Chapter -1 Human Geography Nature and Scope

List of the Lesson:

- Geography is a field of study is integrative, empirical and practical
- It studies each and every event on the earth over the space and time
- Human geography studies the relationship between man and nature
- Geo. can be studied through law making or descriptive

There are two approaches of geography:

- **1.** Systematic approach
- 2. Regional approach

Physical and human phenomena are described in metaphors using symbols from the human anatomy.

Human Geography: Human geography is the synthetic study of relationship between human societies and earth's surface.

Nature of Human Geography:

- **(a)** Human geography studies the inter relationship between the physical environment and socio-cultural environment created by man.
- (b) Elements of physical are land, water, soil, climate, vegetation, fauna
- (c) Elements of cultural are transport and communication, settlements, crops

Naturalization of Humans:

- (a) Man interact with nature with the help of technology
- **(b)** It is not important that what he creates but with what tools he used to create
- **(c)** Technology indicates the level of cultural development of society d. Understanding the nature helps to create technology
 - 1. Understanding of friction and heat helped to discover fire
 - 2. Understanding DNA helped to eradicate diseases
 - **3.** Laws of thermodynamics helped to develop fast planes
 - **4.** Knowledge about nature is extremely important to develop technology and technology loosens the shackles of environment on human being.
 - **5.** The interaction between primitive society and nature is called Environmental Determinism.

Humanizations of Nature

- 1. With the development of technology people understood the nature well
- 2. They move from state of necessity to state of possibilities
- 3. Human activities created cultural landscape
- 4. So it is called as possibilism

Non-determinism/ Stop and go Determinism

- 1. Developed by Griffith Taylor
- 2. It is a middle path between environmental determinism and possibilism

Key Notes

- 3. The concept shows that neither is there a situation of absolute necessity nor is there a condition of absolute freedom.
- 4. Sustainable development is the main aim
- 5. The Neo determinism maintains balance between development and nature

Human Geography Through the Corridors of Time

Schools of human geography

Welfare School

Concerned with social well-being of the people:

- (a) housing
- (b) Health
- (c) Education

Radical School: Concerned with causes of poverty, deprivation and social Inequality

Behavioural School: Given importance to lived experience, perception of space by Social categories

Stages Through Corridories of Time.

| PERIOD | APPROACHES | BROAD FEATURES |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|
| Colonial | Exploration & description | Imperialism and trade lead to discover |
| | | many lands |
| Colonial | Regional analysis | Understanding of parts in totality would |
| | | lead to understand the whole |
| 1930- interwar | aerial differentiation | Find the reasons for the uniqueness of a |
| | | region |
| 1950-1960 | Spatial organization | Apply technology to study geography |
| 1970 | Emergence of humanistic, | Emergence of sociopolitical reality with |
| | radical and behavioral | the help of schools |
| | school | |
| 1990 | Post modernism | Generalization and apply of universal laws |
| | | to understand geography |

| Fields of human geo | Sub field | Sister disciplines |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Social geo | | Social science-sociology |
| | Behavioral geo | Psychology |
| | Geo of social well being | Welfare economics |
| | Geo of leisure | Sociology |
| | Cultural geo | Anthropology |
| | Gender geo | Sociology, anthropology, women |
| | | studies |
| | Historical geo | History |
| | Medical geo | Epidemiology |
| Urban geo | | Urban studies and planning |

Key Notes

| Political geo | | Political science |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Electoral geo | Psephology |
| | Military geo | Military science |
| Pop. geo | | Demography |
| Settlement geo | | Urban and rural planning |
| Eco. geo | | Economics |
| | Geo. of resources | Resource economics |
| | Geo. of Agriculture | Agricultural science |
| | Geo. of industries | Industrial economics |
| | Geo. of marketing | Business studies, economics, commerce |
| | Geo. of tourism | Tourism and travel management |
| | Geo. of international | International trade |
| | trade | |