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Sustainable Development Goals

- 1.) The term 'sustainable development' first came into existence in Brundtland Report which was submitted under the title 'Our Common Future'. (1987)
2. This report contributed immensely to the ideology of sustainable development.
3. The UN Conference on Human Environment was held in Stockholm in the year 1972. It was the first international initiative to discuss and find solutions to pressing environmental problems.
4. In the year 1983 UN set up WCED World Commission on Environment and development. Gro Harlem Brundtland was the chairperson of WCED. In the year 1987 WCED came out with its report - 'OUR COMMON FUTURE'.

4. WCED for the first time defined sustainable development as -

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

5. The concept of sustainable development rests on two basic principles.

(1) The principles of Intergenerational equity

(2) The principles of Intragenerational equity.

6. The term implies that a economic development model is possible which gives importance to environmental concerns. (growth + environmental concerns)

7. Sustainable Development goals —

The 'Club of Rome' first proposed of sustainable development goals in 1972. Later concerns over sustainable development were made in United Nations conferences and summits. These SDGs were accepted by International community.

8. The sustainable development goals (SDGs) were proposed in 2012 in the Rio + 20 United Nations conference. It is officially called - "Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Development."
9. In July 2014, the UN General Assembly made a working group to propose (SDGs) with broad range of sustainable development issues. (ending poverty, hunger improvement in health and education etc)
10. In the year 2015 again 17 sustainable development goals were made setting 169 target areas. SDG are applicable to all U.N member Nations. (both developed and developing countries).
11. New sustainable development goals (SDGs) are as follows:
1. No Poverty
 2. Zero Hunger
 3. Good health and well being for all.
 4. Quality Education for all.
 5. Gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.
 6. To Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation.

7. Affordable and clean energy access for all.
8. To promote sustainable economic growth and decent work for all.
9. To promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries.
11. Make cities and human settlements sustainable, safe, inclusive & resilient.
12. ^{Ensure} Responsible Consumption and Production.
13. To take urgent actions to combat Climate Change and its impact.
14. To Conserve and promote sustainable use of seas, oceans and marine resources (Life below water).
15. To Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial eco-systems. (Life on land).
16. Promote Peace and Justice in societies.
17. Strengthen global ~~partner~~ partnership for sustainable development.

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