

# **Book Review**

## **Global Sustainable Development :Issues and Challenges**

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The book under review provides a first-hand and intimate account of issues and challenges of global sustainable development. The Chief Editor and Editors beautifully edited selected papers that focus on the theme of the 4th International Conference 7-8 December 2024 held under the joint auspices of Educational Development Council (EDC) and Fatima Degree College, Gonpura, Patna (Bihar). The Chief Editor and Editors are senior academicians and noted scholars who beautifully edited the research papers presented to the said International Conference. In addition to all editors, contributors are also well-known experts of the subject matter. After careful editing, these papers are nicely set and published in the book, so it is an excellent and thought provoking publication.. It is to be noted that EDC is one of leading educational associations of academicians, administrators and research scholars who come from across India.

The EDC office bearers have been so active that they organized an International Conference on Global Sustainable Development: Issues and Challenges in 2024 and amazingly within a year successfully published its proceedings in a book form. It is an academic achievement of Educational Development Council. But it is not for the first time that the proceedings of the International conference is published because the proceedings of the 3rd EDC International Conference held at Nalanda, Bihar on 27-28 November 2022 was also published under the title "Skills and Technology for Teaching and

Learning" meticulously edited by Prof. Kamal Prasad Baudha, Dr. Sushil Kumar Singh and Sahaja Nand Sharma. It contained in total forty six chapters by noted scholars and research scholars on the theme "Emerging Skills and Technologies for Teaching and Learning" of the Conference. The publication was widely praised in academic world, it was especially praised by young scholars. Senior social scientists also praised it as it was on contemporary issues. The present monograph (2025) is divided into not less than fifty four chapters -paper 46 in English and 8 in Hindi. Education, environment, development, globalization are specially dealt with in global perspective.

The uniqueness of the book lies in tracing and assessing the various aspects of global sustainable development. In this context, the included papers are highly significant as they focus on significant aspects of sustainable development, so here it worth to quote the assessing words of Professor Upendra Prasad Singh (Vice-Chancellor, PPU., Patna) "The volume is a testament to the idea that sustainable development is not just a policy goal-it is a shared responsibility, a moral imperative, and an emotional calling for every individual, especially those of us in academia. The contributors ranging from senior professors to early career scholars-have brought forth over fifty four scholarly chapters, each addressing vital aspects of sustainable development from diverse lenses: environmental, educational, economic, psychological, and technological. Some chapters moved me deeply -those that

explore environmental sustainability in India, green economy, and solid waste management ,because they speak not only of science but of the urgent need to protect the only Earth we have. Others, like the ones focusing on National Education Policy 2020 highlight a quiet revolution brewing within our classrooms--- toward inclusive growth ,value based learning, and transformative pedagogy. The essays on tribal development ,digital equity, AI in education ,and behavioral motivation remind us that sustainable development is not just about policies and programme -it is about people ,especially the most vulnerable. It is about ensuring that no one is left behind."

The fifty four chapters of the book are research based studies on sustainable development, education, globalization, environment, tribal development ,issues and challenges. The Chapters written in Hindi are also not less significant as they cover and discuss various aspects of global sustainable development. In fact, the book is a massive storehouse of information as it offers a new perspective. It is a valuable guide to students, teachers and social scientists. There are sufficient references at the end of each research papers that will help the readers for further study and guidance. So this is a very important book on issues and challenges of global sustainable development.

The printing is almost flawless, the cover is attractive, and in view of its significance in academia, its price is moderate. However, I would like to suggest the publisher to come out with its paperback for one and all. The language is lucid as its attracts even ordinary readers who have not even had primary idea of the subject matter. But it is also to be admitted that the

book at many places is very much repetitive and it appears revision of same aspects in many chapters. However, it is an excellent and thought provoking publication. The Chief Editor and Editors have to be complemented because their editing broadly discussed and nicely evaluated issues and challenges of global sustainable development. This was not an easy task that was beautifully accomplished by the chief editor and editors. Admittedly the published edited monograph is a dynamic contribution to the study of issues and challenges of global sustainable development. In fairness to the Chief Editor and Editors, it can be said that being senior teachers they deserve readers' thanks for their painstaking academic efforts for impressive editing. The book makes a positive contribution to the study of issues and challenges of sustainable development in global perspective. Therefore ,this is an essential reading for students ,scholars and teachers of sustainable development and its various dimensions. I hope this well contributed and meticulously edited book will find a perfect place among academics, young scholars as well as common readers who are interested to know the issues and challenges of sustainable development in global scenario. This book is essential for libraries and archives in India and , I duly recommend it.

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