

Chapter 12: Population

1. Introduction:

Population refers to the total number of individuals of a species living in a specific area at a given time. In the context of humans, population growth has been a major concern due to its rapid increase, especially in countries like India.

2. Population Explosion:

- **Definition:** A rapid and excessive increase in population size.
 - **Population Explosion in India:**
 - India is one of the most populous countries, experiencing a sharp rise in population.
 - **Main Reasons:**
 - High birth rate and declining death rate.
 - Improved healthcare facilities.
 - Early marriages and lack of family planning awareness.
 - Socio-economic factors and traditional beliefs.
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3. Key Terms:

- **Demography:** The statistical study of populations, including their size, growth, density, distribution, and other characteristics.
 - **Population Density:** The number of individuals per unit area.
 - **Birth Rate:** The number of live births per 1,000 individuals in a year.
 - **Death Rate:** The number of deaths per 1,000 individuals in a year.
 - **Growth Rate:** The difference between the birth rate and the death rate.
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4. Problems of Population Explosion:

- **Unemployment:** Lack of jobs due to increased population.
- **Overexploitation of Resources:** Rapid depletion of natural resources.
- **Low Per Capita Income:** More people to share limited income.
- **Price Rise:** Increased demand leads to higher prices.
- **Pollution:** Overcrowding leads to increased waste and pollution.

- **Unequal Distribution of Wealth:** Rich-poor gap widens.
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5. Population Control Measures:

- **Importance:** To maintain a balance between population size and resources.
 - **Methods:**
 - **Surgical Methods:**
 - **Tubectomy:** Surgical removal of a portion of the fallopian tubes in females to prevent pregnancy.
 - **Vasectomy:** Surgical cutting and sealing of the vas deferens in males to prevent the release of sperm.
 - **Awareness Campaigns:** Promoting family planning and contraceptive use.
 - **Government Policies:** Implementing strict population control policies.
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