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## Current Status of Education System in Western Maharashtra: A Geographical Exploration

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### Abstract

Literacy rate is one of the important demographic elements, which is a good measure of human progress towards modernization. (R. S. Patil) Literacy reflects the socio-economic and cultural set up of a nation, ethnic group or community. Literacy is essential not only for eradication of poverty, but also for mental insulation for cultivating peaceful and friendly international relations and for permitting the free play of demographic process as well. Literacy rate is one of the important demographic elements, which is a good measure of human progress towards modernization. Literacy has been defined as the ability to read and write with understanding. Indian literacy is characterized with sharp differences in between the rate of male and females; of rural and urban areas; and of various population subgroups. There are inter-regional variations in literacy rate among Western Maharashtra. The literacy variations are quite significant between male-female and rural-urban in this area. In this present paper, the western Maharashtra region is selected for analyzing these variations of literacy and differential of literacy. For this study, the secondary data are used which collected from socio-economic abstract of district. The collected data are analysed by using statistical and cartographic techniques. Such type of study represents real situation of literacy in Western Maharashtra which helps to planners, scientists and research scholars.

### Keywords

Differential Index, Female literacy, Male literacy, Urban literacy, Rural literacy

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