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Ch: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT(NOTES)

READ THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH THOROUGHLY AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND.

Class 12 Notes Chapter 4 Human Development

Growth and Development

- Growth and development refers to changes over a period of time but the difference between growth and development is that growth is quantitative but development is qualitative. Therefore, development is always positive.
- Development cannot take place unless there is an increment or addition to the existing conditions, but growth can be positive, negative or neutral, positive growth does not always led to development.
- Development occurs when there is a positive change in qualities. Earlier economic growth and development of country was seen as one but now they are studied separately.

Human Development

- This concept was introduced by **Dr Mahbub-ul-Haq** in 1990. Human development is described as that which enlarges people's choices and improves their lives, thus creating conditions where people can lead meaningful lives.
- This means that people develop talent, participate in society and be free to achieve their goals. According to **Prof. Amartya Sen**, the main objective of development is an increase in freedom. Freedom to make choices brings development, and social and political institutions play a major role in increasing freedom.
- Building people capabilities in health, education and equal access to resources increases freedom and enlarges choices.

Four Pillars of Human Development

The idea of human development is supported by the concepts of the following four pillars of development:

Equity It refers to equal access to opportunities available to everybody irrespective to their gender, race, income and caste.

Sustainability It means continuity in the availability of opportunities so that future

generations can even use the present resources.

Productivity It means human labour which must be enriched by building capabilities in people.

Empowerment It means having the power to make choices which is possible by increasing freedom and capability.

Approaches to Human Development

There are four ways of looking at or approach the problems of human development. Some of the important approaches are:

Income Approach This approach links the development to incomes as it believes that income determines the level of freedom that one enjoys.

Welfare Approach Under this approach, government is responsible for providing basic facilities like health, education and amenities to people.

Basic Needs Approach In this approach, emphasis is on providing six basic needs i.e. health, education, food, water supply, " sanitation and housing.

Capability Approach This approach is associated with Prof. Amartya Sen and aims to build human capabilities in health, education and-access to resources in order to increase human development