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Urbanisation in India: Trends, Patterns and Challenges

by



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Abstract

Population growth in urban India has been decelerating over the past few decades, busting the myth of an urban explosion. There has been a slight reversal in the trend of urban growth during 2001-11, registering a marginal increase which has prompted experts to attribute this to an accelerated pace of rural-urban (RU) migration. Most statutory towns have recorded a decline in their population growth, more so the million-plus cities, suggesting that the cities have become less welcoming to migrants. However, there has been significant growth of area and population in the peripheries of cities. The growth of 2530 new census towns explains the growth of urban population in the country as well as in the peripheries of existing cities. These towns, although urban by definition are still under rural administration and governance and more akin to villages in terms of their socio-economic development. A size-class level analysis reveals polarized development of large cities. These cities have also attracted policy attention and are likely to benefit from globalization. The small towns, on the other hand, are experiencing higher demographic growth and poverty, lower levels of infrastructure and basic amenities with very little policy focus.

Bio of Speaker

Dr. Debolina Kundu is an Associate Professor at the National Institute of Urban Affairs, India and has over 20 years of professional experience in the field of development studies. She has been a doctoral fellow with the ICSSR and has a Ph.D from Jawaharlal Nehru University on urban governance. She has worked as a consultant with ADB, LSE, IIDS, UNDP, UNESCAP, KfW, GIZ, Urban Institute, Washington etc. on issues of urban development, governance and exclusion. She is currently the HUDCO Chair and the editor of the journal Environment and Urbanisation, Asia (SAGE) and has a large number of articles published in books and journals. She is currently a member of the Fifth Delhi Finance Commission and editing books on national urban policies and internal migration.

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