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## Rural - Urban Disparity in Education, Employment and Household Amenities

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### Abstract

*Reduction in rural-urban disparity has always been a key priority area in the development and poverty reduction agenda. Education plays a pivotal role in reducing disparity among households as it increases the capacity and skill of people to work and earn. Compared to other states of India, the educational level as well as the cost of education is very high in Kerala. But it is fact that the extent of unemployment particularly educated unemployment is severe in rural counterparts than in urban areas. The problem of unemployment created high shortage of income among rural households which results in disparity in income and asset distribution. This paper focuses on the extent of rural – urban gap in the distribution of education, employment and household amenities among household.*

**Key Words:** Rural-Urban disparity- Education- Employment- Household Amenities- Economic Growth- Economic Development

### Introduction

**T**he key priority area in the growth and poverty reduction agenda is to reduce the rural urban disparity among households. The disparities are visible in economic and non-economic spheres of human life. As per 2011 Census, rural population constitute more than one third