



"INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GANDHIAN VALUES"

**IC 187- Philosophy of Sustainability
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INTRO

COMPETITIONS ALL AROUND

- Leviathan
- US Vs USSR

- Social Darwinism
- Competition occurs not for mere existence. It continuously finds rooms for unhealthy competition between primarily men, between social institutes etc even for nothing.



MAJOR FINDINGS

WHO REALLY SUSTAINS

- Ecology and Economics, impossible to separate.
- Sustainability in Agriculture
 - *GM Crops by Monsanto
 - *Bolgurad2
 - *Farmer Suicides and Collateral Damages.
- Sustainability in Ecology
 - *Nature- Silent and Biggest victim of socio- economic and political transformations of 21st century
 - *Water Reduction in Cochin area.



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- *Sustainability in Health Care*

- *1991- MNCs in Health Care

- *Health was to become a commodity like any other and its provisions were to be determined by the market forces.

- *Malaria Deaths in AP.

- *Sustainability Infrastructure*

- *10 million people displaced by development projects are still waiting rehabilitation.

- *MIG Planes and Chikapur.



POLITICS OF SUSTAINABILITY

- Politics understood as the creation of a vision that can respond to and change with the changing world.

* Toxic waste dumping in Zambia

* Walk out of African Countries from COP-15 summit.



ACADEMIC POLITICS OF SUSTAINABILITY

- Common trend in universities
- From College level to International level: spending Millions of Dollars.
- Speaking for sustainability under AC, holding plastic bags.
- Education to construct, not to destruct.



RESULTS AND IMPLICATIONS

- Sustainable future: The Ecology and Economy.

The Ecological Faction

- * Permaculture- careful and contemplative observation of nature and natural systems, and of recognizing universal patterns and principles, then learning to apply these 'ecological truisms' to one's own circumstances.
- * aims to create stable, productive systems that provide for human needs.
- * Permaculture Model.



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○ Economical Faction

* Gandhiji and His idea of economics

* "Small is Beautiful" by EF Schumacher

* Ujamaa Villages



WAKE UP THE END IS NIGH!!!!!!!

- Sustainability; interwoven between Ecology and Economics.
- Synergy of ecological and economical factions of sustainable development can contribute to create stronger system.
- Concept of “Strong Democracy”.
- From Representative Democracy to Participatory Democracy.



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