic dynamic in this less effective form of sustainability are notable for emphasizing the value of growth, belief in technological advancement, the pricing mechanism, and public power intervention in some areas considered strategically important (knowledge of the availability of natural resource reserves and technological innovation for the transfer between various forms of capital). Another neoclassical research completes this model. [14]

The aforementioned points are supported by neoclassical theorists who contend that the pursuit of growth is compatible with environmental preservation. It will be feasible to establish a strong linkage between economic growth and present environmental changes by connecting per capita income with measures related to a variety of air and water toxins. The outcomes of this econometric analysis seem to indicate that, up to a certain point, pollution emissions rise with income and then decline, resulting in the inverted U-shaped curve that some authors have dubbed the Environmental Kuznets Curve. The extra pollution that came about as a result of poor control during the early stages of industrialization. But increased affluence, the growing impact of services, and changing consumer preferences all contribute to a reduction in pollutant emissions. Thus, an increase in money brought on by growth would not only enable the well-known trickle-down effect that would make injustices less obvious, but it would also help to shift individual objectives, which are more likely to push governments to implement environmental policies. Then, as technology develops and permeates new fields of effort, the structure of the economy changes, and new industries replace ageing ones, creating new opportunities for investors. In contrast to Rostow, who was concerned about the future of the advanced cultures of his day, Grossman and Krueger see them as progressing in a way that is more sensitive of the environment. This makes their point of view new. Examining the development of economic thought reveals that critical analytical traditions that emphasize the ecological harm caused by a cumulative dynamic have always been outside of the mainstream discourse. The perspective of this study is governed by a willingness to take into consideration the particularity of environmental

phenomena that cannot be reduced to market logic, aside from the many terms used to characterize some of its tendencies. This expression alludes to the countless, fruitless attempts that have been made since the 19th century to combine environmental and economic knowledge into a discipline that would be applied to the economy. The majority of this effort has developed over the last 20 years into a movement called "ecological economics." [15]

The biological resources used by these enterprises are regarded as a type of natural capital whose long-term management should be optimized. The objective of these bioeconomic models is to achieve a maximum sustainable yield, or the maximum level of resource consumption that the stock of resources now available can support. The problem is that maximizing profit-driven economic rationality may conflict with environmental logic and lead to the depletion of resources.

The discussion around the management of natural resources has changed as a result of growing awareness of global environmental concerns. However, based on the information that has been gathered thus far, a global bioeconomy cannot yet be given operational content. Only within the framework of ecological economics can we enforce predetermined rules. Unlike neoclassical economists, this perspective promotes the idea of complementarity between natural capital and other production inputs. The imperative to preserve a supply of necessary natural capital over time led to the creation of the potent sustainability model.

ROLE OF INDUSTRY IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

It is difficult to implement a sustainable development plan without sustainable industrial firms. Senior management has a tremendous impact on the future of sustainable development among groups of stakeholders, such as society members. The foundation for management decisions is derived from reference issues such the business rules and practises that make up a company's business model and organizational growth. [16] Unsustainable administrative outcomes that overlook societal and environmental considerations may impede the organization's journey towards sustainability markets. An organization's sustainability strategies are crucial for sustainable growth and for successfully directing a business through green economic requirements under sustainable market conditions. Enterprises must put their societal obligations ahead of their commercial objectives, contends the theory that says businesses are designed to succeed financially. [17] One of the main responsibilities of corporate sustainability programmes is the simultaneous identification of the social and financial components of sustainability. To get to this point, we must incorporate the aim and function of a sustainable company example. A sustainable business model can be developed by concentrating on green business market concerns. The authors contend that for top management to strategically build business models, innovative efforts like voluntary interaction with stakeholders must be put into practise. But many organizations are confused of whether they are making the best use of their business plans

and strategies to support sustainable development. [18] The organization must be able to understand the concept of a volunteer activity intended to alleviate societal issues. These are planned activities that go above and beyond simple responses to strategies and policies that are rightfully employed in order to meet the financial objectives of the business plans. According to the authors, this activity should simultaneously produce a favorable corporate outcome and a growing financial contribution to the organization's success, both of which may be demonstrated in a useful way. [19] These strategies have several advantages, including cheaper costs, enhanced production, improved reputation, and increased green market efficiency. Corporate strategies for the company should be minimized by adopting a practical and sustainable approach. [20] In other words, sustainable management must be a priority in the organization's strategic objectives, operational processes, and financial frameworks. Many academics have questioned how modern financial frameworks can support this eco-friendly mechanism in light of these significant demands and how planned sustainability administration can contribute to developing business models for sustainability.

CONCLUSION:

Sustainable development has attracted a lot of attention from the academic, governmental, planning, and development intervention communities. As a suitable development model, it appears to have acquired backing from a number of governmental and non-governmental groups. This is because most, if not all, proponents and supporters of the paradigm seem to concur that applying the tenets and principles of sustainable development can be used to address the issues that currently confront humankind, such as climate change, ozone layer depletion, water scarcity, loss of vegetation, inequality, insecurity, hunger, deprivation, and poverty. The ultimate objective of sustainable development is to achieve a balance between environmental, economic, and social sustainability, making these pillars its cornerstone. [21] Without taking a position, it can be said that the sustainability of society depends on having good work opportunities, gender equality, human rights respect, and competent healthcare systems. This is because most, if not all, proponents and supporters of the paradigm seem to concur that applying the tenets and principles of sustainable development can be used to address the issues that currently confront humankind, such as climate change, ozone layer depletion, water scarcity, loss of vegetation, inequality, insecurity, hunger, deprivation, and poverty. [22] The ultimate objective of sustainable development is to achieve a balance between environmental, economic, and social sustainability, making these pillars its cornerstone. Without taking a position, it may be said that a sustainable society depends on having decent economic opportunities, gender equality, high standards of education, and the rule of law. It also depends on having good health care systems. While excellent physical design and land use, as well as the preservation of ecology or biodiversity, are what fuel environmental sustainability, the adoption of suitable production, distribution, and consumption is what underpins economic sustainability. [23] Intergenerational equity, which acknowledges both the short- and long-term implications of sustainability in order to

address the needs of both current and future generations, is implicit in the pervasive viewpoints about the concept of sustainable development, despite the literature being awash with a variety of definitions and interpretations of the term.

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