

ALLIED COURSE PAPER - II

GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA

Course Objectives

The course provides a detailed account of various aspects of physical setting, population composition, resource base and economy of India to non-geography students. The aim of the paper is to provide basic understanding of contemporary Indian geography.

1. Physical setting

1.1 Structure and Relief, Drainage

1.2 Climate

1.3 Soil and Vegetation

- Spate, O.H.K. and Learmonth, A.T.A. (1967) India and Pakistan: A General and Regional Geography, Methuen. Chapter 1, 2 and 3
- Singh, R.L. (1971) India: A Regional Geography, National Geographical Society of India, Varanasi, Chapter 1
- Husain, M. (2012) Geography of India, Tata McGraw Hill, New Delhi, Chapter 4.

2. Population Composition

2.1 Population Size, Growth and Distribution.

2.2 Literacy and Sex Ratio

2.3 Work Force and Occupational Structure

- Tiwari, R.C (2012) Geography of India, Prayag Pustak Bhawan, Allahabad. Chapter 27.
- Chandana, R.C, (2013) Population Geography, Kalyani Publisher, New Delhi. Chapter 8.

3. Resource Base

3.1 Livestock (Cattle and Fisheries)

3.2 Minerals (Iron, Mica and Aluminium)

3.3 Power (Coal and Hydroelectricity)

- Mamoria, C.B. (1980) Economic and Commercial Geography of India. Shiva Lal Agarwal & Company, Agra. Chapter 7 and 8.
- Tiwari, R.C. (2012) Geography of India, Prayag Pustak Bhawan, Allahabad. Chapter 17.
- Gautam, A. (2012) Advanced Geography of India, Sharada Pustak Bhawan, Allahabad. Chapter 9.

4 Economy

4.1 Agriculture, (Rice, Wheat, Sugarcane, Cotton).

4.2 Industries (Cotton Textile, Iron Steel and Automobile)

4.3 Trade and Transport.

- Gautam, A. (2012) Advanced Geography of India, Sharada Pustak Bhawan, Allahabad. Chapter 14
- Tiwari, R.C (2012) Geography of India, Prayag Pustak Bhawan, Allahabad. Chapter 11, 24 and 25
- Husain, M. (2012) Geography of India, Tata McGraw Hill. Chapter 18

Further Readings

- Bansal, S.C. (2010) Bharat Ka Brihat Bhugol, Meenakshi Prakashan, Meerut.
- Bhat, L.S. (2009) Geography in India: Selected Themes, Pearson Education, ICSSR, Delhi.
- Khullar, D.R. (2012) India-A Comprehensive Geography, Kalyani Publisher. New Delhi.
- Pichamuthu, C.S. (1967) Physical Geography of India, National Book Trust. New Delhi.
- Singh, J. (2003) India-A Comprehensive Systematic Geography, Gyanodaya Prakashan, Gorakpur.
- Singh, R.B. (ed)(2012) Progress in Indian Geography: A Country Report, New Delhi: Indian National Science Academy.