

# Migration from Uttarakhand: Issues and Challenges

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## Abstract

With the passing of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2000 (No. 29 of 2000) by the Parliament of India, which received the assent of the President of India on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2000 and published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary, Part II, Section 1, No. 37, on Friday, August 25, 2000), the State of Uttarakhand was born on 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 as the twenty seventh state of the Republic of India. The state, originally, named Uttaranchal, consists of thirteen districts which comprise of the six hilly districts viz., Dehradun, Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Uttarkashi, Rudrapur and Chamoli of the Garhwal Subdivision and the five hilly districts, viz. Nainital, Almora, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar and Champawat of the Kumaon Subdivision of the erstwhile undivided State of Uttar Pradesh. Since this state was born as the outcome of a long agitation of the people of the hilly regions and districts of the undivided State of Uttar Pradesh, who felt that their all round development was not possible if they continued to form the part of Uttar Pradesh. Therefore, to meet the long standing aspirations of these people of Kumaon and Garhwal, the State of Uttarakhand was formed in the year 2000. Since it is well known that the hilly regions of Kumaon and Garhwal are underdeveloped owing to the tough geographical terrain of this region, therefore, the life style of the people inhabiting this region of Uttarakhand is really very tough and hard as compared to the people living in the plains and cities of the country. For many centuries, this region has remained undeveloped because the Government of the erstwhile undivided State of Uttar Pradesh could not focus its primary attention to the development of this region. Therefore, even after the formation of a separate State of Uttarakhand, this region still today suffers from underdevelopment as far as educational, medical, transport and employment generation opportunities are concerned for the inhabitants of this region. In order to look for better opportunities

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