

## **Progress of Human Development in India**

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**ABSTRACT** Many economists in recent decades have pointed out that the third world countries have remained underdeveloped on account of underdevelopment of human resources. Human development is the end while economic growth is only a means to this end. The ultimate purpose of the entire exercise of development is to treat men, women and children – present and future generations – as ends, to improve the human condition, to enlarge people's choices. In terms of human development, India with a Human development index value of 0.611 stands 126<sup>th</sup> Place out of the 177 countries for which Human development report 2006 calculated the index. The reform process will not be able to achieve the objective of human development, because the private sector is merely concerned with profit motive. Therefore, large –scale investments in human resources are needed under public sector if physical capital available is to be exploited in a more efficient way. Human development index of India has improved from 0.515 in 1990 to 0.611 in 2004, but India still has miles to go before she can enter the group of high human development countries. The process of development has to accelerate the pace of human development. In this paper an attempt is made to highlight some of the factors which promotes human development.