

UNIT 1

Understanding Development: Perspectives, Measurement and Sustainability

Learning Objectives

- To know the meaning of development from different perspectives
- To know the indicators of economic development
- Understand the meaning of economic development
- To know the policies for sustainable development



Introduction

The word 'development' is used widely. It refers to the progress of a particular field or a particular person. Similarly, the economic progress of a country is known as 'economic development'. However, the interpretation of the concept development keeps on changing from time to time, from person to person and its meaning gets extended further.

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Different Perspectives About Development

Every human being has an ambition or desire of his or her own to achieve progress in life. Similarly, we have ideas about how a country should progress. If our thinking turns towards progress and about the ways to achieve the many goals for progress, it leads to development.

Let us try to imagine what development means to different people.

