**NEP 2020**

**UG Course - 6 Credits**

**Urban Development and Economic Growth**

**Unit 1. Introduction to Urban Economics**

The Space-Economy Interaction; The Emergence and Development of Urban Areas – An Economic Perspective; Urbanization in a Global Perspective – The Developed-developing Country Interaction; Urbanization in India with special reference to Uttar Pradesh – Trends and Patterns, Structure of Urban Economy, Rural-urban relationship;

**Unit 2. Basics of Urban Economics**

(i) Urban system – hierarchy and city size distribution; Central Place Theory

(ii) Location Theory, Intra and Inter-urban Location of Economic Activities, The distance-decay relationship – concept of gradients.

(iii) Urban Base Theory – Theory of Optimal City Size

**Unit 3: Urban Sustainability** – Environment and Pollution – The Economics of Pollution Control; Urban in the Region – Theories of Urban and Regional Growth- New Economic Geography and Sectoral Issues:

1. Urban Land Market and Land Use
2. Urban Labour Market
3. Migration: Rural to Urban and Urban to Rural
4. Rural-urban Relationship – Linkages and Flows – Changing Perspective
5. Urban Transport – Issues related to special facilities (port etc.)

**Unit 4: Urban poverty - slum and informal sector** – Urban Poverty in India; Urban Infrastructure – Issues related to Facilities and Service Delivery; Urban Local Government - Constitutional Amendment and after – issues related to Governance and Finance

**Unit 5: Economic Growth & Income Distribution**

Difference between Economic Growth and Development.

Harrod-Domar Model (Point of Departure)- Exogenous Technical Progress and the Neo-classical Model of Growth- Endogenous Growth (the Human Capital Model and the R&D Model);

(a) Labour Market: Informal Sector- Importance, Nature of employment, Linkages with Formal Sector;

(b) Land Market & Land Acquisition: Industry versus Agriculture Debate, the SEZ controversy. Problems of acquisition of agricultural land, country experiences;

(c) Market Inter-linkage: Effects on Growth and Income Distribution;

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