

Changing Pattern of Urbanization in Punjab

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Urbanization is a catalyst of development. Punjab which is one of the most urbanized state of the country, has been greatly influenced by the dominant social and economic scenario. The green revolution of 1960s and 1970s and globalization and liberalization of 1990s had a great impact on the level and spread of urbanization in the state. The industrial and infrastructural development after 1990s saw the gradual turning of evenly distributed urban centers of Punjab into accentuation of urban population. In this study, an attempt has been made to analyze the prevailing factors for the uneven development of urbanization, emergence of some large towns and stunted growth of small towns.