

## A BRIEF REVIEW OF POPULATION POLICY IN INDIA

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Population growth in India has always been an obstacle in the path of economic development. Even if GDP increases, the large population size reduces the per capita income of the country. Population size is also one of the major environmental issues faced by a country. Therefore it is utmost important for a country like India, which is densely populated to have control over its growing population size and to aim at population stabilization. India was the first country in the world to adopt a Family Planning Programme in 1952. It brought subsequent measures and population policies to control population size and ultimately stabilize it. The objective of this paper is to review the various measures adopted for population stabilization by the Government of India during the planning period.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Population Growth, Family Planning, Population Policy*