

Fossil fuel, such as coal, oil and natural gas are extensively used in many countries which cause harm to the environment. The use of alternative sources of energy, including wind and solar power, however is being encouraged in many countries. Is this a positive or negative development?

The world requires energy to function. At present, the major share of this energy comes from fossil fuels. Recognising the potential dangers caused by fossil fuels on climate, many countries have now started focussing on clean and renewable sources of energy like solar and wind. In my opinion this is a positive development

Conventional sources of energy are non-renewable and have adverse effects on environment. The polluting gases released by fossil fuel based power plants, of which carbon dioxide is the major component, have drastically changed the world's climate and average temperature of the earth. The world has started facing repercussions of climate change and it has started causing devastation all over the world. Fossil fuel based power plants are the major sources of greenhouse effect. They will cease to exist when oil and coal wells get depleted. It is in this context that alternative sources of energy like solar and wind becomes all the more important.

Alternative energy sources like solar and wind are perpetual sources of energy. They are clean and will be available as long as the earth and solar system exist. Gradually, it will enable humankind to reduce and replace the dependence on fossil fuel based power plants. There are other sources of energy like nuclear and tidal which can also be sourced to meet the ever increasing human need of energy.

The aforementioned facts vindicate the view that switching over to alternative sources like solar and wind is a positive development. To conclude it is high time that the world move on to renewable sources of energy