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WORKSHEET 21

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SUBJECT: GEOGRAPHY

Strand	2. Human Geography
Sub Strand	2.1 Population and Settlement
Content Learning Outcome	2.1.1 Describe the types of settlement and analyze problems associated with settlements and its solutions.

LESSON NOTES – POPULATION AND SETTLEMENTS - Case Study – India

Causes of Over Population

- The birth rate is still higher than the death rate.
- The fertility rate due to the population policies and other measures has been falling.
- The above causes are interrelated to the various social issues in our country which are leading to over population.
- Early Marriage and Universal Marriage System: Even though legally the marriageable age of a girl is 18 years, the concept of early marriage still prevails and getting married at an young age prolongs the child bearing age.
- Poverty and Illiteracy: Indian still lag behind the use of contraceptives and birth control methods..
- Age old cultural norm: Sons are the bread earners of the families in India.. More the better.
- Illegal migration: Last but not the least, we cannot ignore the fact that illegal migration is continuously taking place from Bangladesh, Nepal leading to increased population density.

Effects of Over Population

- **Unemployment**: Generating employment for a huge population in a country like India is very difficult. The number of illiterate persons increases every year.
- **Pressure on infrastructure**: The result is lack of transportation, communication, housing, education, healthcare etc. There has been an increase in the number of slums, overcrowded houses, etc
- **Decreased production and increased costs**: Food production and distribution have not been able to catch up with the increasing population and hence the costs of production have increased

Steps to Control Population in India

Increasing the welfare and status of women and girls, spread of education, increasing awareness for the use of contraceptives and family planning methods, sex education, encouraging male sterilisation and spacing births, free distribution of contraceptives and condoms among the poor, encouraging female empowerment, more health care centres for the poor , to name a few, can play a major role in

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controlling population.

ACTIVITY

With reference to india, discuss the effects of growing population and state the reasons why population control in India is unsuccessful.

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