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Preface

The Indian economy has undergone a remarkable transformation—from a state of deep structural weakness at the time of Independence to a complex, fast growing, and globally integrated economy today. Understanding this journey is essential for students of economics, policy makers, educators, and all those interested in India's development experience.

This book has been written with the primary objective of providing a clear, systematic, and student friendly explanation of the fundamental concepts, institutions, policies, and challenges of the Indian economy. Special emphasis has been laid on conceptual clarity, logical sequencing of topics, and linkage between theory and real world economic developments. The content has been structured in accordance with undergraduate level syllabi, particularly for BBA, B.Com, and related courses, while also remaining useful for competitive examinations and general readers.

Each chapter begins with basic concepts and gradually moves towards analytical discussion, making the subject accessible even to first time learners of economics. The book covers India's economic conditions on the eve of Independence, the experience of economic planning, sectoral issues related to agriculture and industry, foreign trade, economic reforms, poverty, human capital, rural development, employment, infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and a comparative analysis of development experiences of India, Pakistan, and China.

An effort has been made to present the subject in a simple language, supported by well organized headings and sub headings, so that learners can develop a strong foundation in Indian economic development. I hope this book will serve as a reliable companion for students and educators alike.

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While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy and clarity, any errors or omissions are solely my responsibility. Constructive suggestions for improvement will be warmly welcomed.

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About the Book

This book offers a comprehensive overview of the Indian economy, combining historical perspective with contemporary economic issues. It is designed primarily for undergraduate students of management, commerce, and social sciences, but it is equally useful for aspirants of competitive examinations and readers seeking a foundational understanding of India's economic development.

The book explains key economic concepts in a structured and easy to understand manner. It highlights the evolution of economic policies, sectoral challenges, and development strategies adopted by India over time. Special attention has been given to critical issues such as poverty, unemployment, human capital formation, rural development, infrastructure, and sustainable development.

By integrating theoretical concepts with policy discussions, the book aims to help learners develop analytical skills and a holistic understanding of the Indian economy. The comparative study of India, Pakistan, and China further enables readers to appreciate different development strategies and outcomes.

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