

## Paper 17: INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SINCE 1947 - I

### Course Description

Using appropriate analytical frameworks, this course reviews major trends in economic indicators and policy debates in India in the post-Independence period, with particular emphasis on paradigm shifts and turning points.

### Course Outline

#### **1. Economic Development since Independence**

Major features of the economy at independence; growth and development under different policy regimes—goals, constraints, institutions and policy framework; an assessment of performance—sustainability and regional contrasts; structural change, savings and investment.

#### **2. Population and Human Development**

Demographic trends and issues; education; health and malnutrition.

#### **3. Growth and Distribution**

Trends and policies in poverty; inequality and unemployment.

#### **4. International Comparisons**

### **Readings:**

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10. J.B.G. Tilak, 2007, “Post Elementary Education, Poverty and Development in India”, *International Journal of Educational Development*.

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