

# THINK GLOBALLY; ACT LOCALLY

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This was the head-line motto which appeared on the front cover of the magazine 'FRONT LINE' several years before. Does this sound paradoxical? To act locally the presence of mind would demand that one has to be present on site to act; to think globally the mind would be preoccupied with global matters; apparently mind is not fully on attending to the act. One may find this is all about the "long-term" and "short-term" of it; the durable provision for the welfare of all and the immediate needs and necessities of a few concerned. In this process sustainability is a factor that provides for the reconciliation of the "long-term" and "short-term "availability" of resources - the depletion; conservation; generation (conventional, non conventional).

For a scheme for the above perspectives it becomes necessary for every individual to be knowing how delineate the jurisdiction of the terms leading to indicate the range for the spheres referred by surrounding; environment and eco system. What one can refer to as surrounding can include the sphere of the living of a few people? For example members of a family could be furnishing their residential building so that as much conducive as possible for their living; employees in an office building can be deciding about the provisions in the office building. These can be typically referred to concerns of maintaining the conditions of the surrounding.

When an air conditioner is functioning in a residential building, to start with, the local conduciveness for living at home is the most satisfying feature in view of the people's inevitable option to have the air-conditioner installed. The chloro-fluoro-hydrocarbons as refrigerating material did not seem much harmful to health of humans. But the possibility to reach out for the happenings in the atmosphere and the impending hazards detected, then the realization came about the chloro-fluoro carbon emissions proved to be dangerous for the flora and fauna: thus what was a matter of surrounding had consequence outside the jurisdiction of a surrounding of a few and became a factor for environmental hazard. For this context it is quite possible to envisage what it could mean to be thinking globally and acting locally. In this case outside the surrounding means environment and environment escalates to eco system to be affecting flora-and-fauna.

Such an awareness of systematic delineation for getting to know about what is happening around inside and outside of the surrounding and the cause and effect of vitiating living conditions, would enable to reduce the dilemma in the minds of the younger generation about the global thinking and local acts. Similar approaches for the consequences of energy production and consumption, the phenomena of acid rains and the consequences are to be introduced to children along with assigning origin, necessities, and consequences in terms of repeated emphasis on the terms relevant for the delineation as mentioned.

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