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CLASS – 9

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Economics

CH–3 : Poverty as a Challenge

Part – 3

Causes of Poverty

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CAUSES OF POVERTY

1. British Rule
2. Land Reforms
3. Population
4. Good Jobs
5. Indebtedness
6. Social Obligations

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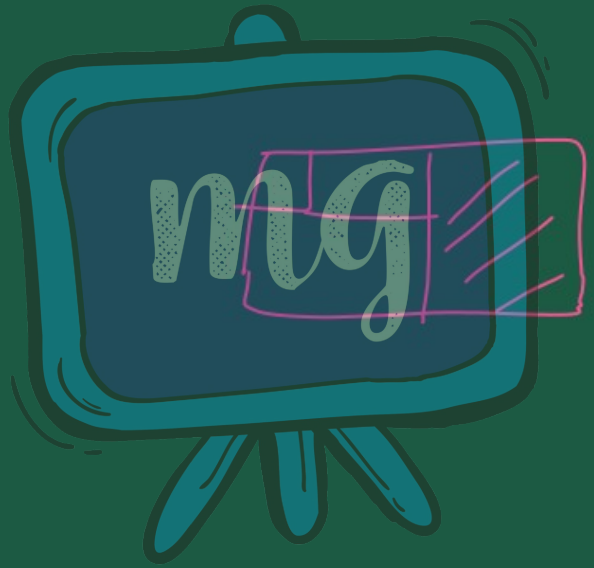

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1 BRITISH RULE

- Low level of economic development and colonial policies increased poverty during the British Rule.
- British Policies damaged Traditional Industries like: -
  - Handicrafts
  - Textiles Industries

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LAND REFORMS

- Unequal distribution of Land and Resources increases poverty.
- Policies like land-reforms haven't been implemented effectively.

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POPULATION

Rapid population increase puts a strain on available resources, making poverty reduction harder.



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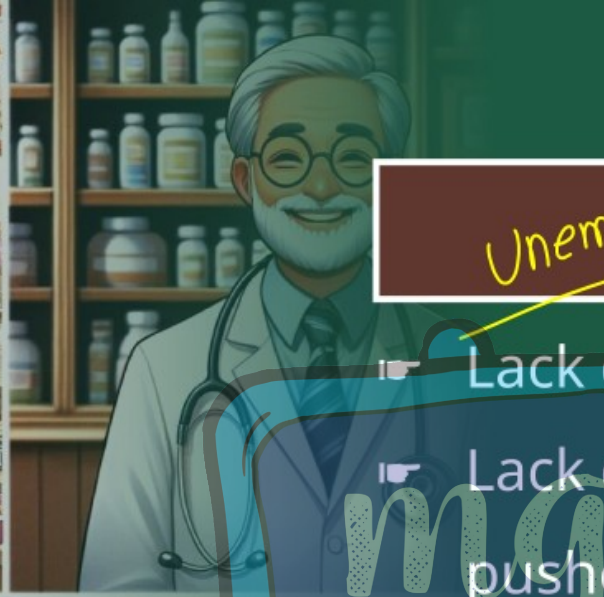



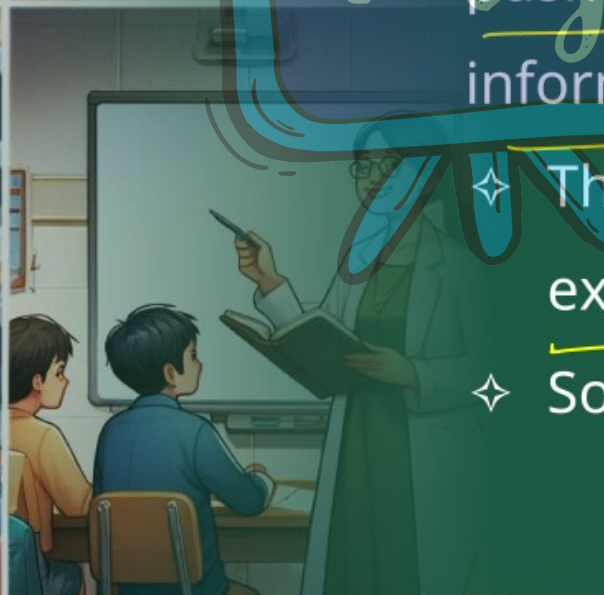

Unemployment JOBS

- Lack of Good Jobs Increases Poverty.
- Lack of good jobs in rural-areas pushes people into low-paying informal jobs in cities.
  - These people could not afford expensive housing.
  - So, they started living in slums.

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☛ Public and Private sectors haven't been able to create enough jobs.



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INDEBTEDNESS

- Indebtedness in agriculture sector has increased poverty.
- Farmers require money to buy agricultural-inputs. (Fertilizers, Pesticides, Seeds etc.)
- So, they borrow money.
- Sometimes, they are unable to repay leading to indebtedness and poverty.

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SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS

- In order to fulfil social obligations and observe religious ceremonies, people in India (Including the Very Poor) Spend a lot of money.
- This increases poverty.

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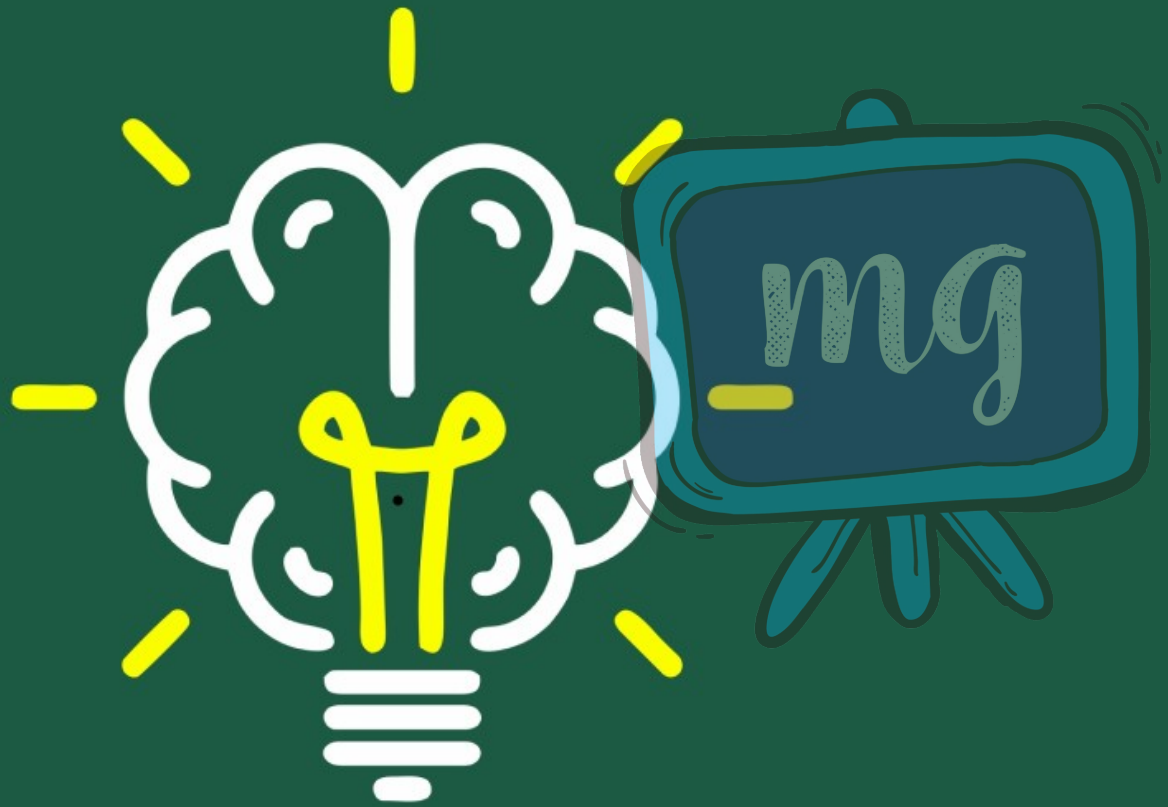

Causes of Poverty

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1 Which of the following is the cause of poverty?

A Population

B British Rule

C Indebtedness

D All of the above

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ASSESSMENT

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2 Which of the following causes poverty?

A Decrease in population

B Lack of good job opportunities

C Increase in agriculture production

D None of the above