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On

Sixty Years of Development: A Sociological Assessment

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Presidential Remarks

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Abstract

As we turn 60 years as an independent nation, that too as a democracy, it is useful to look back at the path of economic progress/growth/development. As has been now well documented, growth and development have remained the main preoccupation of successive regimes. It is felt that while taking corrective steps and a sense of pride over the past accomplishments, there has not been adequate appraisal of the social consequences of the pattern of growth and development in India. Sociologists, by and large, have engaged themselves in pointing out to the pre-requisites for a 'take off' towards growth and development rather than assessing and analyzing the consequences of development / varied paths to development. In this sense, the culture concepts have lagged behind in explaining the rapid advances in development.

The lecture tries to focus on some of these dimensions.