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INTRODUCTION

Until very recently, the agreed-upon goal of economic development was thought to be the aggregate economic growth. Now it is recognised that GNP measures are incomplete. To assess a country's economic performance and its progress towards economic development, we must supplement the growth rate of GNP by other economic measures.

The percentage of poor population i.e. poverty percentage, is supplemented to growth rate of GNP to assess the economic performance of a country. In the present study an attempt is made to discuss selected studies, which broadly represent methodologies followed for measurement of Poverty in India.

Chapter 1 discusses the concepts of poverty. Chapter 2 examines different criteria that are used for measurement poverty in India. Chapter 3 deals with the methodologies followed by few economists for measurement of poverty in India.