



Course Name: Geography of India and N.E. India
(Generic Elective Course)
Paper Code: GGY-HG-4016
Credit: 6
Total Marks 100
(Theory: 60, Practical: 20 and Internal Assessment: 20)

Course objectives

- This is a core paper which intends to introduce students to India as a geographical entity.
- It seeks to develop new insights among students on significant geographical dimensions of the country along with its north-eastern part.
- A field study is incorporated to make the students understand regional diversity of India with respect to its land, people and economy.

Course outcome

- The paper will be useful for students in developing understanding on Indian geography and its various dimensions.
- It will also be useful for students preparing for UGC NET/SLET examinations along with civil services and other competitive examinations.

Part A: Theory

Credit: 4

(40 classes of 1 hour duration each)

7. India's location and its significance; administrative divisions. **(2 classes)**
8. Physical setting: Physiographic divisions and their characteristics; Climate and its seasonal and regional characteristics; vegetation; soil types and its distribution. **(8 classes)**
9. Population: Trend of growth, spatial variation in growth and distribution; Age and sex composition; Linguistic and religious composition. **(6 classes)**
10. Agriculture: Regional distribution and production patterns of rice, wheat and millet. **(4 classes)**
11. Industry: Distribution and production patterns of iron and steel, cotton textile and fertilizers; Role of transport system in industrial development. **(6 classes)**
12. North-East India: Land of seven sisters and its locational significance; physiographic framework; forest cover; agricultural practices including shifting cultivation; industrial development scenario; population growth, distribution and ethnic composition. **(14 classes)**

Part B: Practical

Credit: 2

(20 classes of 2 hour duration each)

Unit 1: 10 marks (2 Questions of 5 marks each)

1. Trend of population growth and growth rates in India and N.E. India since 1901 using Census data (Source: censusindia.gov.in) **(2 assignments)**
2. Choropleth mapping to show spatial variation in decennial population growth rate in India. **(1 assignment)**
3. Spatial variation in the patterns of religious composition of population in India and Social composition of population (SC, ST and General) in N.E. India using pie-graph. **(2 assignments)**
4. Trend of foodgrains production (rice, wheat, maize, barley, jowar and bajra) in India since 1950-51 using band-graph. **(1 assignment)**
5. Map showing distribution of major tribal groups in North-East India **(1 assignment)**

Unit 2: 6 Marks (4+2)

6. Preparation of field report based on field study of observational knowledge about the geographical personality of any part of India/N.E. India under the guidance of teacher(s).

Unit 3: 4 Marks (2+2)

7. Practical Note-book and viva-voce.

Reading List:

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