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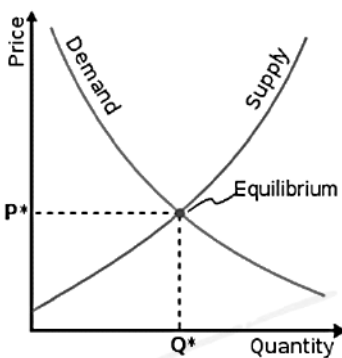
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ECONOMICS

- A social science concerned Mainly with description and analysis of the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services
- Economics is considered as **Dismal** (poor/depressing) science as it doesn't give exact reasons of happenings w.r.t economics
- sometimes regarded as **failed science** as it fails to identify crisis. e.g., 2008 economic crisis, corona crisis etc.
- yet it is **valuable in nature** due to its potential scope, as economic activity is part of everyone's life in form of exchange of goods/services/money.
- It works on demand and supply principle and balancing allocation of scarce resources to fulfill needs (maintaining equilibrium).

Concepts of Economics

Microeconomics

- **Bottoms-up approach**
- It studies how **individuals** and businesses make **decisions to allocate resources**.
- **Supply and demand**, as well as other factors that influence **price levels**.
- Can be **used to make decisions by potential investors**.
- Illustrates the **commodities and services required** for a healthy economy.
- It also **forecasts which items and services are in high demand** in the future.
- **Professor Ragnar Frisch** Coined the term microeconomics and macroeconomics.

Macroeconomics

- Top-down Approach.
- It studies the behaviour and performance of an **economy as a whole**.
- **Focuses** on foreign trade, government **fiscal & monetary policy**, unemployment rates, level of **inflation**, interest rates, the growth of total production output & business cycles that result in expansions, booms, recessions, and depressions.

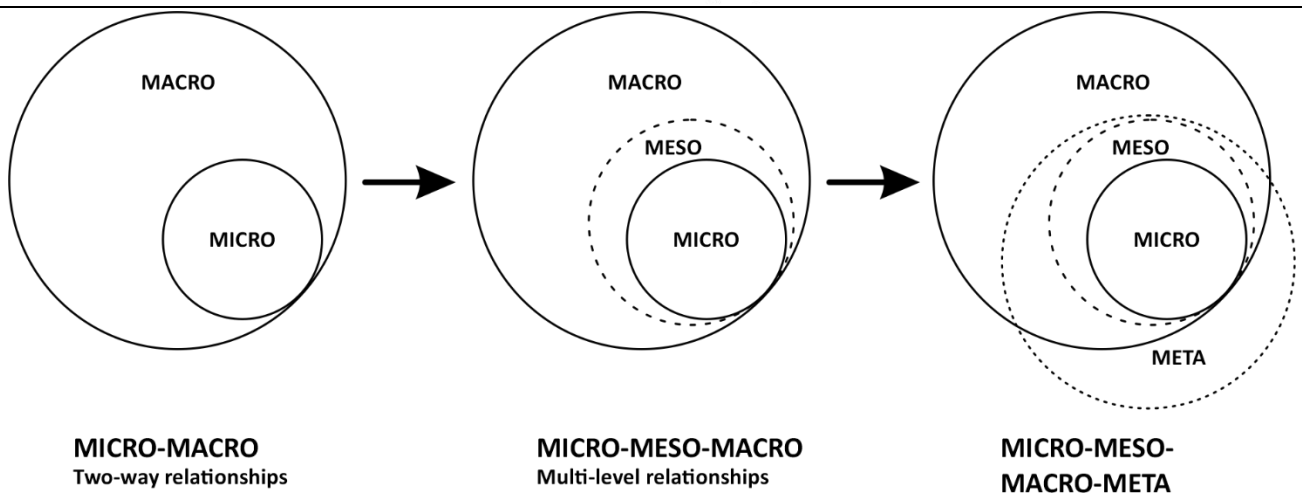
- A **method of analyzing economic and fiscal policy**.
- Ensures that the **country's economic resources** are used to their **full potential**.
- John Maynard **Keynes** is **generally regarded as the father** of contemporary macroeconomic theory.
- It is generally an **advanced and complex form** of economics that deals with the **reasons and impacts of Microeconomics**.

Meso-economics or Mezzoeconomics

- Meso-economics studies the institutional aspects of the economy that are not captured by micro or macroeconomics.
- Meso-economic thinking argues that the country's economy is not a two-, but a three-tier structure
- The most important feature of a meso-economic framework is to study the actual web of contracts, formal or informal, in family, corporate, market, civil, and social institutions

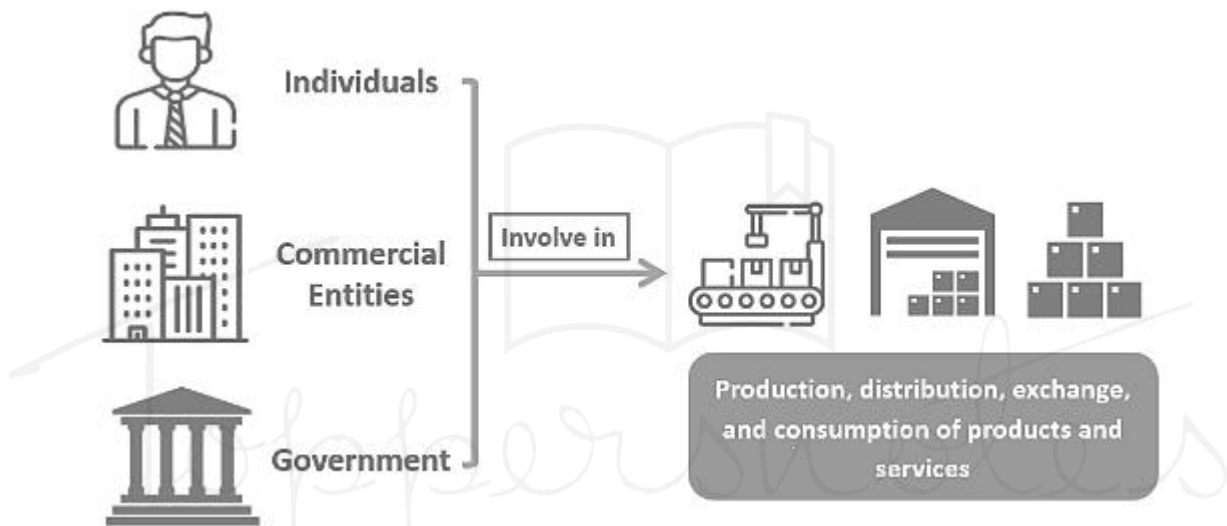
Metaeconomics

- it broadens rational economic choice to include the moral and ethical dimension within a shared other-interest.
- It asks questions like why an economy is more competitive and sustainable than others



Economy and Types of Economy

What is Economy?



Open Economy

- An open economy has economic relations with other countries.
- Economic activities of such an economy are affected by international fluctuations.
- The size of national income may be greater or smaller than the domestic income.
- It is a realistic economy.

Advantages of an open economy

- Greater quantity of goods and services for consumers and increase in competitiveness and, therefore, in the pressure to offer the best quality of goods and services to consumers.
- Job creation by foreign industries.
- It increases investment opportunities, economic growth and economic development.
- Participation of national production in the world economy and greater exploitation of the potential and export to the world.

Disadvantages of an open economy

- Foreign production can pose a threat to national production that doesn't have the same resources or technological advances to compete in quality and price.
- It is susceptible to global risks such as a slowdown or economic crisis. (.)
- a completely open economy risks becoming too dependent on imports.
- Domestic producers can suffer in an open economy because they cannot compete at low international prices.

Closed Economy

- Does not have economic relations with the rest of the world.
- Activities taking place outside the territory do not affect the economic activities.
- There is no difference between national income and domestic income.
- It is an imaginary economy.

Advantages of closed economies

- A closed economy can be beneficial because it can help a country to protect its industries and jobs.
- Price fluctuations can be easily fixed.
- There is no competition in the economy for domestic producers, hence they flourish and grow.
- Self-sufficiency is native to the economy, resulting in saving a lot of foreign reserves and preventing resource outflows

Disadvantages of closed economies

- When running a closed economy, a country has no exposure to the external sector.
- There is no export or import.
- Likewise, there are no capital flows or international financial transactions.

Q. A “closed economy” is an economy in which (2011)

- (a) the money supply is fully controlled
- (b) deficit financing takes place

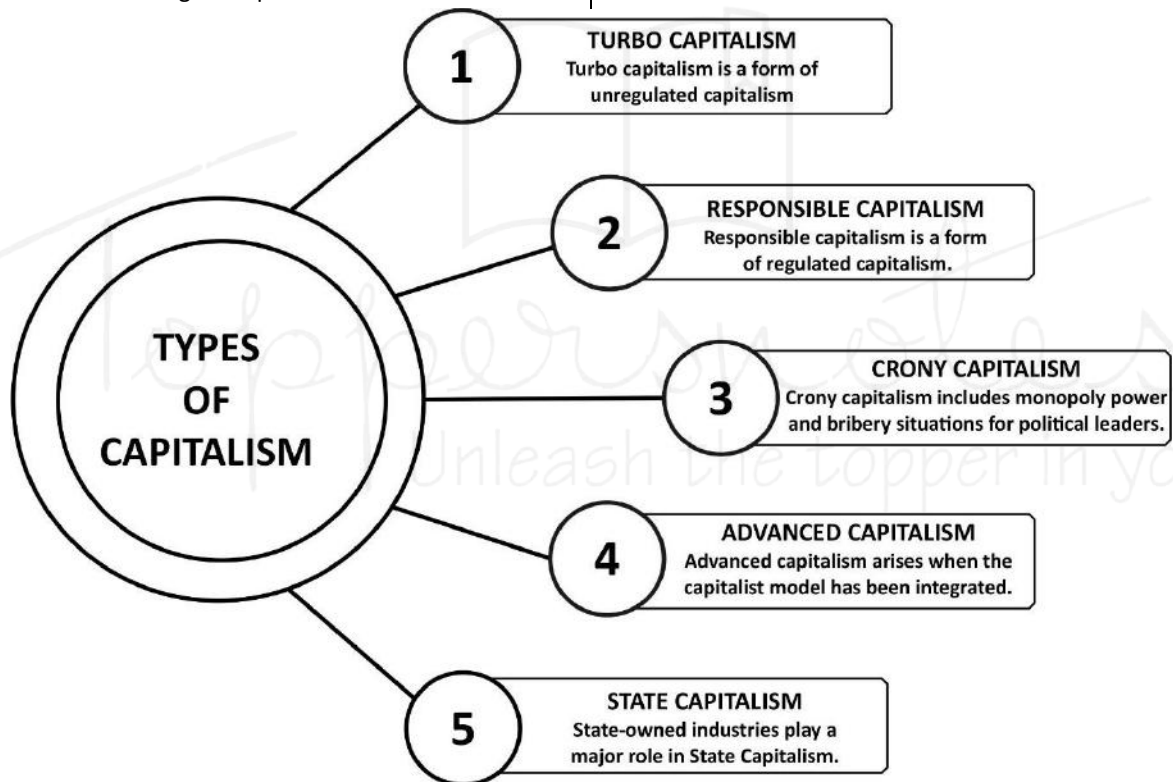
- (c) only exports take place
- (d) neither exports nor imports take place

Solution (d)

Various economic ideologies

Capitalism

- capitalism, also called free market economy or free enterprise economy, economic system, dominant in the Western world since the breakup of feudalism,
- Capitalism is characterized by private ownership, where owners control the factors of production and derive their income from it.
- Owners compete against others in their industries to sell goods at the highest possible price while keeping costs as low as possible.
- In this system competition stabilizes prices while keeping production efficient.



Socialism

- The features of socialism are the opposite of those just listed for capitalism and were spelled out most famously by Karl Marx
- The role of the state will be more comprehensive and it influences every field of public life.
- The state accumulates the sources of production.
- It determines the fields of different businesses and executes them according to priorities.
- In a socialist economy, the means of production are not with the capitalists.

- The state holds the ownership on the means of production and they are utilized for the benefit of the society.
- The state takes steps to uplift the standard of living of the people.
- Economic activities and planning are done centrally.
- Accordingly, the funds are allocated to facilitate the sensible and fair growth of resources for the benefit of all.

- The socialist economy makes equal distribution of income and opportunities without consideration of family, caste and rights of property.

	Capitalism	Socialism
Ownership	Assets owned by private firms	Assets owned by government/co-operatives
Equality	Income determined by market forces	Redistribution of income
Prices	Prices determined by supply and demand	Price controls
Efficiency	Market incentives encourage firms to cut costs	Government owned firms have fewer incentives to be efficient
Taxes	Limited taxes/limited government spending	High progressive taxes/Higher spending on public services
Healthcare	Health care left to free-market	Healthcare provided by government free at point of use
Problems	Inequality, market failure, monopoly	Inefficiency of state industry, less incentives
Advantages	Dynamic economy, incentives for innovation and economic growth	Promotion of equality. Attempt to overcome market failure.

Q. Capitalism has guided the world economy to unprecedented prosperity. However, it often encourages shortsightedness and contributes to wide disparities between the rich and the poor. In this light, would it be correct to believe and adopt capitalism driving inclusive growth in India? Discuss. 2014 (Mains GS 3)

Liberal economics

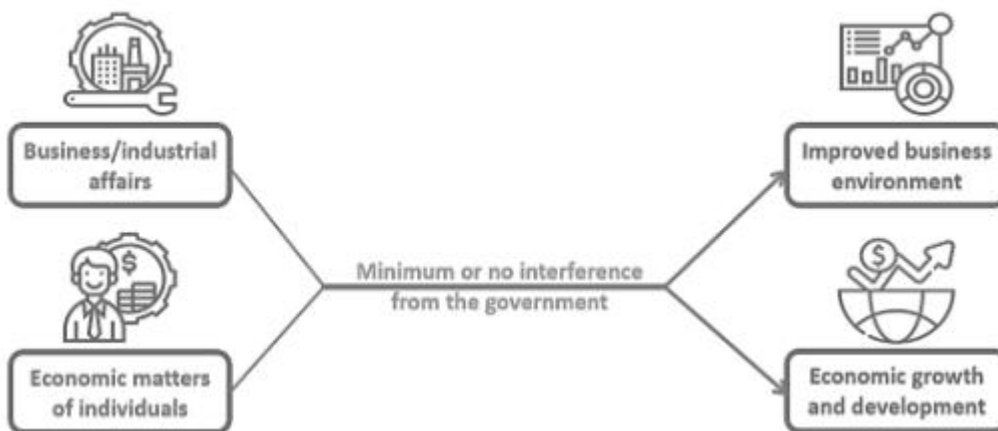
- An economic philosophy is founded on the belief that individuals are rational in the decisions they take in the economic system.
- Producers make goods and services that are in demand.
- Consumers spend their money to realize maximum value for it.

- The rationalities of all the economic actors-producers, traders, consumers and others, add-up to collective and systemic rationality that guides the economy well.

Neoliberalism Theory

- It is linked to a Laissez-Faire Economy, an ideology that advocates for the government to intervene as little as possible in people's and society's economic affairs.
- Focuses on the free trade and privatization etc.
- It favors private enterprise and seeks to transfer the control of economic factors from the government to the private sector.

Laissez - Faire Concept



Keynesian Economics

- Keynesian economics gets its name, theories, and principles from British economist John Maynard Keynes (founder of modern macroeconomics)

- The focus of Keynesian economics is using active government policy to manage aggregate demand to address or help prevent recessions.

- Keynesian economists justify government intervention through public policies that aim to achieve full employment and price stability.
- The Keynesian solution is known as pump priming the economy like Bharat Mala for national highways and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

Keynesian Economics in India

- Achievement of 'education for all' as enshrined in the goals of SDG 4 provides another area of opportunity to expand government expenditure.
- Improvements in SDG 1, i.e. 'No Poverty', can be brought about through expansion of employment guarantee schemes such as MGNREGA in rural areas and expanding it to include informal workers in urban areas as well.
- 'Make in India' is one such initiative launched by the government to boost the export sector.
- The central bank should reduce interest rates and make more money available to consumers and investors and thus create demand and supply like they did aftermath of 2008 economic crisis.

Difference b/w Nehruvian & Gandhian economy

Gandhian economy	Nehruvian economy
His thought is based on small scale and locally oriented production; using local resources and meeting local needs	He personally believed in the values of welfare State and equity.
Gandhi wanted village as an independent unit	Nehru wanted it a subordinate unit to a higher organization
Gandhi wanted a cottage based economy.	Nehru dreamt of major Industries in India.

Chinese Economic Mode/The Beijing Consensus/State Capitalism

- One is that the State owns large businesses itself and they co-exist with the private sector.
- This is a form of market economy capitalism, in which the authoritarian State acts as the dominant economic player, by owning and controlling businesses, and uses markets primarily for political capital.
- It is floated as a rival of the Washington Consensus.
- In this concept State sets long-term strategic priorities, and pursues them in multi-year plans.
- It is called socialism in the format of Chinese characteristics, but critics call it capitalism with Chinese characteristics.

Washington Consensus

- This is a set of economic policy recommendations for developing countries, and Latin America in particular, that became popular during the 1980s.
- It minimized the state's role in the economy
- It pushed an aggressive free-market agenda of deregulation, privatization, and trade liberalized
- In summary, The Washington Consensus recommended structural reforms that increased the role of market forces in exchange for immediate financial help
- The Original Principles of The Washington Consensus is a set of 10 principles.
- These principles are based on tax reform, ownership, trade regulation, exchange rate etc.
- It was aggressively promoted by the IMF and the World Bank.
- It advocates free trade, floating exchange rates, free markets and macroeconomic stability.

Santiago Consensus

- Drafted by the International Working Group of SWFs and welcomed by the IMF's International Monetary Financial Committee in 2008
- This is an alternative to the Washington Consensus.
- The concept of the model is inclusion which should not be only economic but social too.

Abenomics

- It refers to the economic policies advocated by Shinzo Abe since the December 2012 general election.
- It is based upon "three arrows" of fiscal stimulus, monetary easing and structural reform.

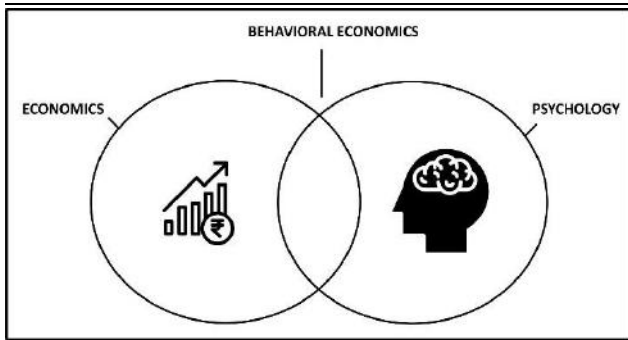
Note- The greatest structural issue facing the Japanese economy is the aging of society and shrinking of the population.

Behavioural Economics

- Behavioral economics combines elements of economics and psychology to understand how and why people behave the way they do in the real world.
- It differs from neoclassical economics, which assumes that most people have well-defined preferences and make well-informed, self-interested decisions based on those preferences.

Note-

- Economic Survey 2019 has brought in the Behavioural Economic Theory that provides insights to "nudge" the people to make economically and socially desirable choices
- In India many schemes that employ insights from behavioral economics have met with success like The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme etc.



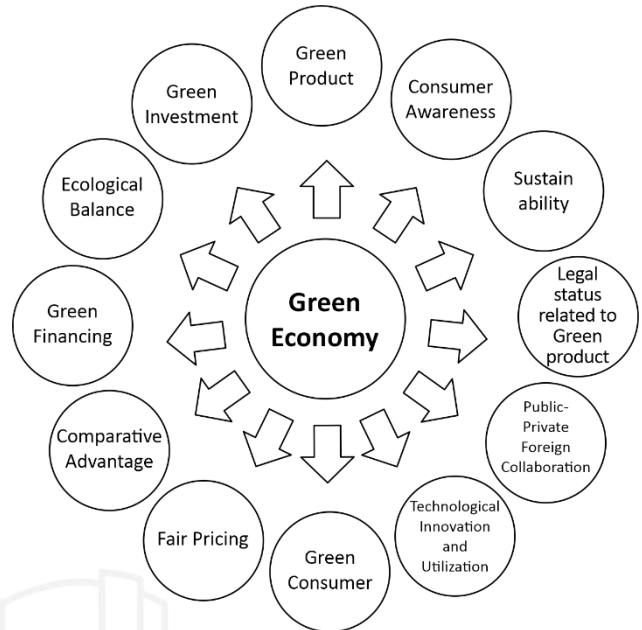
Note -

- In behavioral economics, a “nudge” is a way to manipulate people’s choices to lead them to make specific decisions.
- For example, putting fruit at eye level or near the cash register at a high school cafeteria is an example of a “nudge” to get students to choose healthier options.
- An essential aspect of nudges is that they are not coercive: Banning junk food is not a nudge, nor is punishing people for choosing unhealthy options.

Inclusive Green Economy

- A green economy is defined as low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive.
- It invests in protecting, growing and restoring biodiversity, soil, water, air, and natural systems.
- The Green Economy provides a macro-economic approach to sustainable economic growth with a central focus on investments, employment and skills.

Note - The term green economy was first coined in a pioneering 1989 report for the Government of the United Kingdom by a group of leading environmental economists, entitled Blueprint for a Green Economy.



2 CHAPTER

Economic Growth and Development



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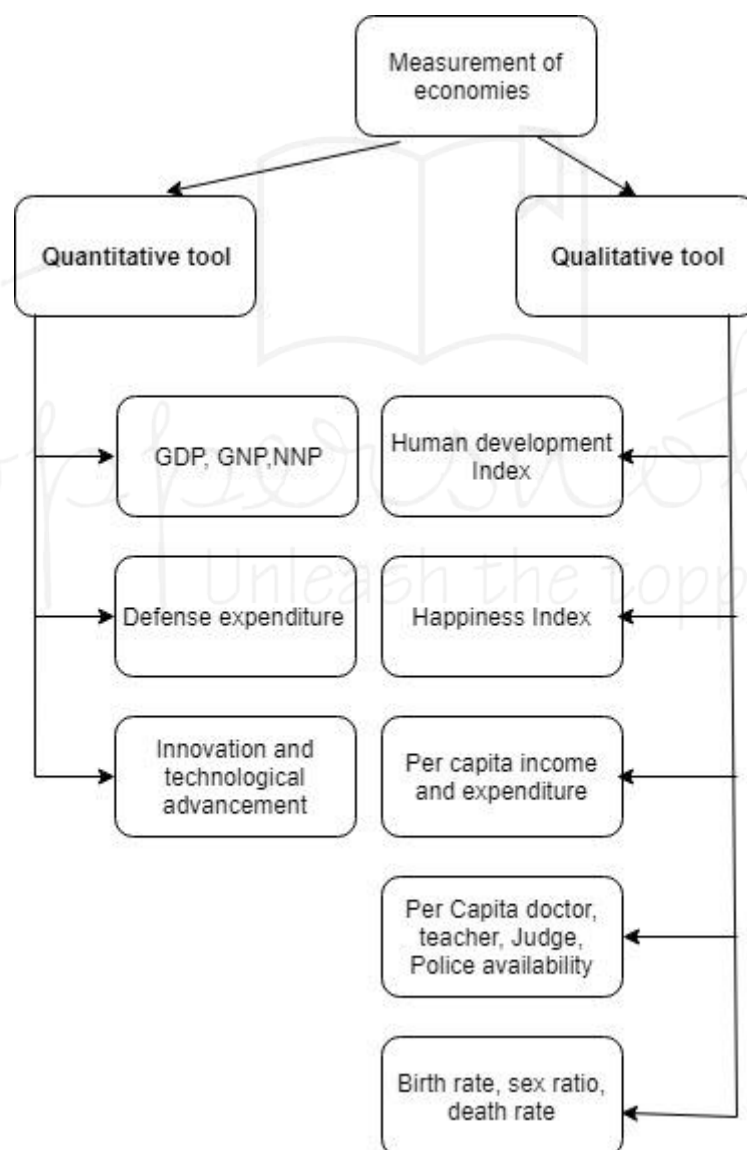
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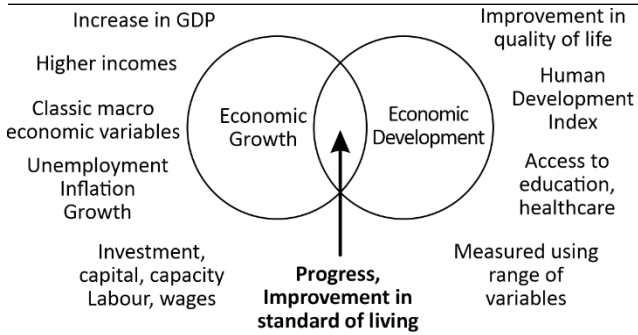
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Economic growth vs Economic development



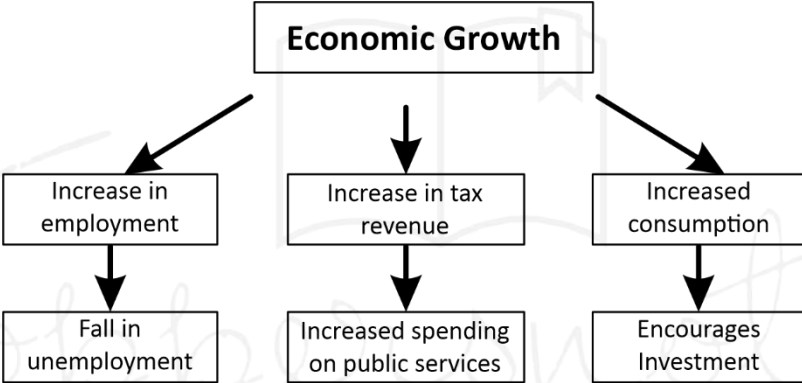


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| 4. Quantitative changes are expected in this process | 4. Both qualitative and quantitative changes are expected. |
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Measuring Economic Growth

- Economic growth is an increase in the production of economic goods and services in one period of time compared with a previous period
- It can be measured in nominal or real (adjusted to remove inflation) terms.
- Traditionally, aggregate economic growth is measured in terms of gross national product (GNP) or gross domestic product (GDP), although alternative metrics are sometimes used.
- In economics, growth is commonly modeled as a function of physical capital, human capital, labor force, and technology.

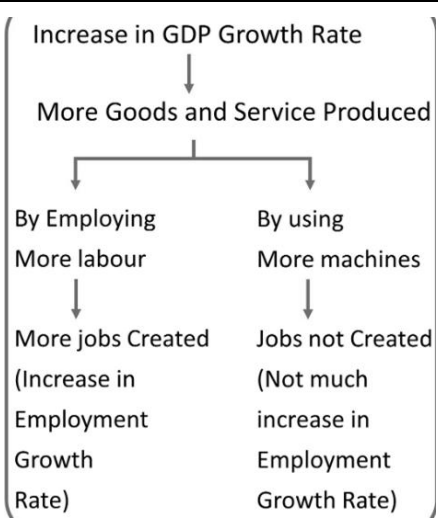
Economic growth	Economic development
1. It is an increase in a country's real income over a period of time.	1. It is a process of increase in income as well as achieving equitable distribution if income.
2. It is a narrow concept.	2. It is broad concept.
3. It is a short-term process.	3. It is long-term process.



Q. What are the salient features of 'inclusive growth'? Has India been experiencing such a growth process? Analyze and suggest measures for inclusive growth.2017 (GS-3)

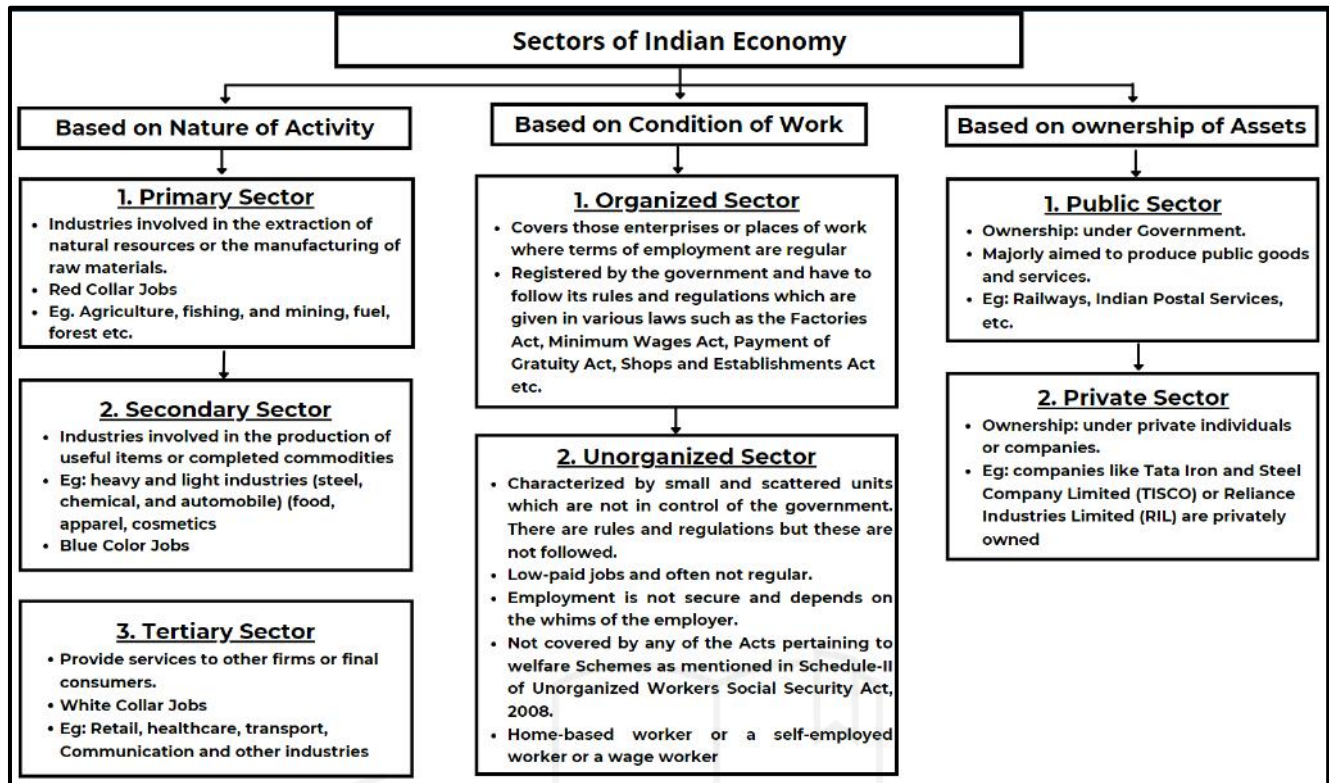
Q. The nature of economic growth in India is described as jobless growth. Do you agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer. (2015) (GS-3)

Relation b/w GDP & Job Generation



Q. Is inclusive growth possible under market economy? State the significance of financial inclusion in achieving economic growth in India. (GS-3 Mains (2022))

Sectors of Economy



National Income

- National income:** The total value of final goods and services produced by the normal residents during an accounting year, after adjusting depreciation.
 - It is Net National Product (NNP) at Factor Cost (FC)
 - It does not include taxes, depreciation, and non-factor inputs (raw materials)

- It Includes: Wages, interest, rent, and profit received by components of products such as Labour, capital, land, and entrepreneurship
- Domestic Income:** Total value of final goods and services produced within a domestic territory during an accounting year, after adjusting depreciation.
 - It is Net Domestic Product at Factor Cost.
- Both NNP and NDP can be measured at constant prices (real income) or market prices (nominal income)

National income: Domestic Income + NFIA

Terms Related to income Calculation

Transfer Payments

- A monetary payment for which no goods or services are exchanged.
- Efforts by local, state, and federal governments to redistribute money to individuals in need are usually referred to as transfer payments.

Market Price

- Price at which a thing is sold in the market.
- Covers wages, rent, interest, input prices, profit, & other costs of production.
- Also covers government-imposed taxes & government-provided producer subsidies.

Factor Cost

- Total cost of all the factors of production consumed or used in producing a good or service.

Depreciation

- The wear and tear of capital assets
- Capital consumption allowance - another term for depreciation.

Constant price

- Constant prices refer to the prices prevailing in the base year. A base year is a carefully chosen year which is a normal year free from price fluctuations.

Basic Price

- Amount a producer receives from a purchaser for a unit of a good or service provided as output, minus any tax due and any subsidy due on that unit as a result of its production or sale.

Aspects of National Income

1. Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

(UPSC Pre 2015)

- Total value of final goods and services produced in a country.
- Estimated at regular periods (such as quarterly, or yearly).
 - For India it is from 1st April to 31st March.
- Production area for calculation of GDP includes
 - A country's geographical borders, including its Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) (up to 200 nautical miles or 360 km)
 - A country's embassy in different nations
 - Production of moving vehicles like ships, aircraft, etc.
- **Goods included:** all final goods and services produced by the usual residents and non-residents in the domestic territory of the country

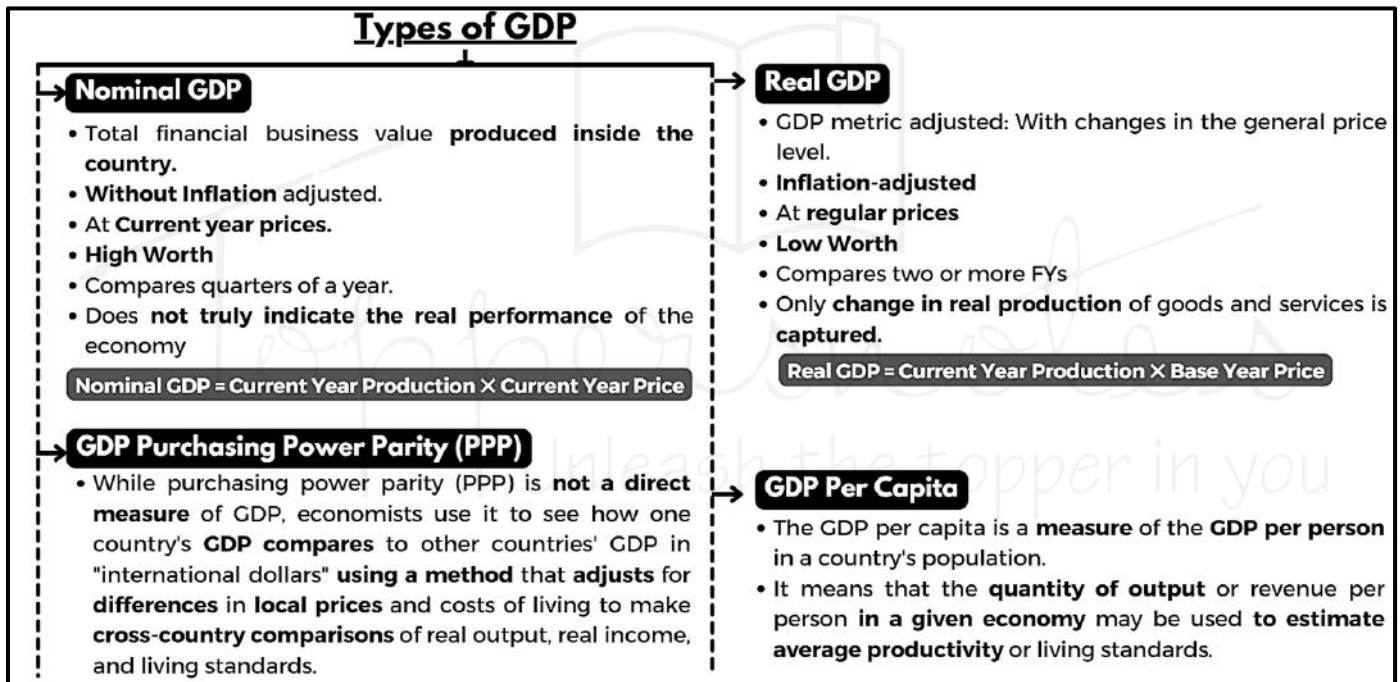
- Does not include Net Factor Income from Abroad (NFIA)
- Calculated by Central Statistics Organization, Ministry of Statistics and Program.
- 'Quantitative concept' and indicates internal strength of the economy.
- Used by the IMF & World Bank in comparative analyses of member economies.

$$\text{GDP} = \text{Consumption} + \text{investment} + \text{government spending} + \text{exports} - \text{imports}$$

Limitations of GDP

- It is quantitative, not qualitative.
- It is range bound-within a territory.
- It does not give an idea about the equal distribution of income and secondhand goods/transactions.
- GDP does not describe what is being produced and doesn't include household work.

Types of GDP



(UPSC Pre 2015)

Various Aspects of GDP Calculations

GDP Deflator

- Ratio of Nominal GDP to Real GDP
- Gives an idea of how the prices have moved from the base year to the current year.

GDP Growth Rate

- Measures how fast the economy is growing.
- Measures the change in GDP in two consecutive years or quarters.

GDP at Market Price (GDPMP)

- Market price includes net indirect taxes along with the factor cost. (Net indirect tax is the difference b/w total indirect tax and subsidies)

GDP at Factor Cost (GDPFC)

- Factor cost is the cost of producing a commodity. It includes the cost of land, labour, capital and the profits of the producer.

Potential GDP

The highest market value of goods and services that can be produced in an economy over a period of time is known as potential GDP. Unlike normal GDP estimates during the current duration, potential GDP seeks to find the highest value that can be obtained.

Determinants of potential GDP

- **Inflation:** The inflation rate in the country in a year influences the GDP
- growth. Higher inflation can boost the potential GDP rate.
- **Recession:** Recession is the slowdown in growth rate for two consecutive quarters. Recession can significantly reduce the GDP.
- **Factory output:** The output of finished goods from factories increases its contribution to GDP. Continuous growth will be suitable for high GDP.

Q. Define potential GDP and explain its determinants. What are the factors that have been inhibiting India from realizing its potential GDP? (UPSC CSE (M) – 2020)

Factors inhibiting the potential GDP of India

- **Low productivity:** High employment generation in the economy will show that the potential GDP is high but it will not be achieved due to low productivity from employment generation.
- **Currency depreciation:** GDP is calculated using American dollars after converting it from Indian rupees. The depreciation of Indian rupees vis a vis the American dollar will reduce GDP value.
- **Decrease in foreign capital:** The inflow of foreign capital may decrease over a period due to various factors. This will result in the economy not being able to emulate the potential numbers.
- **Lack of Infrastructure:** The infrastructure growth in the domestic economy may not be in predicted lines. This will hamper the final contribution to GDP output.

Gross Value Added (GVA)

- Economic productivity metric that measures the contribution of a corporate subsidiary, company, or municipality to an economy, producer, sector, or region.
- Used to adjust GDP and measure how much money a product or service has contributed toward meeting a company's fixed costs.
 $GVA = GDP + \text{Subsidies} - \text{Taxes}$ or
 $GDP = GVA + (\text{Tax} - \text{Subsidies})$

Note -

- The difference between the level of real GDP and potential GDP is known as the output gap.
- When the output gap is positive—when GDP is higher than potential—the economy is operating above its sustainable capacity and is likely to generate inflation.
- When GDP falls short of potential, the output gap is negative.

Green GDP

- Green GDP is a term used generally for expressing GDP after adjusting for environmental damage.
- An Expert Group was also convened under the direction of the Prime Minister by the National Statistical Organization, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India in August 2011 to examine the prospects of developing green national accounts in India.
- Economic assets like oceans, mountains and forests do not have private ownership so Green GDP Does Not Include it.
- Green GDP includes the services which are provided by the environment.

Net Domestic Product (NDP)

- Net worth of all goods and services generated inside a country's geographic borders.
- Value of depreciation of national capital assets such as machinery, houses, and cars are subtracted from the GDP to calculate NDP
- **Other considerations:** such as asset obsolescence and destruction, are also taken into account by the NDP.

Net Domestic Product (NDP) = Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – Depreciation.

- **NDP Will always be lower than GDP.**
- **NDP is not used across world** due to different rates of depreciation

Significance

- To understand the historical situation of the loss due to the depreciation of the economy.
- To understand and analyze the sectoral situation of depreciation in industry and trade in comparative periods.
- Showcase the achievements of the economy in the area of R&D, which have tried to cure the levels of depreciation in a historical period.

Gross National Product (GNP)

(UPSC Pre 2018)

- Total value of all goods and services produced by citizens and enterprises in a country, regardless of where they are produced

- It is the GDP of a country added to its income from abroad.
- **'Income from Abroad' includes:**
 - **Trade Balance:** net outcome at year-end of the total exports and imports of a country

NNP = GNP – Depreciation
 or
NNP = GDP + Income from Abroad – Depreciation

- **Interest on External Loans:** balance of interest on the money lent by the country and the interest on the money it has borrowed from other countries.
 - India has always been a 'net borrower' from the world economies.
- **Private Remittances:** an account of the 'private transfers' by Indians working abroad (to India) and foreign nationals working in India (to their home countries).
- **Factors to GNP:** Manufacturing of items such as equipment, machinery, agricultural products, and cars & some services such as consulting education, and health care.
- The cost of delivering services is not calculated.
- When a citizen holds dual citizenship: GNP per capita is utilized to calculate GNP on a country-by-country basis.
- In that situation, their earnings are counted twice, as each country's GNP.

GNP (Y) = Consumption expenditure (c) + Investment (I) + Government expenditure (G) + Net exports (X) + Net income from Abroad (Z).

- **Y = C + I + G + X + Z**

GNP = GDP ± NFIA

Net National Product (NNP) (National income)

- Value generated by removing depreciation from the gross national product.

- Determines how much a country can consume in a specific period.
- When a country's net national product (NNP) dips or falls,
 - Businesses contemplate shifting to industries that are considered recession-proof.
- It is the Purest Income of an Economy

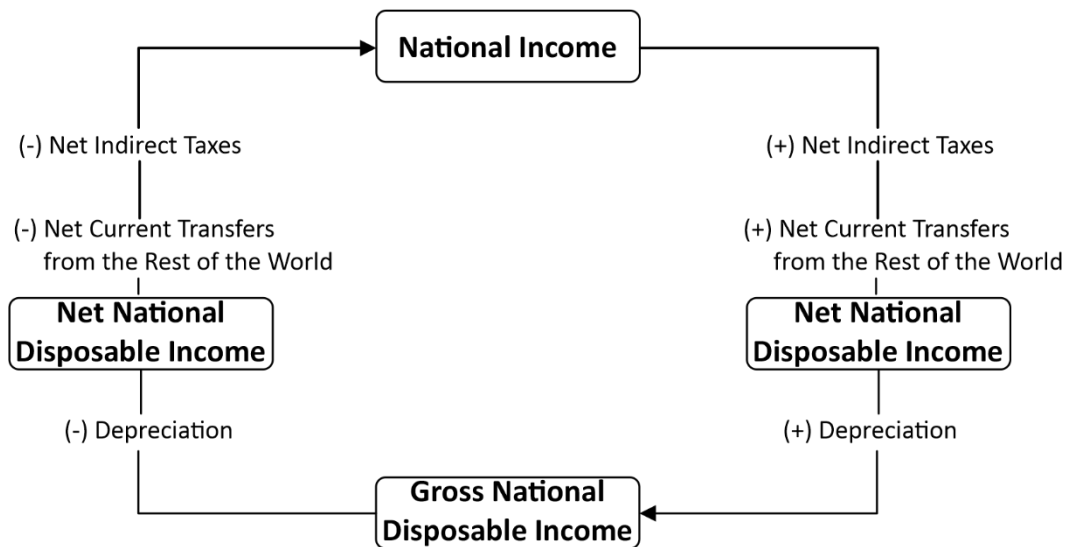
Per Capita Income = NNP/Population

- India Calculates National Income at Market Cost Since 2015. (NNP_{ML} or NI_{MC})
- Market Cost= Factory Cost+ Indirect tax (Centre + State)
- In India rate of Depreciation is decided by the Ministry of Commerce and industry.

Gross Domestic Product GDP	• GDP = Sum of all goods and services produced in a country in given financial year
Net Domestic Product NDP	• NDP = GDP – Depreciation on assets
Gross National Product GNP	• GNP = GDP + Income from abroad
Net National Product NNP	• NNP = GNP – Depreciation on assets • NNP = GDP + Income from abroad – Depreciation on assets

Difference between Personal Income & Personal Disposable Income

Characteristics	Personal Income	Personal Disposable Income
Definition	Refers to the total earnings generated by an individual from investments, salaries, dividends, bonuses, pensions, social benefits and other ventures over a given period	Refers to the amount of revenue or funds a person has after taxes have been paid
Taxes	Is subject to taxes	Is not subject to taxes



Methods of computing National Income



Ways To Calculate Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Expenditure Method	Income Method	Production Method
Consumption + Investment + Government + Net Exports	Wages + Rental rate on Capital + Profits	Final value of all goods and services + Intermediate Costs

Value added / Product /Output method

Value Added Approach = Gross Value of Output
Consumption – Value of Intermediate

Example

Suppose a factory Makes Plastic Bottles. It purchases plastic for Rs. 6000 with this plastic, it makes plastic bottles worth Rs. 10000

In this case –

Sales 10000 – This is called the Value of Output (Value of Goods and Service Produced)

Purchase 60000 – This is called the Value of Intermediate Goods (Expenditure on producing these goods and services)

Profit 4000 – This is called Value Added

Format for Calculating National Income (in Income Method)

Calculation of National Income	
Different Factor Incomes	
Rent	10
Royalty	50
Interest	30
Compensation to Employees	40
Profit	20
Mixed Income	30
Total (Domestic Income NDP_{FC})	180
Add NFIA	20
NNP FC (National income)	200

As per Income Method

We calculate factor income earned
Totaling by all factor incomes
as well as Mixed Incomes

Sum total of this is equal to NDP
FC(Domestic Income)

In this ,we add NFIA (Net factor income
from Abroad) to arrive at National Income

Note

Depreciation is
not reduced in his method

Expenditure Approach

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) = C + I + G + NX

GDP = Gross Domestic Product

- C = The amount of spending on the consumption of goods and services by the consumer
- I = The total amount of spending on the investments in the capital assets by the private sector and the government.
- G = Government spending on the infrastructures to boost the country's economy.
- NX = Net exports of the country.

GDP Calculation in India

- India's Central Statistic Office calculates the nation's gross domestic product (GDP).
- India's GDP is calculated with two different methods, one based on economic activity (at factor cost), and the second on expenditure (at market prices).
- The factor cost method assesses the performance of eight different industries.
- The expenditure-based method indicates how different areas of the economy are performing, such as trade, investments, and personal consumption.

Ways to Calculate Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

(How India does it)

Expenditure method	Value Addition method
Private consumption + Gross investment + Government spending + Net exports <small>(total exports – total imports)</small>	Final value of all goods and services – Intermediate costs

*GDP Indicates, Capacity and Efficiency of Economy
*In India, GDP estimates are prepared every Quarter

CSO Reforms 2015 for GDP Calculation – Income Method



- Although India Calculate its national Income at **constant prices** (developing) not Current Prices (Developed)
- Q. **Do you agree with the view that steady GDP growth and low inflation have left the Indian economy in good shape? Give reasons in support of your arguments. (2021) UPSC CSE (M)**

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- Q. **Explain the difference between computing methodology of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) before the year 2015 and after the year 2015. (2021,GS(M)-3)**

Note -

Base Year - Importance

- The base year prices are also known as constant prices
- they reduce all of the data to a similar baseline, the base year price.
- The base year is a representative year that is free of unusual events like droughts, floods, earthquakes etc.
- This is a year that's very close to the one for which the national accounts statistics are being compiled.
- The base year must be updated regularly to reflect structural changes in an economy, such as a rising percentage of services in GDP like AI products in IT service.

- If the base year can be updated more regularly then data will be more accurate.

MCA 21

- MCA21 is an e-Governance initiative of Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
- It was launched in 2006.
- It enables an easy and secure access of the MCA services to the corporate entities, professionals and citizens of India
- This will help the business community to meet their statutory obligations.
- During the fiscal 2021-22, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) launched data analytics driven MCA21 Version 3.0.
- This Version has additional modules for e-Adjudication, e-Consultation and Compliance Management.
- MCA21 system is the first Mission Mode e-Governance project of Government of India.

Standing Committee on Economic Statistics

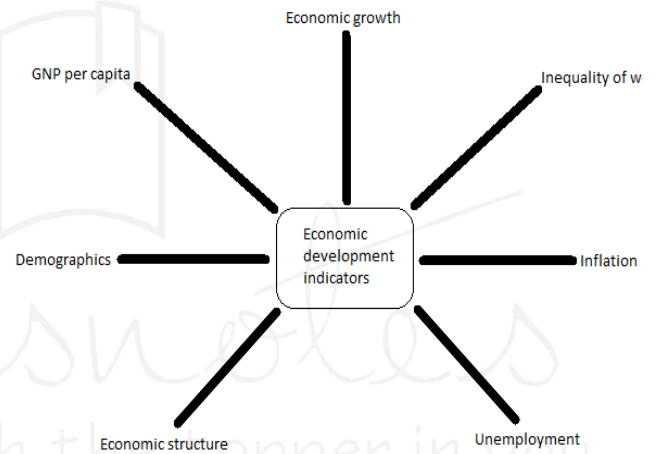
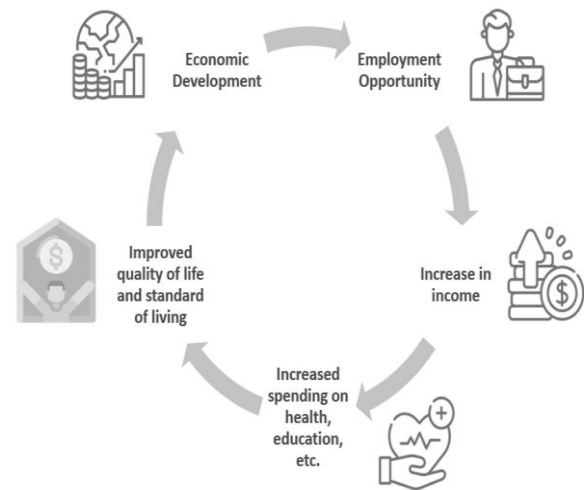
- **Constituted by:** Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MOSPI)
- **Chairman:** former Chief Statistician
- **Functions**
 - **Analyse and Develop:** the country's surveys on employment, industry, and services.
 - Look at the current framework of data sources, indicators, and definitions.
 - For an index of industrial production, periodic labour force surveys, time use surveys, economic censuses, and unorganised sector statistics.
 - 4 standing committees on labour force statistics, industrial statistics, services sector, and unincorporated sector firms will be absorbed into the SCES.
 - 108 economists and social scientists expressed worry over "political involvement" in influencing statistical data in India.
 - Appealed for the statistical organizations' "institutional independence" and integrity to be restored.

Economic Development

- Economic development means an improvement in the quality of life and living standards, e.g. measures of literacy, life-expectancy and health care.
- Development looks at a wider range of statistics than just GDP per capita.
- Development is concerned with how people are actually affected.

- It looks at their actual living standards and the freedom they have to enjoy a good standard of living. (UPSC Pre 2019)

How Economic Development Works?



Note -

Economic Growth

'Economic growth' refers to an increase over time in a country's real output of goods and services - or more appropriately product per capita.

Economic Development

'Economic development' implies progressive changes in the socio-economic structure of a country. Further, development goals are defined in terms of progressive reduction in unemployment, poverty and inequalities.

Economic Underdevelopment

An underdeveloped country is characterized by a low level of per capita income. The Indian Planning Commission defines an underdeveloped country as one which is characterized by the coexistence of unutilised or underutilized manpower and of unexploited natural resources.