

Introducing a Course
Post Graduate Syllabus of the Departments of Geography
Delhi School of Economics
University of Delhi

Course Title: Geography in India

Optional Course Fourth Semester

Geography as a discipline in India carries great weight while it is also loaded with many problems. As a discipline geography has nearly 100 years of existence within the formal system of university education in India. Although students are made aware of geographical ideas and concepts that have emerged from USA, Canada, Europe and other parts of the world, what is India's contribution to the knowledge of geography is rarely brought to light. This course has been designed so that post graduate students are well acquainted with 'their discipline in their country'.

Geography in India

1. Origin of Geography in India: Ancient and Medieval
2. Development of Geography in India: Colonial and Post Colonial
3. Characteristics of Geography in India: Diversity and Disparity
4. Geography in India: Contribution and Schools
5. Practice of Geography in India: Theoretical and Applied.
6. Status of Geography in India: Comparisons and Concerns
7. Geography in India within a Globalizing world

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