

Skill Development Ecosystem

UT: Lakshadweep

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Overview

- ▣ Lakshadweep UT profile
- ✓ Population : 65,473
- ✓ GDP : \$60 Million
- ✓ Male: Female : 1000:945
- ✓ Literacy rate: 92.28 %

Goals of Development

- ◎ Goals of Development Focus on the following Objectives
 1. Rising the Living Standard by enhancement of income & creating employment opportunities – Skill Development
 2. Enhancing the Quality of Life w.r.t
 - a) Improved Drinking Water Supply
 - b) Primary & Secondary Healthcare
 - c) Sanitation
 - d) Inter-island & Mainland Connectivity
 3. Promoting Small family Norms
 4. Ecological Protection
 5. Preserving Existing Social Structure/Cultural Values
 6. Preventing Migration from Mainland
 7. Checking Growth of Social & Economic inequalities
 8. Taking up Sustainable Development Programs

Constraints

- 1) Paucity of Land - 32 Sq.Km
- 2) Water Scarcity - Fresh Water Resources / Drinking Water
- 3) Population Density - 2013 persons per Sq Km
- 4) Topography being flat makes it vulnerable to Normal Disasters
- 5) Sanitation & Waste Disposal - No natural gravity available
- 6) Free Education & Infrastructure - Rising Unemployment
- 7) Lack of Self Employment activities / business / trade - Need for Skill Development
- 8) Connectivity
- 9) High cost of manufacturing / value addition - Marketing Constraints Eg (Coconut & Fish)

Prioritization

1. Ecological Protection - Basic Condition for Survival Growth
2. Egalitarian Social Structure - Harmonious Community Life
3. Consultation with People's Representatives in Development Programs
4. To Enhance Quality of Life - Drinking water / Sanitation / Health / Connectivity
5. Skill Endowment - Widen the skill base to provide high quality of services.

Education

Sarva Shiksha Abyan is functioning well with the focus on capacity development, since enrollment is almost 100%. Emphasis now is on improving the quality of education by empowering DIET with full 13 Faculty members from the best available talent in the islands.

Focus is also on improving IT education in schools. The state need post graduate seats in Medical field to ensure that they have local candidates for 11 vacant posts of specialists. Secretary health, Govt. of India has been approached for the same. Under the new scheme of MHRD, a College is also being planned in Kadmat and Androth islands.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO

State skill development scenario

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- Considering the potential areas & job opportunities the state proposes to introduce Diploma courses in 1) Marine Engineering 2) Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Tourism.
- The qualified candidates in All India Engineering Entrance Examination from these islands are not able to join NIT because of very late release of quota seats. MHRD has to release the quota seats along with the general allotment, to UTL.
- Launching of Skill Development Mission for providing vocational training and retraining for retrenched workers with a view to generate employment and build infrastructure primarily focus on tourism, fisheries and coconut / coir based industries and agro processing..

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