

As Per NEP 2020

Title of Paper -

University of Mumbai



Syllabus for Basket of MINOR	
Board of Studies in GEOGRAPHY	
UG Second Year Programme	
Semester - IV	
Title of Paper -	Credits 4
I) Geography of Urban Settlements	4
From the Academic Year	2025/2026

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Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars
1	Description of the course : Including but not limited to :	The course 'Geography of Urban Settlements' is part of the Minor vertical under the SYBA Geography program in the National Education Policy (NEP) framework. This subject helps students understand how cities and towns develop, function, and face different kinds of challenges. It gives a complete view of urban life by covering the origin, growth, structure, and problems of urban settlements. As urbanization is increasing rapidly, especially in developing countries like India, this course becomes highly important for students who want to explore the modern world through the lens of geography. This subject is highly relevant in the present day because of the fast rate of urbanization in India and across the globe. It gives students the knowledge needed to understand and respond to urban challenges. The usefulness of this course lies in its practical applications. It helps students take part in city planning, development programs, infrastructure design, and environmental management. The course is not just academic but also has many real-world connections. It is connected with other courses like Environmental Studies, Economics, Sociology, Public Administration, and even Architecture and Civil Engineering. This makes it very useful for students who wish to work in government departments, town planning offices, municipal corporations, NGOs, real estate, and consultancy firms. Careers in urban planning, transportation management, public policy, environmental impact assessment, and smart city projects are open to those who study this subject. This course also creates interest because most students live in or around cities. It helps them observe their own surroundings in a new light and understand how cities work. The use of maps, satellite images, field surveys, and practical examples keeps students engaged and makes the subject more enjoyable.
2	Vertical :	Minor
3	Type :	Theory
4	Credit:	4 credits (1 credit = 15 Hours for Theory)
5	Hours Allotted :	60 Hours
6	Marks Allotted:	100 Marks

7	Course Objectives: (List some of the course objectives) 1. To study the basics of Urban Geography. 2. To study the types of Urban Settlements, sites, and situations. 3. To gain an understanding of the relationship between human activities and urban development. 4. To enable students to handle the present problematic situations in urban areas. 5. To prepare students to become good urban planners and environmental conservators.
8	Course Outcomes: (List some of the course outcomes.) On successful completion of this course, students will be able to: 1. Understand the importance of urban settlements through urban geography. 2. Understand the types of Urban Settlements, sites, and situations. 3. Apply the relationship between human activities and urban development. 4. Understand present urban problems and be capable of addressing them. 5. Handle the present problematic situations in urban areas. 6. Develop into good urban planners and environmental conservators.
9	Modules:-
	Module 1: Introduction to Geography Of Urban Settlements (15 hours)
	1.1 Urban Geography: - Definition, Nature, and Scope. 1.2 Approaches to the Study of Urban Geography. 1.3 Urban Settlement Geography in relation to other subjects. 1.4 Growth and Development of Urban Geography
	Module 2: Urban Settlements (15 hours)
	2.1 Site and Situation:- Concept, factors. 2.2 Functional Classification of Towns. 2.3 Patterns of Urban Settlement:- Linear, Rectangular, Circular, Star and related other patterns. 2.4 Forms of Cities: rural, town, city, twin, conurbation, metropolis, cosmopolis, megalopolis, global city, etc.
	Module 3: Urbanization (15 hours)
	3.1 Rural-Urban Fringe: concept, characteristics, types and responsible factors. 3.2 Urbanization: - Concept, determinants of urbanisation. 3.3 Cities and Their Umland: Concept, types, and determinants of Umland. 3.4 The Central Business District (CBD) – (Characteristics, Classification, Delimitation, Parameters)
	Module 4: Urban Problems and Planning (15 hours)
	4.1 Contemporary Urban Problems. 4.2 Urban Planning: Meaning, Aims, Types and Needs of Urban Planning. 4.3 Concepts of Urban Planning: – garden city, new town, urban renewal, and master plan. 4.4 Sustainable Cities:- Concept, Characteristics, Needs and Features.

10	Text Books: - वस्ती भूगोल, डॉ. हेमंत पेडणेकर , डॉ. शिवराम ठाकूर , डॉ. राजाराम पाटील , कोकण जिओग्राफर असोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया प्रकाशन - लोकसंख्या भूगोल - डॉ. शिवराम ठाकूर , डॉ. राजाराम पाटील, कोकण जिओग्राफर असोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया प्रकाशन - मानव भूगोल - डॉ. शिवराम ठाकूर, डॉ. राजाराम पाटील, सेट पब्लिकेशन, मुंबई - सवदी ए.बी. (2010) नागरी भूगोल निराली, प्रकाशन पुणे. - डॉ. विठ्ठल घारपुरे (2013) नागरी भूगोल पिंपळापुरे पब्लिकेशन नागपूर. - Human Geography - Dr. S.A. Thakur, Dr. R.B. Patil
11	Reference Books: - सावंत प्रकाश (1998) नागरी भूगोल, फडके प्रकाशन कोल्हापूर. - देशपांडे सी.डी. (1983) शहरे- कॉन्टीनेंटल प्रकाशन, पुणे. - खतीब के.ए. (2007) वसाहत भूगोल अजब प्रकाशन कोल्हापूर. - सवदी, कोळेकर, (2005) आधुनिक भूगोल निराली प्रकाशन, पुणे. - डॉ. ठिंगळे - महाजन, डॉ. शिंदे, डॉ. हजारे, डॉ. पवार (2024) “नागरी भूगोल” अथर्व पब्लिकेशन, जळगाव. - एन. जी. शिंदे , आर. व्ही. ताटीपामूल () “नागरी भूगोल” चिन्मय प्रकाशन ,छत्रपती संभाजी नगर. - डॉ.सावन देशमुख (2024) “नागरी भूगोल” प्रशांत पब्लिकेशन ,जळगाव, - रतन जोशी (2020) राजस्थान हिंदी ग्रंथ भांडार,जयपूर,राजस्थान. - Carter, H. (1995): The Study of Urban Geography. 4th ed. Reprinted in 2002 by Rawat Publications, Jaipur and New Delhi. - S.D.Maurya (2022) URBAN GEOGRAPHY Sharda Pustak Bhawan Prayagraj U.P. - Dubey, K.K. and Singh, A.K. (1983): Urban Environment in India. Deep and Deep, New Delhi. - Hall, T. (2001): Urban Geography. 2nd edition. Routledge, London. - Haughton, G. and Hunter, C. (1994): Sustainable Cities. Jessica Kingsley, London. - Bansal, S.C. (2013): Nagriya Bhugol, Minaxi, Prakashan, Meerut. - Johnson, J.H. (1981): Urban Geography, Pergaman Press, Oxford. - Michael Pacione (2009) Urban Geography: A Global Perspective- Routledge Publisher, U.K. - L.N. Verma (2008) Urban Geography, Rawat Publications-Jaipur. - Ramachandran, R. (1991): Urbanisation and Urban Systems in India. Oxford University Press, Delhi. - Rao, B. P. and Sharma, N. (2007): Nagariya Bhoogol, Vasundhara Prakashan, Gorakhpur. - Singh. H. H. (1972): Kanpur: A Study in Urban Geography, Indrasini Publications, Varanasi - Singh, K. and Stainberg, F. (eds.) (1998): Urban India in Crisis. New Age International, New Delhi. - Singh, O. P. (1987): Nagariya Bhoogol, Tara Book Agency, Varanasi - Ramachandran R (1989) Urbanisation and Urban Systems of India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi. - Ramachandran, R. (1992). The Study of Urbanisation, Oxford University Press, Delhi. - Ghosh. S. (2015): “Introduction to Settlement Geography”, Orient Blackswan Private Limited, Hyderabad. - Carter H (1972): The study of urban Geography, Edward Arnold, London.

12	Internal Continuous Assessment: 40%	External, Semester End Examination Individual Passing in Internal and External Examination: 60%
13	Continuous Evaluation through: Quizzes, Class Tests, presentations, projects, role play, creative writing, assignments, etc.(at least 3) Internal Continuous Assessment of 20 Marks 1. One Assignment/Project work/Case study /Presentation /Seminar /Field visit report/Book review, etc., to be conducted in the given semester before the semester-end examination. (Marks – 10) 2. One online/ offline class test (Marks – 5) 3. Active participation in regular class instructional deliveries and fieldwork. & Overall conduct as a responsible learner, mannerism and articulation and exhibit of leadership qualities in organizing environment-related activities (Marks – 5)	Semester-End Examination of 30 Marks 1. This examination shall be of a 1-hour duration. Maximum marks 30. 2. There shall be two questions, each of 15 marks. 3. All questions shall be compulsory with internal choice within the questions. (Each question will be of 15 marks with options.)
14	Format of Question Paper: for the final examination Q. 1. Based on Modules 1 (15 Marks) Q. 2. Based on Modules 2 (15 Marks) Q. 3. Based on Modules 3 (15 Marks) Q. 4. Based on Modules 4 (15 Marks)	

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