



## FAST GROWING CITIES AND THE EMERGENCE OF URBAN SLUMS IN KERALA

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### ABSTRACT

*The 21st century is experiencing rapid growth of population all over the world. India is in a phase of rapid economic and demographic transition. Population growth has resulted in the evolution of villages in to towns and cities, either by way of organic composition or being part of a larger agglomeration, as a result, there is gradual increase in the proportion of people living in urban areas expecting better employment opportunities, education and health facilities resulted rapid urbanization. This unprecedented urban growth with inadequate social and economic base, in the face of increasing poverty and social inequality results in the emergence of urban slums, which is characterized by the deterioration of physical, economic and social living conditions. In this context this paper deeply analyses the trend and pattern of urbanization in India and Kerala, the rate of growth of towns and the growth of slums in Kerala, based on both primary and secondary data sources, the study is primarily descriptive in nature. While concluding the paper it can be understand that there is an increasing trend in Urbanization, City growth and slums. The issue of slum is very complex and it cut across numerous disciplines, it concerns dwellers directly and indirectly to local and national economies. It needs to be tackled as an integral part of economic development.*

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