

Population Density and Urbanisation in Kerala: Impact on Environment

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ABSTRACT Although Kerala – a highly densely populated state – has achieved lowest levels of fertility and mortality in the country, the population is bound to increase for at least 40 years before attaining stability. As a result, population density and tempo of urbanization will continue to rise and this will definitely impinge seriously on the environmental problems of the state. The major source of atmospheric pollution will be due to the emission of lethal gases from vehicles. Further, Kerala poses the prospect of a large number of urban slums. Housing in urban areas is yet another problem to reckon with.