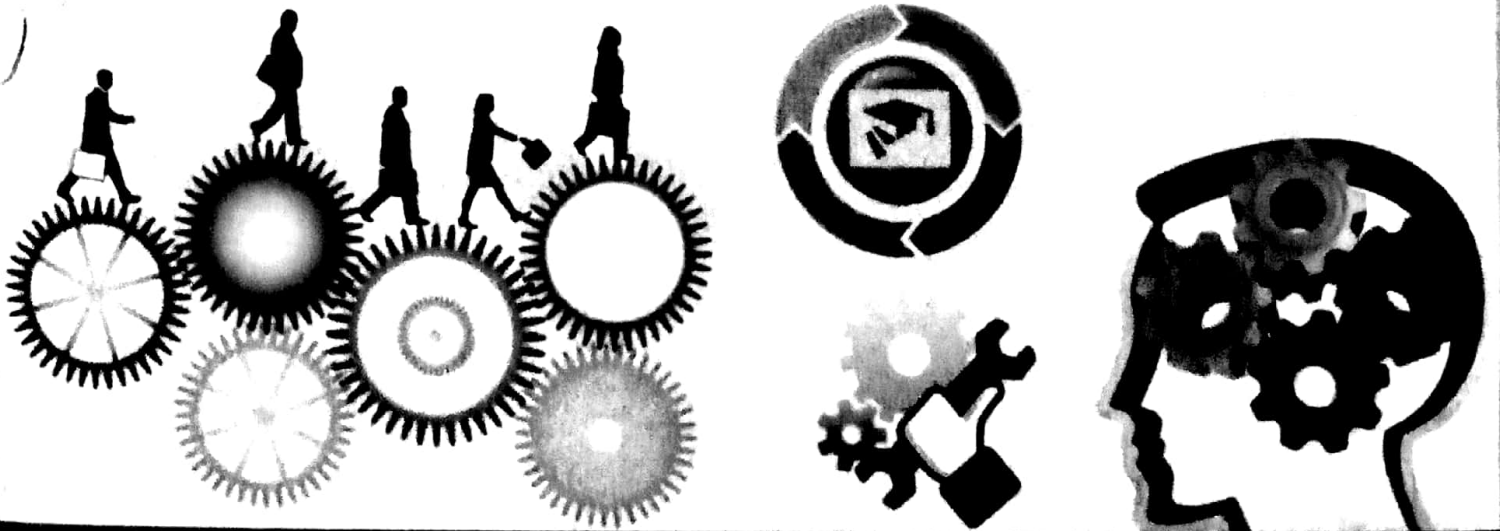


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Introduction

Skills and knowledge are the driving forces of economic growth and social development of any country. They have become even more important given the increasing pace of globalization and technological changes provide both challenges that is taking place in the world. Countries with higher and better levels of skills adjust more effectively to the challenges and opportunities of globalization.

As India moves progressively towards becoming a 'Knowledge society' it becomes increasingly important that the Eleventh Plan should focus on advancement of skills and these skills have to be relevant to the emerging educational environment. The Eleventh Plan aims at launching a National Skill Development Mission which will bring about a paradigm change in handling of 'Skill Development' programmes and initiatives.

According to the Population Prospects, the 2015 revision, released by the United Nations, India is to become the world's most populous nation in less than a decade - or six years earlier than previously