THE RISE OF SOUTH –A STUDY OF INDIA

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ABSTRACT:
The genesis of the term human development as popularized by the UNDP may be found in the writings of the Noble laureate, Amartya Sen and Mahbub-ul-Haq. The ultimate objective of development planning is human development or increased social welfare and well-being of the people. Over the past decades, countries have been converging towards higher levels of human development, as shown by the Human Development Index (HDI), a composite measure of indicators along three dimensions: to live a long and healthy life, to be educated and knowledgeable, and to enjoy a decent economic standard of life. The United Nations has calculated the HDI for its member states since 1975. The first Human Development Report was published in 1990. According to HDR 2013 All groups and regions of the world have seen notable improvement in all HDI components. The rise of the South is the story of a dramatic expansion of individual capabilities and sustained human development progress in the countries that are home to the vast majority of the world’s poor people. In spite of differences in their social structures, political ways and religion, these countries (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and others) have similar socio-economic conditions characterized by large rural populations, and low levels of literacy, life expectancy. This paper aims at presenting the human developments scenario in South Asia as well as in India. According to UNDP report 2013, the average HDI value for the region is 0.558, below the world average of 0.693. Wide disparities remain within these countries. The paper is arranged as: Section 1 - discusses the theoretical framework of HDI, section 2 – presents the human development scenario in South Asia, and lastly section -3 gives the details of Indian economy on the basis of HDI indicators.

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