

Topic

Sustainable Development: Gender Justice is a key to Sustainable Development

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Introduction

- The overall development of a nation largely depends upon the development of all section of society irrespective of caste, creed, color and sex.
- No nation can achieve any kind of development without eliminating gender inequality
- The costs of gender inequality cut across all society and the economy of a country and ultimately harm everyone.
- Economic growth alone cannot improve the inequality for the balanced development without ensuring gender equality.
- Gender equality and social policy measures must be taken to achieve the real motto and goals of Sustainable development.

Gender Equality

- Gender equality is the state of affairs in which men and women enjoy the same opportunities and enjoyment of valued goods and rewards in all walk of their life.
- It also means that different behavior and needs of women and men in terms of rights and allocation of resources are considered equally valued and favored.

Why Gender Equality is important for Sustainable Development

- Women population comprises the half of the world population.
- Women upliftment and empowerment is very essential because women are more susceptible to environmental vulnerabilities for their poor, economic and unprivileged condition in the society.
- The role of women is crucial for all round development
- Resources must be used in such a way to end the existing inequalities on the basis of gender

Concept of Sustainable Development

- The problem of global sustainability was recognized in 70s.
- The term “Sustainable development” entered into political arena in 1987
- The UN commission on environment and development headed by Gro Harden Brundtland introduced the concept of Sustainable development.
- Sustainable development implies “development that meets the need of present without damaging the ability of future generation to meet their needs.
- Sustainable development simply means that development which will be achieved or conducted without damaging the natural resources or environment.
- It is that development, which meet the present without compromising the ability of future generation to satisfy their needs.

Principles of Sustainable Development

- The basic principles of sustainable development are – people are entitled to enjoy a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature without damaging it.
- Nation shall cooperate to protect and restore the earth ecosystem.
- Eliminate unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and promote appropriate demographic policies.
- Policies and adopt precautionary approach to protect the environment.
- One of the important and essential principles of sustainable development is the full participation of women in the development and decision-making process of sustainability by removing gender inequality.

KEY PILLARS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Gender Equality is a key to sustainable development

- Women produce half of the world's food, perform two- third of the world' s working hour, earn only 10% of the world' s income and own less than 1% of the world property.
- Women are more reliant on natural resources than men for their livelihoods as they do not have other equitable access to alternatives such as wage labor and security and benefits these provide.
- Environmental degradation affected women more than men, as women have to walk further to collect water and fuel wood. As a result of this, their access to education and other productive activities curtailed and also faced many gender based violence in isolated areas.
- Gender inequality primarily affects women, they are denied equal rights and opportunities, had less control of and access to land and natural resources than men. In many cases women are excluded from formal ownership of land.
- Due to their socially and traditionally constructed roles, women are more vulnerable to the impacts of environmental and natural disasters such as drought, floods and cyclone than men.
- Women are sexually exploited and abuse and faced other forms of violence disproportionately in times of vulnerability and need. This risk increases at times of disaster.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

- **No Poverty**- End Poverty in all its forms
- **Zero Hunger**- End Hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote Sustainable agriculture
- **Good Health and well-being**- Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages
- **Quality Education**- Ensure inclusive and Equitable Education and promote the lifelong learning opportunities
- **Gender Equality**- Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- **Clean water and Sanitation**- Ensure Availability and Sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- **Affordable and Clean Energy**- Ensure access to affordable, reliable, Sustainable and clean energy for all
- **Decent work and Economic Growth**- Promote Sustained, inclusive and Sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- **Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**-Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and Sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

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- **Reduced Inequalities**- Reduced inequalities within and among countries
- **Sustainable Cities and Communities**- Make cities and human settlement inclusive, Safe, resilient and Sustainable
- **Responsible consumption and production**-Ensure Sustainable consumption and production patterns
- **Climate Action**-Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- **Life below water**- Conserve and Sustainable use the oceans, seas and Marine resources for Sustainable development
- **Life on land**- Protect, restore and promote Sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, Sustainably manage forests, Combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt- biodiversity loss
- **Peace, Justice and strong Institutions**- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for Sustainable development, provide access to Justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- **Partnership for the goals**- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for SD

Conclusion:

- Sustainable development is achieved only by a good government, which will be possible only by equal participation of both men and women in legislation and decision-making process.
- Both theory and evidence showed that the lack of progress on gender equality is the heart of the failure of sustainable development
- Raising awareness of the benefit of gender equality is a key priority
- Requires a change in mentality and practical and innovative approaches to bring about the real equality between men and women
- We move faster and more assuredly towards sustainability in the economic, social and environmental sense only if women were played in more productive and decision-making roles
- The goals of sustainable development can be achieved if women contribute together with men in making full use of their potential in the economic, social, cultural and environmental sphere.

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