

## **Essay on Sustainable Development**

Sustainable Development as a concept gained popularity in the year 1987 by the World Commission on Environment and Development. It spoke about the urgency and the need for people to meet the needs of the present without compromising on the needs of the future. It emphasized that we not should strip the Earth of its natural resources.

The idea behind development is to always meet the requirement of the present without paying heed to what its impact may be on the future and the generations to come. The selfish idea of thinking only about 'ourselves' will lead to severe crises in the near future. We must think about our planet Earth and the generations to come. The drastic effects of unsustainable development can already be seen. Some of the notable problems are climate change, which is due to the depletion of the ozone layer due to incessant pollution of the air and the land. Our fossil fuel resources are also non-renewable and are slowly depleting due to increased demand and wastage. The longer we take to address the problem of unsustainable development and the effects it is causing and going to cause in the future, the more drastic its consequences are going to be.

To practice the concept of sustainable development, it is very important to understand what sustainable development is. The main idea behind sustainable development is that any kind of progress, be it economic, environmental and social, everything can be achieved without depleting Earth's resources and using only what we need. The concept of taking more than we need should be aborted and removed from all procedures we follow. Our ecosystem does not have a limitless capacity so we should keep our growth in check and sustained so that we can leave a sufficient amount of resources for the later generations.

The sudden explosion in the human population is one of the major caused for the unsustainable tendency of development. In countries that are still on the way of development such as India, Africa, it is essential to keep the population in check. Unfortunately, the population count in these countries is on the rise and will be the same in the coming years unless it is checked to immediate effect. With more people, there is an increase in poverty. The number of people living below the poverty line and managing to get two meals so that they survive is also on the rise. The more the people the lesser there is for everyone.

The main objective of sustainable development is to bring stability to our social, economic and environmental requirements, it will further lead to welfare and availability of resources for the coming generations.

Sustainable development is a wonderful way to conserve the natural resources we have by changing our approach towards the use and development of technologies. We should not stop using these resources rather we should use it in a sustained manner so that it does not become extinct and lead to the extinction of species.

