

- **Access to essential services:** It also determines whether the person is poor or not because a person is poor not only because her endowments of capital, land, labour and skills are meager, but also because her access to public goods and services and natural resources is limited.
- **Social Justice and Empowerment:** The vision of inclusiveness encompasses equality of opportunity, as well as economic and social mobility for all sections of society.
- **Environmental sustainability:** It includes a clear commitment to pursue a development process which is environmentally sustainable.
- **Recognition of women's agency:** It means integrating the needs and demand of the female gender for achieving gender justice in growth.
- **Good governance:** It implies improvement in governance in terms of not only efficiency and economy, but also effectiveness, equity, empowerment.

Inclusive growth is important for India to alleviate various problems that India is facing such as:

- **Poverty:** Although poverty rates have fallen drastically over the years, India still hosts the largest number of poor people in the world.
- **Unemployment:** Far from jobs being created, employment actually contracted by 0.1% in 2015-16.
- **Human development:** Despite improvement on human development index, India ranked very low – 130 in the index.
- **Inequalities:** According to Oxfam report, 73% of the wealth generated last year went to the richest 1%, while 67 crore Indians who comprise the poorest half of the population saw only 1% increase in their wealth.

Overall, the growth process has been characterized by benefits of growth being retained by a few and the with slow percolation down the system. Inclusive growth is indispensable to achieve social and political empowerment of citizens as well as to ensure equitable development and justice.

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