

Urban Headway and Upward Mobility in India

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Abstract

The urban population of the world surpassed that of rural in 2008, and it has been increasing ever since. So, within another five decades it will be expected that more than three-fourths of urban population will live in urban areas. Although by definition, urbanization implies the shift of population to urban residences from rural, the implications of urbanization are much broader and deeper. It not only transfers demographics but leads to occupational, cultural, and social transformation for the urbanizing population. Urban studies thus have become one of the important interdisciplinary studies in present-day academia. Modern urbanization is the offshoot of the Industrial Revolution of the Western world. Large manufacturing units and adjoining residences of laborers were the earliest form of industrial town. Further development of the manufacturing sector led to the growth of the built environment, which was distinctly different from the natural environment related to a pastoral civilization.

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