

Volume III, December 2019

Theme: “*Sustainable Development - Possibilities and Challenges*”

Shillong College, a premiere institution in the State and the Region has been able to publish an annual Interdisciplinary Journal with RNI Registration and ISSN number 2581-5253 entitled "Echoes from The Hills", since 2017. This journal is committed to showcasing and publishing innovative scholarly writings from established and emerging academicians and professionals from diverse fields in order to promote dialogue, reflections, enquiry, discussion, solutions and action. The college is preparing to publish the 3rd Edition of the journal with the sub theme entitled "Sustainable Development - Possibilities and Challenges". This issue will attempt to critically analyse, examine issues, concepts, actions and possible solutions pertaining to sustainable development.

Sustainable development is understood as a process of development that meets the needs of the present without comprising the ability of the future generations to meet their own needs (World Commission, 1989). In other words, it denotes the process of maintaining change in a balanced environment, in which exploitation of resources, the direction of investments, the orientation of technological development and institutional change are in harmony and enhance both current and future potential to meet the ongoing human needs and aspirations. For many in the field, sustainable development is defined through the following interconnected domains or pillars such as human, environment, economic and social, but, sub-domains of sustainable development also include many other fields such as, cultural, science, technological, management, political and so on.

Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, prosperity, peace and justice. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 have emphasize 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth and at the same time tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

While sustainable development is the organizing principle for some, for others, the two terms are paradoxical. This volumes' theme entitled "Sustainable Development - Possibilities and Challenges" will focus on the emerging changes, actions, dilemmas and strategies with respect to sustainable growth.

The Editorial Board therefore calls for papers that focus on the above said theme. Authors of the papers are requested to adhere to submission guidelines which are available in the college website <http://www.shillongcollege.ac.in>. The editorial board hopes that the paper contributions will add greatly to the subject and to the Journal itself.