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# **TOPIC: Need for Balanced Regional Development in India**

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- **To minimize backwash effects:**
- According to Gunnar Myrdal, the regional disparities in the developing countries have been caused by the strong backwash effects and weak spread effects. The profit motive in a capitalist system accentuates disparity by the free play of market forces. So, a country like India should endeavour to minimize the backwash effects through deliberate state intervention.

- **Need for faster growth in economy:**
- A balanced regional development is needed for our economy because the advancement of the entire economy hinges on the development of all regions keeping in pace with their factor endowments.
- In the long run, the progress of the national economy will be the result of the growth realized by different regions.

# To develop the economy smoothly:

- Smooth development of the economy calls for the removal of regional disparity, because the low level of economic development in backward enclaves would only retard the development of more advanced areas.

# To develop and conserve resources:

- The aim of regional development should be to conserve available resources by the sustainable development of agriculture and industries.

# To maintain political stability:

- Increasing regional disparity is a source of political tension and instability in India. And without political stability, economic advancement is not possible.

## To overcome social evils:

- Balanced regional development in India is needed for the removal of social evils like caste bias, communal bigotry, corruption, etc. Only balanced development can ensure enlightenment of people.

## To promote employment opportunities:

- Regional imbalances lead to low income, unemployment and low output among a vast section of population. In order to remove these evils, all-round development is necessary in India.



- **To provide a strong India:**
- A striking disparity in the levels of development of a country like India is not a healthy trend vis-a-vis the safety and security of the nation. Unbalanced development increases the risk of groups of people becoming disenchanted and falling prey to the ploys of anti-national elements. Furthermore, the few developed regions could easily be targeted by enemy at war and short strikes could virtually paralyze the whole country.