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Birth of an Alternative Development Paradigm

by

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Sunil Ray (Ph.D., Economics) has served as the Director of A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna. Prior to that, he was Dean, School of Social Sciences and Head, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy at the Central University of South Bihar. He was Professor of Economics at the Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, and has taught at National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, and was a visiting fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex (UK) and Institute of Oriental Studies (Russia). Besides, he visited several countries on international assignment. He was awarded senior fellowship by Government of Germany at Max Weber Stiftung (ICAS MP), Government of Germany to work on alternative development paradigm. Professor Ray has 35 years of experience in research and teaching in the field of environmental economics, political economy of development, rural development and institutional economics. He was part of the review mission team of the European Commission and has worked on several consulting assignments with the World Bank and other international organizations. His papers have been published extensively in reputed national and international journals, such as Economic and Political Weekly, International Journal of Ecological Economics, Asian Survey, Savings and Development, Capitalism Nature and Socialism, among others. His essays are published in edited volumes published by Oxford University press and Sage Publications. He has authored several books including *Industrial Growth and Protection in India* (1988); *Natural Resources, Organization and Technology Linkages* (1997); *Agricultural Services and the Poor* (co-authored) (1999); *Management of Natural Resources: Institutions for Sustainable Livelihood* (2008); and *Theorizing cohesive development an alternative Paradigm* (co-ed) (2020).

Abstract:

Based on the lessons learnt from several resistance movements many of which are anti-systemic and radically transformative initiatives around the world especially against globalization, Prof. Ray conceives cohesive development as the alternative development paradigm that offers an alternative development trajectory to set in motion to avert civilizational crisis. It is alternative to the mainstream development paradigm which is rooted in the system of capitalism and has lost its appeal for its devastating effect to humanity and nature. While the moorings of cohesive development are anchored on the principles of solidarity between humans on the one hand and humans and nature on the other, it rejects methodological individualism to shape and direct the development process. Instead, it is reciprocal altruism that enters into this alternative development paradigm as one of its basic constituent elements to determine the development process. The logic of capital as it works in the capitalistic system is replaced here with the new one that seeks to establish radically different social metabolic order. Within the framework of comprehensive co-operation, development is redefined here in that the deprived ones or subordinate groups who are excluded from various forms of power in all aspects of life including economic, social, political, environmental etc may organise themselves with their shared consciousness in to large subjects to build collective understanding about their development objective. Their task, therefore, is to overcome the cultural hegemony of the dominant groups, preserve cultural diversity and negotiate and transact with the state and market for their collective emancipation. They must ensure that all social groups to have a voice through democratic means such as participation, dialogue etc. as ruling by obeying come in to play.