

## ABSTRACT

### COVID-19 LOCKDOWN- IMPEDIMENT OR FACILITATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS?

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This paper discusses interaction between covid-19 pandemic situation and environmental conditions. It gives an overview of recent calamities in the light of sustainable development goals and how India as a country has to go long way in achieving these SDGS. Today's concern is whether covid-19 lockdown has halted or facilitated our efforts to achieve these targets? Perusal of apparent environmental changes brought down by lockdown due to covid-19 crisis reveals that those are short lived and world should follow ceaselessly the path of SDGs. This is only a pointer to the fact that human activities are responsible for environmental damage and that can be undone by restricting excessive human interference in nature. The facilitation of SDGs can truly be done only when governments come together to figure out the aftermath of this pandemic and try to renew and implement the better suited socio- economic environmental policies. Patch up policies to face covid-19 situation, delay in international scheduled efforts or deliberations, undue relaxations would hinder the path of SDGs. Foresight of socio-economic-political issues in emergency situations and framing policies to outsmart the evil effects of pandemic would bring favorable results on the path of sustainable living. This paper also gives suggestions on how countries can achieve the long term environmental goals without getting distracted by short lived environmental successes.