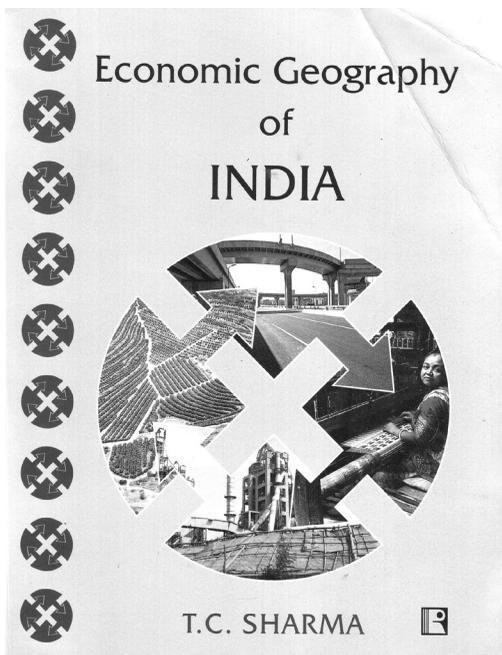


## Book Review 4

**T. C. Sharma** (2013)

Economic Geography of India, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, New Delhi, 742 p., Price Rs. 375./-



T. C. Sharma's voluminous book *Economic Geography of India* will be appreciated by both, students of economic geography, and those who intend to appear at competitive examinations like the UPSC. The book is organised in 23 chapters and each chapter subdivided in a number of subheadings. This makes it very convenient to find the required information. To give some examples, Chapter 10 'Fuel Minerals' has the subheadings 'Coal', 'Lignite', 'Petroleum and 'Natural Gas',

and 'Nuclear Energy Minerals'. The latter shows the following subtopics 'Uranium', 'Thorium', 'Zirconium', 'Beryl', 'Lithium' and 'Graphite'. For each of these nuclear energy minerals the properties, occurrence, reserves and production are given. Under Chapter 16, 'Textile Industries', one finds 10 subheadings, one of them being 'Jute Industry' with the subthemes 'History of Development', 'Location of Jute Industry in West Bengal', 'Other Areas', 'Production' and 'Export'. These random examples demonstrate the attention to detail the author has paid while compiling each and every topic in his book. Above all, he has always taken care to analyse the problems and the future prospects of the different fields of India's economy. This becomes clear from the title of his first chapter 'Indian Agriculture Problems and Prospects' where, among others, problems such as landholding, land records, lack of irrigation, inadequate power supply, credit for farmers, diffusion of agricultural innovations etc. are discussed. Among others, students may appreciate the chapter on 'Foreign trade' as this acquaints them with export-import policies, the concept of Special Economic Zones and the volume of trade etc.

The book has a number of appropriate maps and each chapter has numerous tables, both of which will be helpful to the reader.

The data relating to area, production and value are the latest that are available. The book is modern in approach; the language is clear and the presentation systematic. This makes the Economic Geography of India a very good and affordably priced textbook and a worthwhile reference book for college and university libraries.

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