

# **Understanding Urbanization and Its Impact**

Urbanization is the process by which an increasing proportion of a population lives in cities and suburbs.

It is primarily caused by industrialization, which creates employment opportunities and attracts people from rural areas.

Major factors contributing to urbanization include:

- Economic Growth: Development of industries and services.
- Migration: Movement of people from rural to urban areas in search of jobs.
- Infrastructure Development: Availability of housing, roads, and public services.

Urbanization leads to several impacts, both positive and negative:

- Positive: Economic expansion, better education, improved healthcare.
- Negative: Overcrowding, pollution, and inequality.

Effective urban planning can reduce these challenges by ensuring balanced development and sustainability.