

M.A./M.Sc. Geography
Second Semester
Paper – III (42363) Regional Development and Planning

Unit – I

- a) Concept of space, area and locational attributes
- b) Development: concepts and indicators; planning: concept need and levels
- c) Region: concept, types and deli; planning regions: need, characteristics and hierarchy
- d) Heritage of regional development theory: regional science, regional economics and theoretical geography

Unit – II

Main themes of regional development theories:

- a) Economic growth doctrines and their impact on regional development (E. Hoover, D.C. North, F. Perroux, W. Isard)
- b) Theories of transmission of economic growth (G. Myrdal, A.O. Hirschmann, H.S. Perloff, I. Rodwin, J. Friedmann); UN sponsored policies and programmes
- c) Debate on the relevance of development theories: Rethinking of development (D. Seers, Club of Rome, H. Chenery, the neo-Marxists); territorial v/s functional regional development (J. Friedmann); Theories of regional underdevelopment (D. Slater, D. Forbes); development from below (W. Stohr and F. Toddling, D.A. Rondinelli and K. Ruddle)
- d) Multifaceted paradigms of regional development: Eco-development, 'another' development, sustainable development, development under structural adjustment programmes

Unit – III

Regional planning strategies:

- a) Urban-industrial growth pole strategies as a tool of diffusion of modernisation
- b) Neo-populist regional development strategies: Integrated rural development, basic need approach, target area and target group approach
- c) Multi-level regional planning
- d) Peoples participation in the planning process; Panchayati Raj system; role and relationship of Panchayati Raj Institutions (Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad) and administrative structure (village, block and district)

Unit – IV

- a) Delineating regions for planning: planning regions v/s geographical regions
- b) Schemes of regionalization (J. Friedmann, V. Nath, L.S. Bhat, P. Sengupta, Galina Sdasyuk), territorial production complexes
- c) The role of cities and the urbanization process in regional development in India; Planning for supra-urban spaces

- d) The state and regional policy in India; the status of regional planning in the Five Year Plans

Unit – V

- a) National plans: South East Resource Region Plan and The Western Ghat Plan
- b) Administrative machineries of regional planning in India: The Planning Commission, the Town and Country Planning Organization, district level planning
- c) Regional social movements in India and their linkages with state regional policy and development strategies
- d) The New Economic Policy and its impact on the regional structure and regional planning problems in India

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