

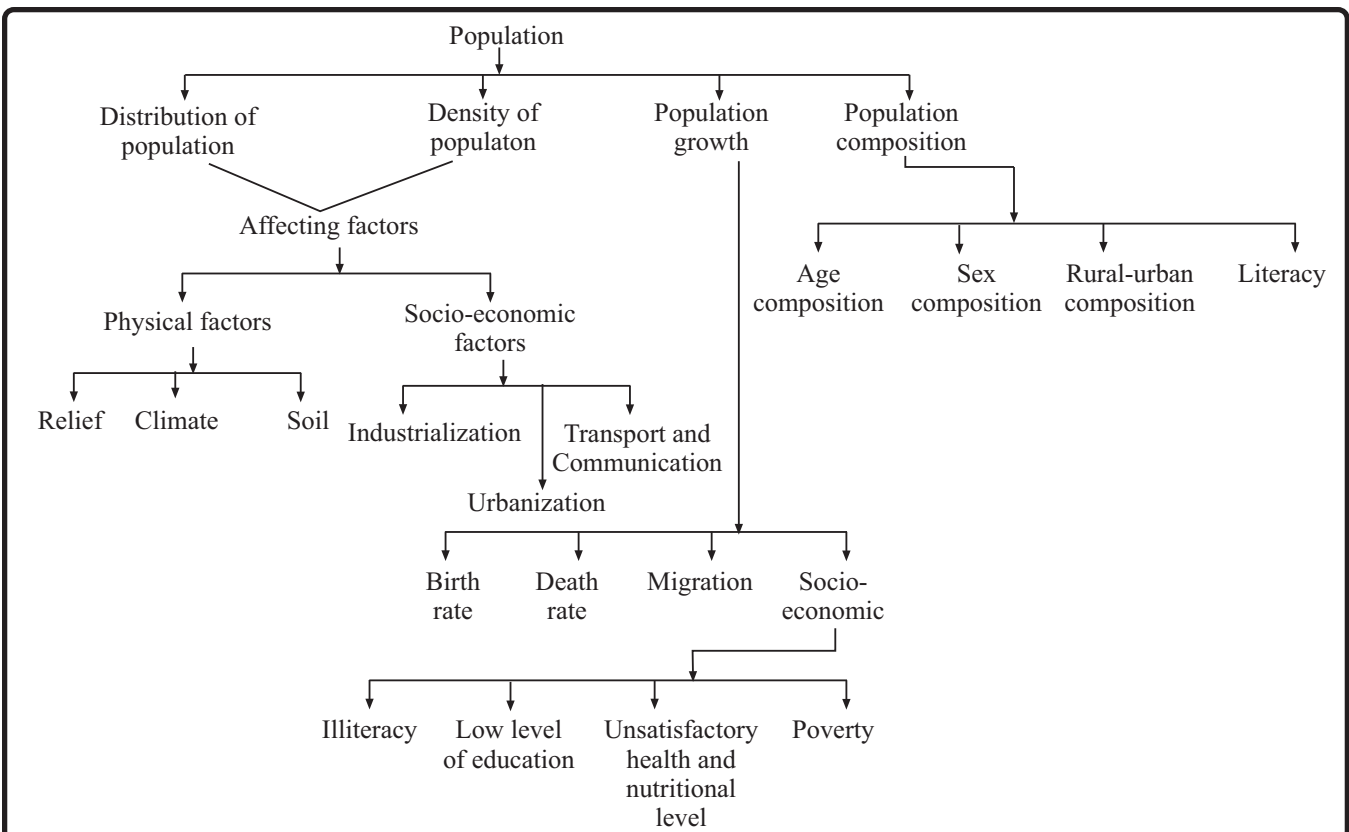
POPULATION: OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

L.No	Title of Lesson	SKILLS	Activity
14	Population: Our Greatest Resource	Self Awareness, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Effective Communication, Coping with Stress	Small Family Norms Equal Consideration for Females

Meaning

The total number of human heads is considered to be the population of a country. It is counted every ten years in India. Qualified, well developed, productive and healthy human head is the asset for the country. This asset is really the greatest resource because resources are developed by human beings. Hence, a great effort is needed to convert our huge population into a huge resource for the nation.

Many of the facilities, infrastructures like transport and communication, power, education, health facilities, irrigation, mining, industries etc. are developed by mankind. All of them are the product of human head and mind. They have made our life more comfortable in every respect. Therefore, to convert the number of people into a qualified productive human resource, government has to invest a lot.



Extend Your Horizon

Population policies in India: India is the first country in the world to adopt population programme in 1952 emphasising family planning. The aim of programme was to reduce birth rate.

National population policy 2000: The objective of economic and social development is to improve the quality of lives that people leads to enhance their well-being and to provide the opportunities and choices to become productive assets (resources) in the society. The long term target of this policy is to achieve a stable population by 2045 with sustainable economic growth, social development and environmental protection. Stable population emphasises the balance between birth rate and death rate reading to zero population growth.

Women empowerment in India: It gives emphasis in empowering the women and bringing them in the mainstream of decision making at various levels in their life starting from home, locality, region, state or national level. The objectives is to facilitate the advancement, development and empowerment of women and to eliminate all forms of discrimination. It will also ensure their active participation in all spheres of life and activities.

Evaluate Yourself

- Q.** Calculate the density of population when the number of people of a district is 425000 and the area of the same district is 800 km².

$$\text{Density of Population} = \frac{\text{Number of people in a defined area/unit}}{\text{Total area in square km of that particular area}}$$

- Q.** Find out birth rate when total live birth in a year is 500 in an area and the midyear population is 20,000 of the same area.
- Q.** Compute death rate when total deaths in a year are 400 in an area and mid year populations is 20,000 of the same area.