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Sustainable development has now become a prime concern of socio-economic and political scenario. It is not a problem of a nation or country in particular if it is not achieved but the problem of whole world in order to maintain peace and harmony. How we can attain the sustainable development? Is the need to hour, for this, 17 goals and 169 targets have been prepared by UN organization. In this paper the researcher will focus on the 16th goal of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); Peace, Justice and institution with reference to Bertrand Russell’s Philosophy of peace and inclusiveness. Russell was a great mathematician who turned to the philosophy.

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Sustainable development means continuous development without destroy the resources. The term sustainable development acts as the unifying principle for accomplishing our development goals, while still ensuring we don’t exhaust natural resources for coming generations.

Sustainable development is the need of present time as population is increasing day by day and resources are limited. It has been ethically represented in the Gandhian perspective "The Earth has enough resources for our need but not for our greed." In India there was a social system to use resources systematically and there were some rituals like; worship of Peepal tree, Tulsi plant, and Cow is treated as a mother to protect the resources.

Now Sustainable development is the overarching paradigm of the United Nations. The concept of sustainable development was described in 1987 by Brundtland Commission Report as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”^[1] There are four dimensions to sustainable development – society, environment, culture and economy– which are intertwined, not separate.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership.^[2]

1.	No Poverty	2.	Zero Hunger	3.	Good Health and Well-Being
4.	Quality Education	5.	Gender Equality	6.	Clean Water and Sanitation
7.	Affordable and clean energy	8.	Decent work and Economic growth	9.	Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
10.	Reduced inequalities	11.	Sustainable citiesand Communities	12.	Responsible Consumption and Production
13.	ClimateAction	14.	Life below Water	15.	Life on Land
16.	Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	17.	Partnerships for the Goals.		

These goals of sustainable development are needed by every nation and every society. Every nation or country is trying to achieve at least one of them.

We need to think philosophically on above mentioned goals with a critical approach towards sustainable development. Again it is imperative to mention that philosophical ideas of peace and inclusiveness, may not be directly related with Bertrand Russell’s writings, as we did. But a philosophical treatment leading to trace rationale of SDGs can be compared with Russell’s basic philosophical assumptions.

2.Philosophy of Sustainable Development goals:

The agenda of SDGs is a global commitment to plan and action for people, planet, prosperity and partnership. This is a commitment with a significant focus on strengthening universal peace with larger freedom. Due recognition has been given to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions. It is significant to notice here that eradicating poverty has been recognized as indispensable requirement for sustainable development, need not to say that it seems poverty can also be considered as root cause of hunger, ill health respectively, that’s why it is the 1st goal to

attain.

Philosophically analyzing the concept of SDGs is to make an attempt to understand human being in its totality and also with relation to other living-beings as well as nature. Our intention to discuss SDGs in philosophical terms is to elaborate notion of human being as more comprehensive one that includes its biological, emotional, societal, and ethical needs with more focus on its responsibility towards every creature of nature. This way, educating people on SDGs will aim to create a world where there is no poverty, no hunger, and no discrimination in the society. In particular, each girl and woman can feel safe and enjoy full gender equality and all legal, social and economic barriers have been removed. The People should be healthy and free from diseases. Philosophical approach echoes here to create a socio-political environment among the nations and societies by their collective efforts to attain these goals, to make a violence free world where everyone can live without fear, everyone get equal opportunity for quality education. UN organization want to build universal respect to human rights and human dignity.

Coming to the determination to foster peaceful just and inclusive societies which the document considers prerequisites for a universe free from fear and violence. The document categorically mentions inter-dependability of peace and sustainable development. "There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development."^[3]

For the development of the human beings, making life easy and comfortable has been one of the predominating desires, it leads to blind race of urbanization and industrialization through which consumption of resources became a trend. Unlike this, in the initial days scenario was different, there were no issues related with increasing population as well as no environmental issues. But as this development went on and the people became self-

centered and greedy, they started to exploit the nature and other living creatures.

So the sustainable development was introduced. Sustainable development is the way to save our planet and develop our planet many more. Development doesn't mean to exploit the nature and our planet and the other living creature also. Development means favorable environment for everyone, no one left behind.

The philosophical analysis of the universal commitment of the document is needed with reference to eastern & western intellectual tradition. Here researcher tends towards tracing conceptual roots of SDGs. In the thoughts of Bertrand Russell "Remember your humanity and forget the rest."

In this Russell pointed out that humanity is supreme and then Nationality comes so he opposed the World wars, he was in the favor of peace. Although Russell belongs to the political background but yet he was not in the favor of political power on the cost of humanity. After World War II he realized that war is always destroy the humanity. For this Russell draw up a manifesto to ban the nuclear weapon named as "Russell-Einstein manifesto (1955). He send this manifesto to various eminent scientist. "War does not determine who is right only who is left."^[4] For this Bertrand Russell established a peace foundation in 1963.

3.Tracing Peace oriented Concerns and Inclusiveness in SDGs

Peace is the necessary component to flourish, peace is the need of every society and every nation for development. After the 2nd world war in 1945 United Nation Organization was founded by 51 countries to maintain international peace and security. The work of the United Nations reaches every corner of the globe. This work of UNO is best for peace building, peacekeeping and control the conflicts among different countries and it is very beneficial for humanity. UNO is

determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. When we explore the 17 Sustainable Development Goals given by UNO we find that these goals indicate the inclusion of all even the life under water and life on land, it mean each and every creature on this planet has a significant role so UNO included all in the SDGs. Goal 5th is Gender equality which means inclusion of all without discrimination on the bases of gender. As we all know that new generation cannot come with a single parent and the nature cannot survive with only one so each gender has the equal place in this world. We all know that in Indian mythology Lord Shiva embodied as 'Ardhnarishwar', which means both genders are equal. Goal 10th shows that we all are equal so that there shouldn't inequality. According to these goals there should be inclusion of all, not only humans but all living organisms either live on land or in water. According to the UNO all the countries are committed to support for those countries who are furthest behind. These are the signs of inclusion.

4. Bertrand Russell's Philosophy with Reference to Peace and Inclusiveness

In the thoughts of Bertrand Russell it is imperative to derive his philosophically oriented concerns towards existence of 'humanity' with reference to those vary values which promote peace and understanding. "Remember your humanity and forget the rest" Was the pronouncement of Bertrand Russell when he categorically opposed the World Wars. Russell was very concern for peace so he wrote many writings against war. For these writings he was faced legal action by the government of Britain. He was dismissed from his designation and fined 100 pounds.

It can be rationally derived from his favorable stand on remembering humanity and making a call to nations, institutions and individuals to join hands for strengthening peaceful coexistence humanity. As we know that he was in

the favor of peace. Being a Mathematician having in-depth understanding of science and ethics he draw up a manifesto to ban the nuclear weapon named as "Russell-Einstein manifesto (1955)." He send this manifesto to various eminent scientist. After World War II he realize that war is always destroy the humanity. "War does not determine who is right only who is left." For this Bertrand Russell established a peace foundation in 1963. This foundation was established to carry forward Russell's work for peace, human rights and social justice. The aim of foundation is to identify the reason of violence and oppose it, throughout the world.

"Diversity is essential to happiness and in Utopia there is hardly any. This is a defect in all planned social system." We can see diversity all around in the world which is given by nature & because of this diversity we are able to survive so we should respect the diversity. Russell was in the favor of inclusion; inclusion of humanity, inclusion of societies and inclusion of nations to avoid the destruction and wars. Humanity is the only quality of human being which make the human different from other living creature. In the Bertrand Russell's perspective necessity of diversity is the form of inclusion. Inclusion can only be achieved in the peaceful environment.

- In 1916, Fined 100 pounds and dismissed from Trinity College as a result of anti-war writings; denied a passport and so unable to lecture at Harvard.
- In 1918, Imprisoned for five months as a result of anti-war writings.
- In 1961, imprisoned for one week in the connection of anti-nuclear

5. SDGs in the light of Indian philosophical traditions.

Our scriptures say a harmonious relationship between man and nature is crucial to mankind's survival and sustenance.

In ancient Bharat, people were concerned about

environment. They had to follow such rituals (rishirina, devrina, pitririna)^[5] which were for protection of nature. Ancient people of Bharat worshiped the Goddess Nature (Matabhoomi putro aham prithivyah)^[6]. They believed that nature is our mother & we have to protect it and conserve it. In Vedic culture, Yagnas were done to cleanse the surrounding air by placing focus on environmental cleanliness.

The protection and care of nature is safeguarded by DHARMA. One might say that the fundamental aspect of Hinduism is that it honors many different aspects of nature including the Sun, wind, Land, Trees, Plants and Water. The traditional practices of respect and protection of animals, including Garuda, Lion, peacock and Snake have been in place for millennia. Lord Rama (incarnation of Bhagwan Vishnu) and Goddess Sita spend her whole life in or around nature.

“Sarve Sukhinasantu Sarve Santu Niramayah
Sarve Bhadrani Pashyantu Ma Kasciddukh-
bhagabhavet.”

(Upnishadh ank Geeta prass Gorakhpur 2004)
In Bharat, people used to think about betterment for all. They thought about the upliftment of the society. Not only society but all the living beings. Not only the living beings but all planets and whole universe also. Like;

ॐ द्यौः शान्तरिन्तरिक्षं शान्तिः, पृथ्वी शान्तरिपः
शान्तरिषधयः शान्तिः ।

वनस्पतयः शान्तरिर्विश्वेदेवाः शान्तरिर्ब्रह्म शान्तिः, सर्वं शान्-
तिः, शान्तरिर्विशान्तिः, सामाशान्तरिर्ध्वनिः

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

Upnishadh ank Geeta prass Gorakhpur 2004)
So we can say that Bharat is a country which has been following the sustainable development concept since thousand years ago.

6. SDGs in NEP 2020:

NEP 2020 significantly focused on Sustainable Development Goals, “The global education development agenda reflected in the Goal 4 (SDG4)

of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by India in 2015 - seeks to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all” by 2030. Such a lofty goal will require the entire education system to be reconfigured to support and foster learning, so that all of the critical targets and goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development can be achieved.”[7]

Conclusion: Sustainable development is the need of present scenario because all human being using the all resources without concerning about the amount of these resources, without knowing that what will pass on to the coming generations? There should be set some goals to achieve sustainable development. Through the philosophical concern we can create a zeal among the people to achieve the sustainable development goals. Russell was a mathematician, scientist and philosopher who was concern about the peace and inclusiveness because without these two we cannot think about the other goals. In Bharat there are so many literature which promote the sustainable development. In the NEP 2020, Government of Bharat mentioned that through the quality education we will be able to achieve these goals.

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