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# RURAL TO URBAN MIGRATION IN INDIA AS AN OPPORTUNITY OR A CHALLENGE: AN EVALUATION

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## ABSTRACT

Mobility has been an inherent part of human existence since the days of civilization. In other words, migration in any country including India is one of the basic determinants of demographic change and population redistribution over the period of time. Migration in India is not new and historical accounts demonstrate that people have moved from one place to another place in search of better opportunities to live quality life. Migration is both cause/reason as well as effect/result therefore migration has much positive as well as negative implications for any economy and India is not an exception of this. Migration doesn't mean only rural to urban migration but it also includes migration from urban to rural, rural to rural and urban to urban. But the rate of net rural to urban migration has increased from 21.2 percent in 1991-01 to 24.1 percent in 2001-11 as per the available data of Census. Keeping in above backdrop, the present paper is a humble attempt to analyze and interpret the trends of rural to urban migration and its implications in the form of development of urbanization (an opportunity) and pressure on urbanization (a challenge).

**Key-Words:** *Migration, Rural to Urban, Urbanization and Indian Economy.*

## Introduction

Migration has been a major source of human survival, adaptation, and growth across the centuries and millennia in any country of the world including India. Migration in the present day world is shaped by a number of aspects related to economic, religious, political, life risk, and various ethnic and socio-cultural concerns. Indian economy is one of the progressive economies of the world due to the improvements in all spheres of economic, social, political and religious aspects. Being a developing economy of the world, Indian economy is facing many challenges such

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