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SPATIAL EXPLORATION OF THE LITERACY INTENSITY OF
SUNDARBAN

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Abstract: The spatial variations of the literacy intensity of any regions reflect its educational standard and its diverse dimensions of development and Sundarban region of West Bengal is no exception. Education is probably the most important amongst the three elements of human development to quantify the Human Development Index (HDI) for any region. Thus education holds the prime priority for development of all the region and Sundarban is no exception. The literacy level of Sundarban is not far ahead than other backward areas of West Bengal. In the present era of globalization, ‘Education for all’ has become the matter of human rights. Various developmental schemes of the Central and State Government, like Mid Day Meal (MDM), Sarva Sikhsha Aviyan (SSA) etc. are able to make some positive loop and make a paradigm shift in the educational sector after crossing the first decades of the 21st century. The Sundarban region might be more developed than the present if its literacy echelon and educational sector improves much more. Proper education can make the inhabitants of the region more conscious and aware to do their betterment themselves as well as to save the biodiversity of the mangrove forest area of Sundarban. Thus an attempt has been made to portrait the spatial explorations and developmental scenario along with the regional disparities of the literacy status of Sundarban in the present paper.

Key words: Education, HDI, Spatial intensity, Regional disparities, Sundarban

Introduction

Education is one of the main elements among the three to measure Human Development Index (HDI). Thus education holds the prime priority for development of all the region and Sundarban is no exception. So far the educational standard is concern, all the blocks are not highly developed and henceforth they are not equally enlightening for the advancement of the society and strengthening the economic base of Sundarban. Sundarban should be more developed than the present if its educational sector improves much more. Proper education can make the people aware and more conscious about their betterment and necessity to save the forest area of Sundarban.

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