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**Socio-Spatial Transformation of Settlements Adjoining Development Project Site - A Case of Vizhinjam International Deep Water Multipurpose Seaport**

Vizhinjam International Deep Water Multipurpose Seaport (VIDMSP) is a development project by government of Kerala. However, along with the anticipated economic development of the state, the project also brings with it some issues to the adjoining settlements. This paper is an attempt to understand the positive and negative impacts of development projects on adjacent communities, with special reference to Vizhinjam International Seaport. In addition to this, the socio – spatial transformation of adjoining settlement during project phases validated through structured questionnaire survey. The findings and analysis reveals that there are several negative impacts on adjoining settlements like loss of traditional occupation, reduction in annual income, health and housing related problems etc. An asset based community development and capacity building approach is recommended for solving the problems that faced by the local adjoining community. This approach includes increasing the self-sufficiency of local community and providing technical assistance for accessing port related jobs.