



What We'll Discuss

TOPIC OUTLINE

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Multinational Corporation
International Human Rights



Globalization



- Globalization means integration of countries through commerce, transfer of technology, and exchange of information and culture.
- In a different sense, these flows include knowledge, science, technology, skills, culture, information, and entertainment, besides direct human resource, tele-work, and outsourcing.
- For the engineers, the issues such as multinational organizations, computer, internet functions, military development and environmental ethics have assumed greater importance for their very sustenance and progress.



Multinational Corporations



- Organizations, who have established business in more than one country, are called Multinational Corporation. The headquarters are in the home country and the business is extended in many host countries.
- The Western organizations doing business in the less-economically developed (developing, and overpopulated) countries gain the advantage of inexpensive labour, availability of natural resources, conducive-tax atmosphere, and virgin market for the products.
- At the same time, the developing countries are also benefited by fresh job opportunities, jobs with higher remuneration and challenges, transfer of technology, and several social benefits by the wealth developed.



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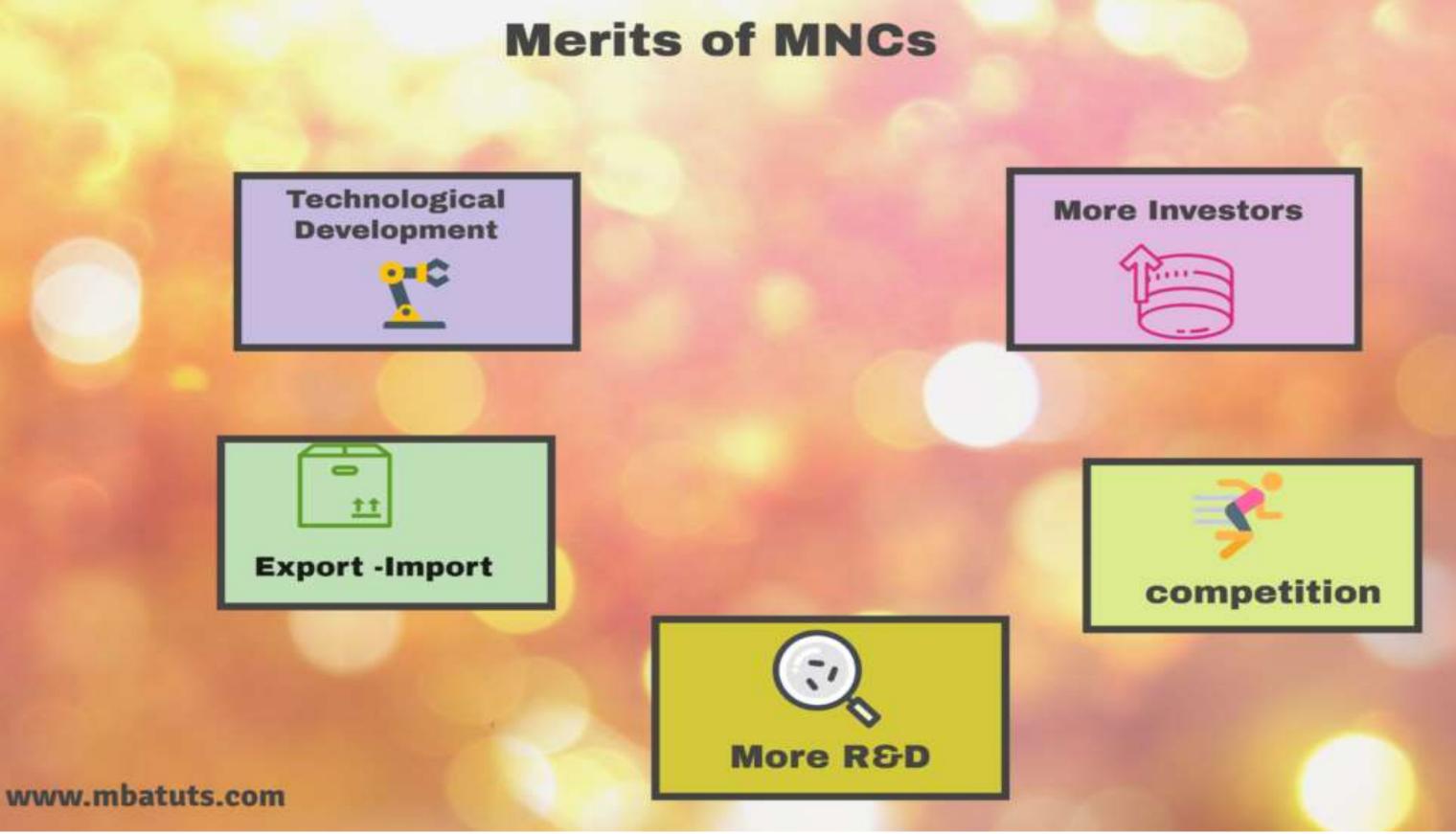






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International Human Rights



- At international level, the organizations are expected to adopt the minimum levels of
 - (a) Values, such as mutual support, loyalty, and reciprocity,
- (b) the negative duty of refraining from harmful actions such as violence and fraud, and
 - (c) basic fairness and practical justice in case of conflicts.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS







International Human Rights



- The ten international rights to be taken care of, in this context are:
 - 1. Right of freedom of physical movement of people
 - 2. Right of ownership of properties
 - 3. Freedom from torture
 - 4. Right to fair trial on the products
 - 5. Freedom from discrimination on the basis of race or sex.



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- 6. Physical security. Use of safety gadgets have to be supplied to the workers even if the laws of the host country do not suggest such measures.
- 7. Freedom of speech and forming association
- 8. Right to have a minimum education
- 9. Right to political participation
- 10. Right to live and exist (i.e., coexistence).

The individual liberty and sanctity of the human life are to be respected by all societies.



Technology Transfer



- It is a process of moving technology to a new setting and implementing it there.
- Technology includes hardware (machines and installations) and the techniques (technical, organizational, and managerial skills and procedures).
- It may mean moving the technology applications from laboratory to the field/factory or from one country to another.
- This transfer is effected by governments, organizations, universities, and MNCs.



Appropriate Technology



- Identification, transfer, and implementation of most suitable technology for a set of new situations, is called appropriate technology.
- Technology includes both hardware (machines and installations) and software (technical, organizational and managerial skills and procedures).
- Factors such as economic, social, and engineering constraints are the causes for the modification of technology.



MNCs and Morality



A few principles are enlisted here:

- MNC should respect the basic human rights of the people of the host countries.
- The activities of the MNC should give economic and transfer technical benefits, and implement welfare measures of the workers of the host countries.
- The business practices of the multinational organisations should improve and promote morally justified institutions in the host countries.
- The multinationals must respect the laws and political set up, besides cultures and promote the cultures of the host countries.
- The multinational organisations should provide a fair remuneration to the employees of the host countries.





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