

ELECTIVE COURSE – III – INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Module – 1 Natural Resources and Population

Natural Resources – Meaning and Importance – Forest resources – Energy resources – Mineral resources – water resources – Environmental degradation – Indian population size, density and distribution – problem of urbanization – National population policy – the concept of Human capital and its development.

Module – 2 Poverty and Unemployment

Poverty – its dimensions, nature and causes – Poverty alleviation programmes – Unemployment and its types – New Employment Policy in X Plan – inequalities in distribution programmes and measures – causes of income inequalities – suggested measures to redress inequalities – parallel economy : meaning, magnitude and consequences – causes and remedies.

Module – 3 Foreign Trade and WTO

Direction of foreign Trade – Balance of payments – The New Economic Reforms – India's foreign Trade Policy – WTO – Features and assessment – Globalization: Features and problems.

Module – 4 Agricultural and Industrial Sectors

Technological change in Agriculture – pricing of agricultural inputs and outputs – Agricultural marketing – New agricultural policy – issues in food security – policies for sustainable irrigation – new industrial policy – Problem of sick units – privatization and disinvestments – Labour market reform.

Module – 5 Planning in India

Objectives – achievements and shortcomings – agriculture, industry and social sectors – Plan performance to tackle poverty, inequality and unemployment.

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