

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONCERNS OF NITAQAT: A STUDY IN MALAPPURAM DISTRICT IN KERALA

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ABSTRACT

Nitaqat is a government initiative in Saudi Arabia that seeks to enhance employment prospects for Saudi nationals while lowering the nation's dependency on foreign labor. This study looks on the socioeconomic effects of Nitaqat on returnees who have returned home after working abroad in the past. Data from a variety of sources, including collected from the victims of Nitaqat by using a structured questionnaire, academic publications and official reports, were used in the study. The investigation is concentrated on how Nitaqat affects the economic and employment results of returnees. It also makes an attempt to analyze how Nitaqat and their monthly income before and after return are affected on their investment decision.

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