CLIMATE CHANGE, FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (4IR) AND COVID_19 TRIGGERING A NEW ECONOMIC RESET

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In recent years, 'global warming for climate change' becomes an issue of concern to the world leaders as it affects both living and business environment. The global warming triggered by human beings increases the natural greenhouse effect and leads to apparent changes to the climate. Whilst climate change discussion is still on-going, the issues regarding the fourth industrial revolution become another relatable situation in the corporate world. Though the Fourth Industrial Revolution is a reflection of desires and choices, the central question to ask is: what should these emerging technologies deliver? And what should be the new set-skills requires for this purpose?

While businesses are yet to come to terms with these fresh challenges, COVID 19 pandemic set in like a tsunami and this COVID-19 pandemic spread speedily, bringing economic activity to a near-halt. The economics impairment is obvious and characterises the economics trauma the world has never experienced in years.

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