

URBANIZATION AND ITS CHALLENGES TO ENVIRONMENT

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ABSTRACT

Population growth, urbanization and industrial expansion has accelerated especially after Second World War. For the last fifty years or so, the cities have developed into factories at the cost of environment. It could be attributed to increased population and shortage of food grains and thereby means to meet the increasing demands of mankind. The advancement has both positive and negative impacts. Environment is affected badly due to the pressure of population, fouling or spoiling of the natural habitats and environment of living beings. Urbanization has devastating effects on environment and changes the whole composition of the environment. The increase in the technologies and new domestic machineries is polluting the indoor environment. The authors have made an attempt to discuss all these issues briefly in order to make general masses a little aware about the environment in this paper.