

DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE: SOCIOECONOMIC & ECOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

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Development for long stayed synonymous to economic development. The developing countries adopted overtly glamorous western models of development without local or country centric adaptation and paid heavily for pursuing western proscriptions. The Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro (1992) and the Social Development summit in Copenhagen (1995) fostered alternative concept of Development viz “Sustainable Development” and “Social Development” which took into consideration the non – economic dimensions of development. There has been a shift in development thinking *from development as a tool to development as a “process”, embracing productivity enhancing models.*

In India a similar debate began more than a couple of decade ago and there now exist several volumes on development, a fairly large number of research reports and many research articles. All this is being replenished with concurrent and contemporary writings and ideas as the time keeps changing.

The present book promoted by the *Indian Social Science Association* focuses on different development issues. There are research papers by senior social scientists and young social scientists on development issues. The papers of young social scientists are result of the *Golden Jubilee Year – 2017 Young Social Scientist Award Contest* held between *May and October 2017*. This concoction of old guards and new blood should provide interesting reading and probably some prescription for development.