

PAPER NO- 9: GEOGRAPHY OF SETTLEMENTS

Course Objectives

The course introduces the nature, scope and concepts of settlement geography. Students learn about types, patterns and determinants of settlement, regional settlement hierarchy as well as types, models, and systems of urban land use. This paper will deal with the issues of urbanisation and problems of urban communities in Indian context.

1. Introduction

1.1 Nature and Scope: Basic Concepts

1.2 Rural Settlements: Hamlet, Village, Rural-Urban Fringe

1.3 Urban Settlements: Town, City, Mega-City, Megalopolis

- Daniel, P. (2002) Geography of Settlement, Rawat Publications, Jaipur. Chapter 1
- Singh, R. Y. (2005) The Geography of Settlement, Rawat Publication, Jaipur. Chapter 1
- Bansal, S. C. (2010) Urban Geography, Meenakshi Prakashan, Meerut. Chapter 19

2 Rural Settlements

2.1 Types: Dispersed and Compact

2.2 Patterns: Linear, Rectangular etc

2.3 Determinants: Physical and Cultural

- Mandal, R. B. (2001) Introduction to Settlement Geography, Concept Publications, New Delhi. Chapter 11
- Singh, R. Y. (2009) The Geography of Settlement, Rawat Publication, New Delhi. Chapter 4

3. Regional Settlement Hierarchy

3.1 Primate City

3.2 Rank-Size Rule

3.3 Central Place Theory

- Ramachandran, R. (2010) Urbanisation and Urban Systems of India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi. Chapter 7
- Verma, L. N. (2006) Urban Geography, Rawat Publication, Delhi. Chapter 12
- Ramachandran, R. (2010) Urbanization and Urban Systems of India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi. Chapter 7

4. Urban Land use

4.1 Types – Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Recreational, Heritage, Public and Green Spaces, and Transport

4.2 Models

4.3 Balanced Settlement System and PURA

- Bansal, S. C. (2010) Urban Geography, Meenakshi Prakashan Meerut. Chapter 16
- Verma, L. N. (2006) Urban Geography, Rawat Publication, Delhi. Chapter 12

Further Readings

- Ghosh, S. (1999) A Geography of Settlements, Orient Longman, Kolkata.
- Hill, M. (2003) Rural Settlement and the Urban Impact on the Countryside, Hodderb & Stoughton, London.

- Dikshit, J. K. (ed) (2009) The Urban Fringe of Indian Cities, Rawat Publication, Jaipur.
- Kaplan, D. H., Wheeler, J. O. and Holloway, S. R. (2008) Urban Geography, John Wiley.
- Maurya, S. D. (2006) Adhivas Bhoogol, Prayag Publications, Allahabad.
- Misra, R.P. (ed) (2013) Urbanization in South Asia: Focus on Mega-Cities, Cambridge University Press, New Delhi.