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## **ROLE OF SELF-HELP GROUP FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN LAKSHADWEEP**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The enchanting group of coral island in Arabian Sea forms the union Territory of Lakshadweep. This archipelago consists of 12 atolls, only ten are inhabited. The Island, earlier known as Laccadive. Minicoy and Amindivi are irregularly scattered between 8 and 12.30 north latitude and between 71c east longitudes, away from Kozhikode by about 200 to 400 kms. The island which were administrated at various place were grouped into a Union Territory of Lakshadweep with effect from November 1, 1973. In1984, the administration was shifted from Kozhikode to Kavaratti Island. Self Help Group emerged as popular method of working with people in recent years. It is emerged in order to help poor women to secure inputs like credit and other services. SHGs are effective in rousing poverty, empowering women, creating awareness and ensure sustainability of environment which finally results in sustainable development of nation. This paper tries to explain Role of women in Lakshadweep, Socio-economic status of women in Lakshadweep, Characteristics, Needs, Functions and Objective of SHGs in Lakshadweep

**KEYWORDS:** Lakshadweep, Women Entrepreneurship, Self-Help Groups, Socio-Economic Status