

Chapter 7: Settlements - Migrations

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Introduction to Settlements

- A settlement is a place where people live and work.
- Types include: Hamlets, Villages, Towns, Cities, Megacities.
- Early settlements began with agriculture.
- Settlements organize space for education, trade, healthcare, etc.

Types of Settlements & Lifestyles

- Nomadic lifestyle: Moving frequently, no permanent homes.
- Sedentary lifestyle: Permanent housing, agriculture-based.
- Urban settlements: Dense population, better facilities.
- Rural settlements: Agricultural, sparse infrastructure.

Growth and Change in Settlements

- Delhi grew unplanned due to migration and poor planning.
- Unauthorized colonies lack basic services and face eviction.
- Urban planning needs housing, roads, water, drainage, waste systems.

Site and Situation in Settlements

- Site: Natural features like soil, water, altitude.
- Situation: Connectivity and importance of place.
- Visakhapatnam grew due to port access and historical significance.

Hierarchy of Indian Settlements

- Settlement types: Hamlet → Village → Town → City → Megacity.
- Classified by Census of India based on population and services.
- Examples: Hyderabad (Metropolitan), Adilabad (Town), local villages.

Urbanisation in India

- Urbanisation: Rural to urban migration.
- 2011: 350 million urban population in India.
- Service sector leads growth, not industry.
- Urban poor live in slums; SC/STs face higher poverty levels.

Migration and its Patterns

- Migration: Movement for better opportunities.
- Reasons: Employment, education, marriage, displacement.
- Types: Internal (rural–urban/rural–rural), International.
- Census 2011: Over 307 million migrants in India.

Seasonal & Temporary Migration

- Example: Sugarcane cutters in Maharashtra.
- Migrants face poor housing, education loss, exploitation.
- Mainly affects tribal and marginalized communities.

Problems and Opportunities in Migration

- Problems: Exploitation, poor health, child dropouts.
- Benefits: Remittances, skills, better future.
- Migration often a survival strategy for families.

Aerotropolis & Future Trends

- Aerotropolis: Settlements around airports with full facilities.
- Examples: Delhi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru airports.
- Urbanisation needs inclusive and planned development.
- Debate: Progress or Problems?