

WHY IS SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY IN INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT INDISPENSABLE ?

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Aspects of social sustainability often remains subdued in comparison to economic and environmental sustainability. Considering the critical components of social sustainability as social cohesion, inclusion, resilience, and process legitimacy this paper attempt to examine the inclusive development in an Indian context. The paper attempts to categorically deals with challenges of static social sector expenditure, rural-urban population transition, outreach of social sector benefits to the vulnerable and women, effective roles of people's institutions and significance of environmental security for more inclusive development under social sustainability framework. Data has been collected through the archival literature and reports. The paper suggests to paraphrase the real meaning of social development programs as more inclusive and environment friendly applying a social sustainability approach.

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