

Real Development should transform people's lives, not just economic statistics

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Real development ensures the investment in human for their growth and prosperity to upgrade their lives its not just the statistics or number game of Gross Domestic Product and imports or exports of the country. The real development means the sustainable development which ensures growth of present but does not compromise the future. The sustainable and real development indicators were proposed during Paris Agreement to meet present needs without effecting the ability of future. by the United Nations. Good health, education, good governance, law and order, zero hunger, poverty alleviation, and partnership with other states altogether ensures the real development beyond just the economic growth.

At first, lets debunk the term real development. Real development

actually means the sustainable development — "the development of the nation through which their basic needs are satisfied by utilizing natural resources but the ability of future generations to progress should not be effected," says United Nations. United Nations united all the states of the world and proposed Seventeen sustainable development (SDG) goals for the development of nations and protection of environment during Paris Agreement-2015. If any nation enforces these goals and tries to implement these goals in a holistic way then no one can hinder the way of real progress.

It is the need of the hour to understand that just the growth of economy is not the real development. A state has to invest in its human capital. The prosperity of humans is

linked with real growth of the country. Real growth can be attained by implementing on sustainable development goals proposed by united nations.

Just the economic growth is not enough for the real development. In India—the giant of south asia the growth of Gross domestic product (GDP) is 7%, but GDP growth is not the gaurantee of real development. Millions of Indians are living the lives below poverty line — deprived out basic and fundamental needs of the human beings. For the real development state has to provide basic needs to every citizen without citizen's prosperity real growth is meaningless. **Amrita Sen** an Indian economist says; sustainable development without investment in humans is unsustainable. The countries which invest in their human resource capital are at the top of rankings

In case of Sweden; the government invested in humans, worked for their improvement and prosperity - resulting in ranking 7 out of 191 countries of the world in Human Development Index. While on the other hand despite the 7 percent GDP growth India is at 134 out of 191 in human development Index. This shows that economic growth is not the gauranter of real development

Real and sustainable development actually is the transformation of citizens lives. Here comes the point that how real development transforms the lives of the people.

So here are some indicators developed by united nations which ensures the sustainable development of nations.

At first here comes the health of the people. Health is wealth is a rekknowned proverb everyone listrning it from childhood.

but it actually affects the real development. A healthy society can participate in the affairs of state with a productive and positive role.

Mahatma Gandhi the prominent leader of India said; "The real wealth is health not the pieces of gold and silver."

Health is the key-step towards the journey of growth and development.

So states has to invest in the health-sector to provide free health facilities to all without any discrimination.

Germany is ranked third in global healthcare Index. The European developed countries have focused on the health of their work-force therefore, they are at the top rankings in global Indexes. Denmark is ranked 1st in

global Health Index. These countries ensured their growth through investment in human capital and transformed the lives of people. Brundtland Ex-primeer of Norway said; "The real wealth of a nation is the health."

Secondly, here comes the education - which is the core of the development. All developed countries have invested in education system. The educated and skilled workforce earned the real development. Despite the largest population China has improved the lives of citizens through vocational and skillfull education provision to all citizen. Pakistan is spending less than 2 percent of GDP on education and pakistan lags behind in literacy rate of 62.9 percent according to digital census 2023. The literacy rate of Pakistan is lowest in south-asia region. The developed countries focused on education and vocational trainings for skillful and productive youth. United States Career institute says Finland and Greenland have 100 percent literacy rate. That is the cause of their development.

At third, here comes the legitimate and responsible gov-

ement. The good governance can pull up the country from crisis and put it on the way of development. If the government of a state is ir-responsible, lacks vision and has lust for power only then there is no way to real development and growth of the nation. Franklin D. Roosevelt the most famous president in the history of United States said; It was the legitimate government of United Kingdom who pulled-out the state from the Great Recession of 1937. If the government is legitimate and responsible the development of state is inevitable.

Enforcement of law and order is mandatory for the real development, when injustice prevails in the society the development goes out of the society. To ensure the real development of a nation every one should be below law. Magna-Carta is the begining of the development

of western countries when King transferred all powers to parliament and went under the law, before this agreement King was above law. In Islam Muslims were told to prevail justice and fair dealings. Quran says; when you judge; judge between them with justice. Hazrat Umar (R.A) established Qazi courts and ombudsman courts to ensure law and order in the Islamic society.

The real development demands the provision of food and alleviation of poverty. United Nations zero hunger sustainable development goal is to ensure the supply of food to all. In Pakistan there are many people who are living below the poverty line and are not able to earn the bread of one time in a day. The African countries lag behind from all other countries

of the world, they are unable to supply basic needs to their citizens.

~~Zimbabwe~~ ^{Yemen} ranked 121/121 in global hunger Index. United nation says the hunger issue of Zimbabwe is "alarming". Without the basic and fundamental needs of the states how can a state be developed and progressed? No, there is no way of growth and development when the state is fail to provide fundamental basic rights to its citizens.

Information technology, innovation and enhanced infrastructure is also mendatory for the real development of the nation. Now, the whole world is employing information and technology to be succeeded in the world and to transform the lives of the people. Information technology and innovation has transformed the lives of the people and made their lives easy. The information

Technology has saved the lives. The miracles of technology cannot be counted. Artificial intelligence, vaccines, third generation anti-biotics, radio-therapy, automobiles, airplanes, generators, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, air conditioners, internet, mobile phone, nuclear weapons, satellites all these innovations are done to transform and improve the lives of the people so that they can take productive part in the growth of the nation.

Al-Jazeera network reported that about 4.6 billion people approximately 64 percent world population uses internet. The information technology has improved every domain of human life. The introduction of e-governance, e-commerce, digitalization of many institutes, SWIFT, online trading, satellites and nuclear weapons have changed the lives of people.

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The economic and real growth is linked with the facilitation and ease of business. How much facilities government supplies to the nation for doing business, how much taxes and tariffs are imposed on imports and exports, how the government provides subsidies on the product for the relief of people, how complicated the registration and taxation of a business it is in the state - these all factors decide the ease of doing a business in the country. Zimbabwe is ranked 167 in 191 countries for doing ease of business index.

Eradication of corruption is another indicator given by united nations for sustainable and real development. The corruption prevails in the society like cancer. Pakistan is a developing country and the

main hindrance in the way of its real development is corruption—present in every private and public sector.

Pakistan stands 140th out of 191 countries at **corruption Perception Index**.

The european developed countries are leading in the world. **Denmark**

with zero corruption is ranked 1st at **corruption perception index**. These

ranks and index shows that the developed nation invested in

their human capital, worked for the prosperity of people then the people worked for the real growth of the nation.

The last but not the least factor which paves the ways of development is regional and global integration and partnership. The different regions combine for the betterment of the region and economic growth

and trade, security and co-operation. The best example of regional co-operation in south Asia is **South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC)** it includes South-Asian countries and ensures the goals of regional safety, security, peace, economic growth and regional free trade. Another powerful example is from Europe - **European Union** comprises thirty two countries from Europe and the main objectives for the countries of European Union are: regional co-operation, one common currency, common military forces and free trade and transport in the region. The example of global co-operation is **United Nations** in which one hundred ninty three countries of the world co-operate with each other to resolve the international and crisis

These all factors contribute to the progress and real development of any state. Now we **case-study Pakistan** that how many indicators of real and sustainable growth, Pakistan has achieved. The **literacy rate of Pakistan is 62.7%**, and Pakistan lags behind in South Asia for its low literacy rate, because Pakistan is spending less than **2 percent of GDP** on education system. There are **32000** madrasahs in Pakistan in which millions of students are learning religious education but there is no modern, scientific or skill education so these millions are unable to secure any job or do their own business. **24.5 million** unskilled workforce is a burden on state. If ~~we~~ the **Legatum Prosperity Index** is observed Pakistan stands at **136 out of 191**. The corruption is prevailing like a cancer in the whole country.

Pakistan ranks 140 at corruption perception Index (CPI). The global index for doing business Pakistan stands at 147th position out of 191 countries. These all arguments are proving that Pakistan is not on the right track of growth and development so its a developing country struggling to achieve the growth and development.

Hence, in a nutshell it can be said that mere economic growth is not the objective rather its the development and prosperity and transformation of people that actually ensure real development. When state ensures the transformation of lives of its people through education, health facilities, eradication of corruption, business facilities, legitable governance, eradication of poverty and zero hunger then this will ultimately leads to the real development of the nation.