

**Dr. B. R. AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY**

**Faculty of Social Sciences**

U.G. ECONOMICS SYLLABUS (Under CBCS)

B.A. III YEAR

**Semester – VI: Discipline Specific Elective Course (Credits - 5)**

**COURSE – VIII (C): ECONOMICS OF DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE**

Paper  
VIII A  
(8A)

**Block – I: Economic Development and Growth**

Unit – 1: Concepts of Economic Growth, Development: Distinction between Growth & Development: Objectives of Economic Development- UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Unit – 2: Indicators of Economic Development: National Income, Per Capita Income, Physical Quality of Life Index (PQLI), Human Development Index (HDI), Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index and other Major Indices.

Unit – 3: Underdevelopment and Deprivation — Characteristics of Underdeveloped Countries – Factors Hindering Economic Development – Factors Promoting Economic Development.

**Block – II: Demographic Features**

Unit – 4: Population and Economic Development – Theory of Demographic Transition  
Concept of Population Explosion- Demographic Dividend.

Unit – 5: Human Resource Development and Economic Development – Measurement of Human Development Index (HDI).

**Block – III: Theories of Economic Development**

Unit – 6: **Balanced Growth strategy:** Ragnar Nurkse, Lewis Theory of Unlimited Supply of Labour and Rosenstien Rodan's Big Push Theory.

Unit – 7: Hirschman's Unbalanced Growth Strategy, Schumpeter's Theory of Economic Development – Choice of Techniques.

**Block – IV: Infrastructure and Economic Development**

Unit – 8: **Concept of Infrastructure** – Infrastructure and Economic Development – Infrastructure as a Public Good and Its Characteristics.

Unit – 9: Social Infrastructure: Education, Health, Hygiene and Insurance.

**Block – V: Physical Infrastructure**

Unit-10: **Energy: Concept** – Sources of Energy: Renewable & Non-Renewable Energy and Conventional & Non-Conventional Energy – Factors Determining Demand and Supply of Energy – Primacy of Energy in the Process of Economic Development

Unit – 11: Information and Communication Technology (ICT): Role of ICT in Economic Development- Role of Transportation in Economic Development.

**Reference Books:**

Mier, Gerald, M: Leading Issues in Economic Development, OUP, Delhi

Todaro, Micheal P: Economic Development in the Third World, Orient Longman, Hyderabad

Ghatak Subrata: Introduction to Development Economics

Sukumoy Chakravathy : Development Planning - Indian Experience, OUP, Delhi

Misra & Puri: Economic Development and Planning: Theory and Practice

Crew, M.A & P.R. Kleindorfer: Public Utility Economics, Macmillian, London.