## From Chairman's Desk

"**A sustainable world means working together to create prosperity for all**."

To establish Sustainable Development Goals is to galvanize governments and civil society to rise to the interlinked environmental, societal, and economic challenges we face in the Anthropocene. We argue that the process of setting Sustainable Development Goals should take three key aspects into consideration. First, it should embrace an integrated social-ecological system perspective and acknowledge the key dynamics that such systems entail, including the role of ecosystems in sustaining human wellbeing, multiple cross-scale interactions, and uncertain thresholds. Second, the process needs to address trade-offs between the ambition of goals and the feasibility in reaching them, recognizing biophysical, social, and political constraints. Third, the goal-setting exercise and the management of goal implementation need to be guided by existing knowledge about the principles, dynamics, and constraints of social change processes at all scales, from the individual to the global. Combining these three aspects will increase the chances of establishing and achieving effective Sustainable Development Goals.

Ecological, economic, and social systems are increasingly viewed as interlinked and inseparable social-ecological systems. Mounting research is showing that people are part of ecosystems and shape them, from local to global scales, and are at the same time fundamentally dependent on the capacity of these systems to provide services for human wellbeing and societal development. Ecosystem services are the benefits that natural ecosystems provide to people, and are often distinguished as (1) provisioning services, such as food production; (2) regulating services, such as flood defense, which maintain a resilient environment and protect against environmental disturbance; (3) cultural services, which are reflected in religious, recreational, or cultural values and practices; and (4) supporting services, which comprise the underlying ecological structures and processes on which all other services rely.

Transformational change can be accelerated and triggered through social innovations, in the form of new sets of rules and norms, new ways of thinking, and new processes for action and decision-making. They can create social innovation spaces and be designed to integrate the results from these innovation spaces with processes of adaptive goal setting and goal pursuit. Such innovation spaces can play a key role in facilitating transformative change. need to have clear boundaries and purposes in order to catalyze ideas in a certain direction, while leaving room for experimentation, local adaptation, and failure also and thus, will integrate different perspectives and knowledge sets, and facilitate breakthroughs in complex problem domains towards more sustainable policy and management options.

Thanks and regards.

***Progress Update:-Beautification of Park***:- *Beautification work for Park at Municipal Office has been completed.DPR for Beautification of a Park near B.K.C. College has been submitted for approval (scheduled under FY 2016-17)*