

DYNAMIC THEMES IN URBAN AND REGIONAL SYSTEMS PLANNING

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It would be convincing that a satisfactory understanding of the phenomena of urban and regional systems planning seems to lack a general consensus on 'urban and urbanization', and 'spatial' and 'economic' planning policies in the developing world and much remains as a matter of disconcerted thought. Each one, may be a research worker or a professional planner, sees his own countenance through the looking glass. In the background of this analogy, this paper attempts to give a bird's eye view of the nexus of the whole problem. In the first part, an attempt is made to epitomise the conceptual framework in the broader perspective of development together with their relationships. The second part examines the suitability of such a framework for developing economies with special reference to India. The last section endeavours to discuss the features of the growth models and the extent of spatial and regional development under the Five-Year Plans.

Concept of Regional Planning, Land and Space

In its multi-dimensional aspects, the introduction of space to the sectoral process of planning for the 'normative ordering' of activities with a definite purpose and scale varying over time and space is known as regional planning.¹ The variability of purpose and scale through the dimension of 'time' over 'space', in order to achieve the desired goals of the society is the crucial feature of this definition. In order to avoid the possibility of misinterpretation, it is desirable

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