

A cityscape at sunset with a vertical gradient overlay. The background shows a dense urban environment with various skyscrapers and buildings. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue. A vertical gradient bar runs down the center of the image, transitioning from a darker grey on the left to a lighter grey on the right.

M.Tech Geoinformatics

Urban Studies

Units- I to IV

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Basic Concepts

Urban Morphology – Urban hierarchy - Urbanization in India and World – Problems of Urbanization - Urban Indicators and Monitoring – Urban Information System.

BASIC CONCEPTS

- The study of urban centers in the **perspective of geography**.
- Investigates the impact of urban processes on the **earth surface, social and physical structures**
- Analyze the **spatial suitability** of the urban centers for sustainable growth.
- Recognition vs definition

DEFINITION

- Among the 233 countries for which urban data was reported in the UN world urbanization prospects in 2018, 104 use single criteria.
- The criteria could be anyone of,
 - Administrative function (59 countries)
 - Population size/density (37 countries)
 - Urban characteristics (8 countries)



United States:

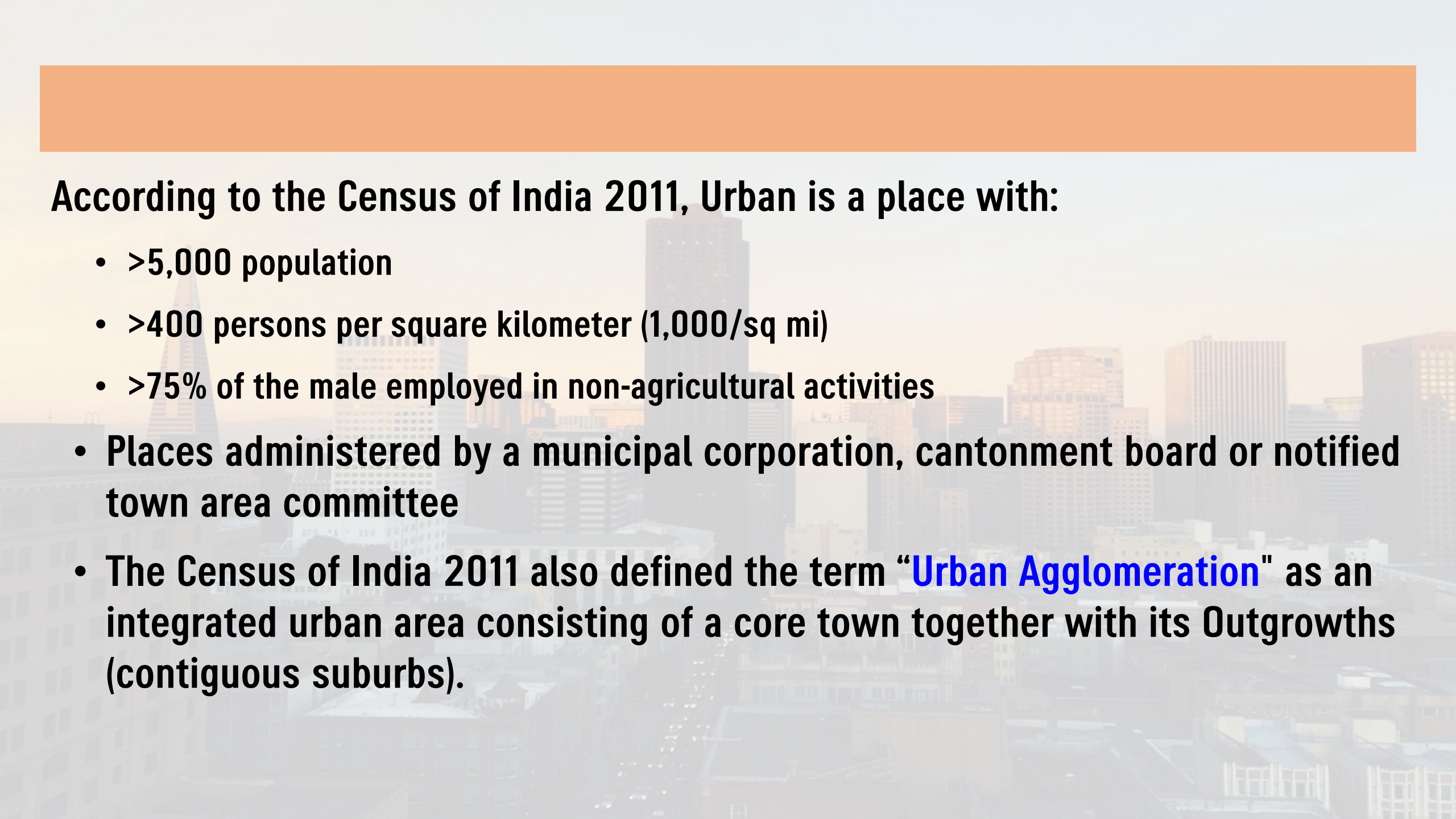
- **Agglomerations of 2,500 or more inhabitants**
- **Population densities of 1,000 persons per square mile or more.**

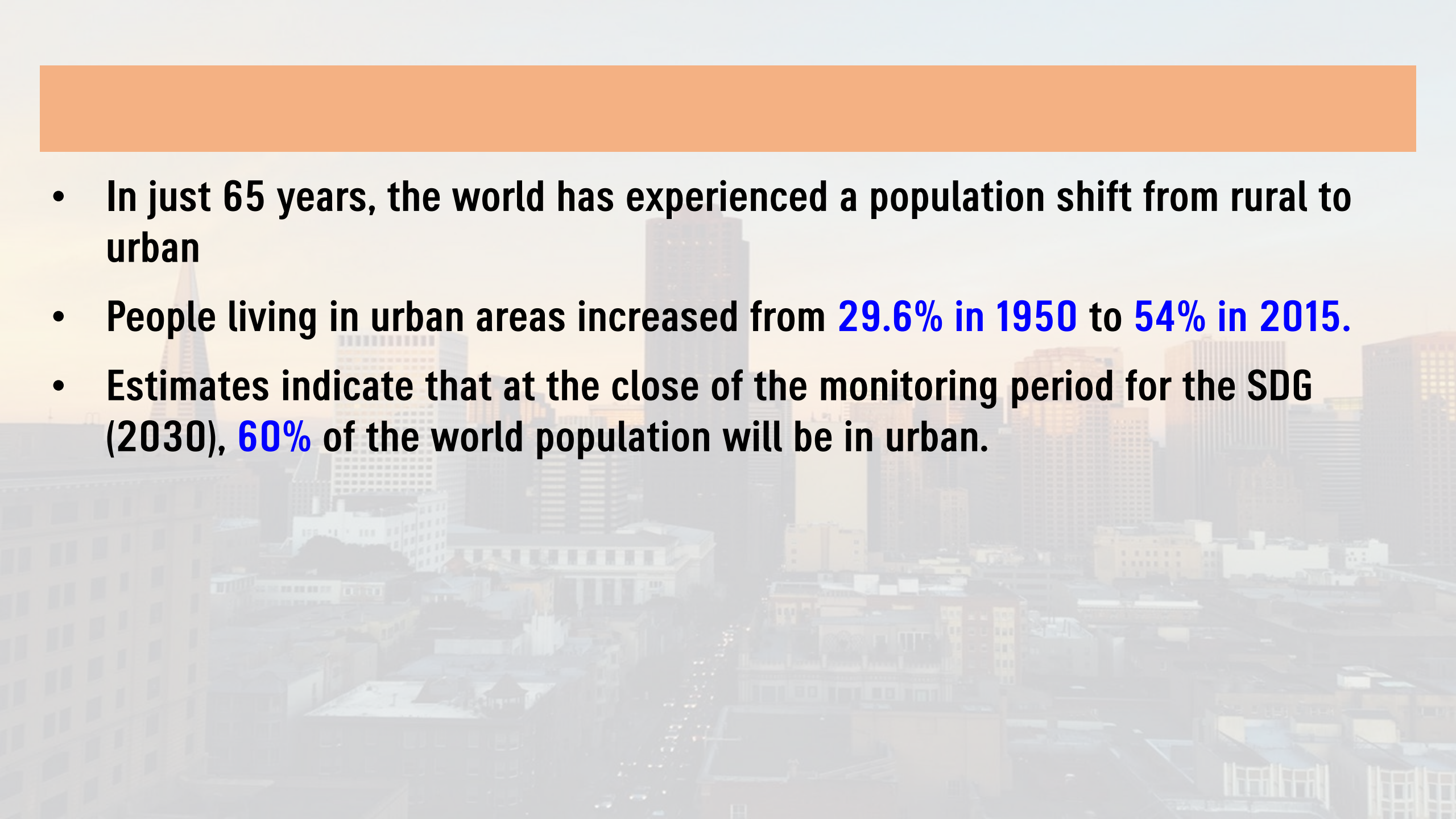
France:

- **>2,000 inhabitants living in contiguous houses or with not more than 200 metres between houses**



According to the Census of India 2011, Urban is a place with:

- >5,000 population
 - >400 persons per square kilometer (1,000/sq mi)
 - >75% of the male employed in non-agricultural activities
 - Places administered by a municipal corporation, cantonment board or notified town area committee
 - The Census of India 2011 also defined the term “**Urban Agglomeration**” as an integrated urban area consisting of a core town together with its Outgrowths (contiguous suburbs).
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- In just 65 years, the world has experienced a population shift from rural to urban
 - People living in urban areas increased from **29.6% in 1950** to **54% in 2015**.
 - Estimates indicate that at the close of the monitoring period for the SDG (2030), **60%** of the world population will be in urban.

An aerial view of a city skyline at sunset, with a prominent orange header bar at the top. The city features a mix of modern skyscrapers and older, lower-rise buildings. The sky is a soft, hazy orange, and the buildings are silhouetted against the light. The overall scene is a dense urban landscape.

1. The five fundamental aspects of urban study:

- **Demography**
- **Economy**
- **Morphological**
- **Functional**
- **Social**

URBAN MORPHOLOGY

1. Urban morphology is the study of the structure of human settlements

2. Urban Morphology

- The study of urban forms and of the agents and processes responsible for their transformation.

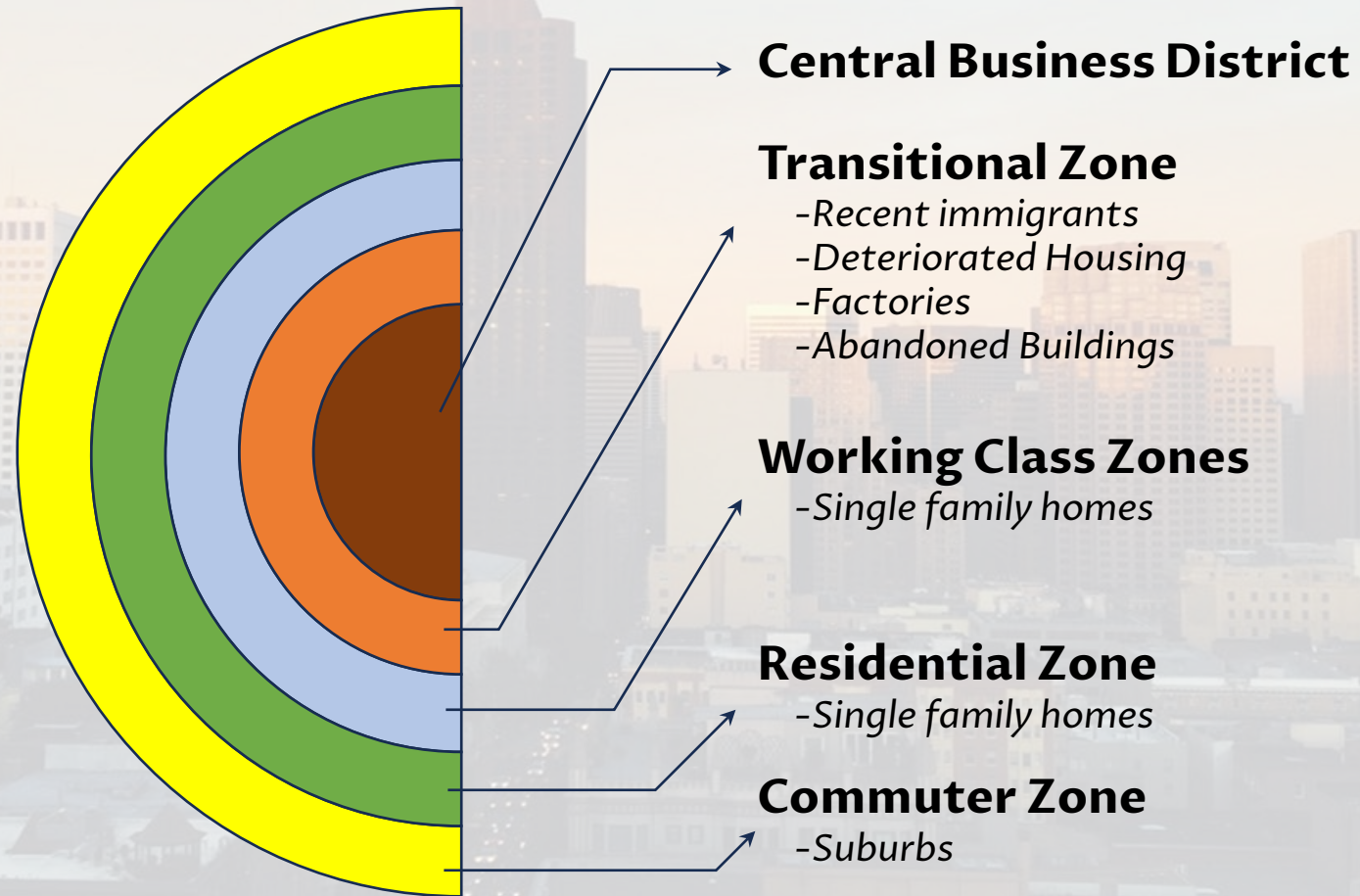
3. Urban Form

- Refers to the main physical elements that structure and shape the urban buildings, open spaces, streets and utilities.

4. Some of the landmark contributions are,

- The Concentric Zone Model - E.W. Burgess - 1923
- The Sector Model - Homer Hoyt - 1939
- The Multiple Nuclei Model - Harris and Ullman - 1945

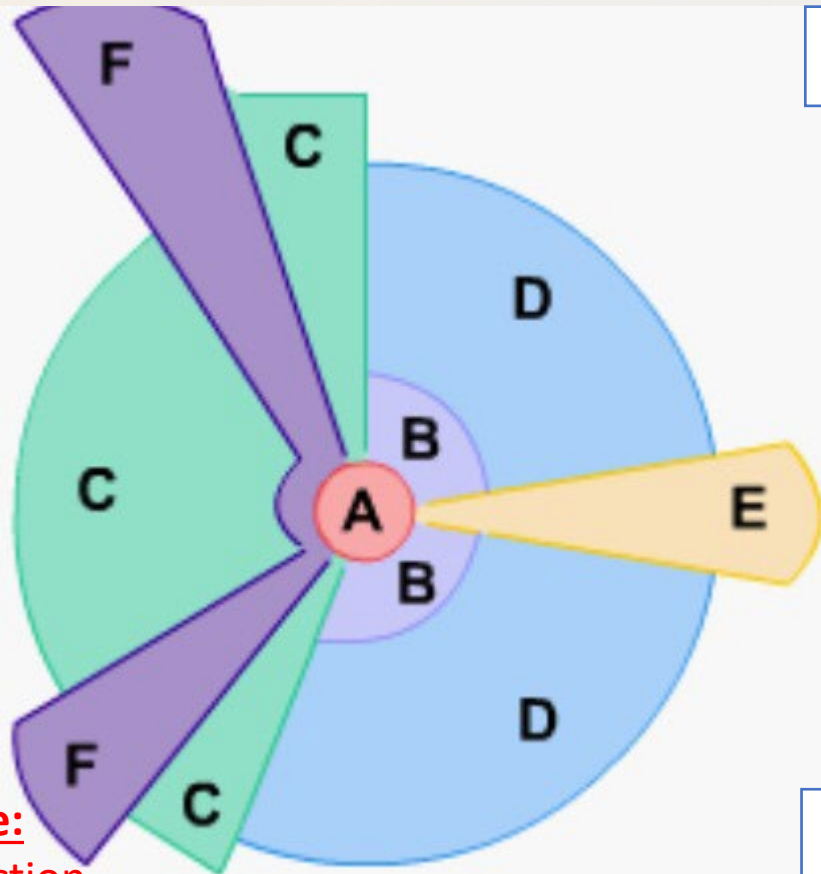
CONCENTRIC ZONE THEORY



Learn more:

- Introduction
- Assumptions
- Explanation
- Criticism

SECTOR THEORY



A CBD – Central Business District

B Zone of Transition

C Residential (Lower class)

D Residential (Middle class)

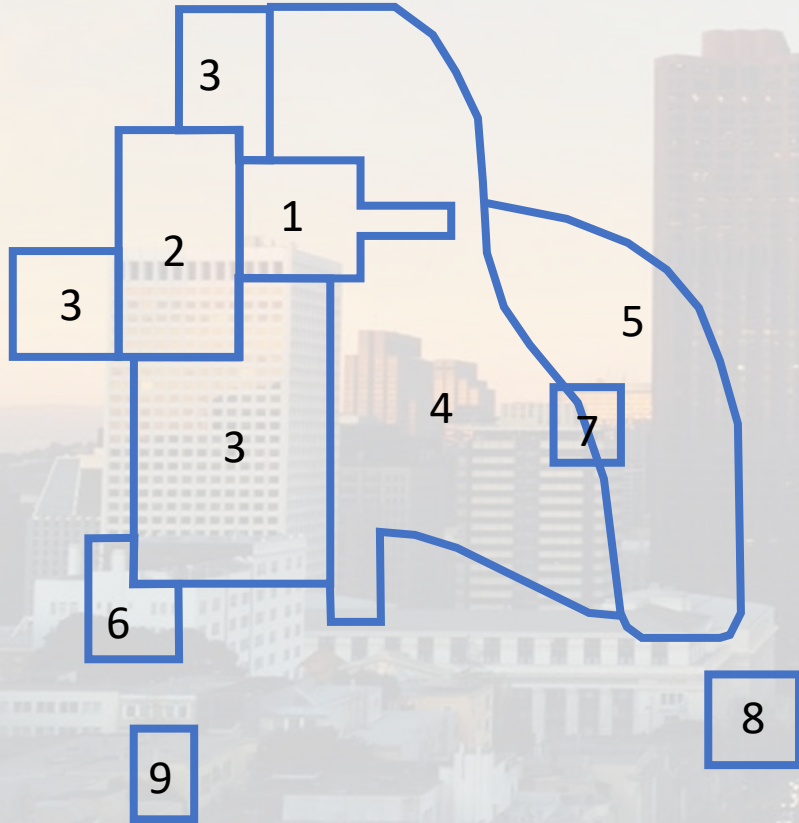
E Residential (Upper class)

F Industry

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SECTOR THEORY



- 1. Central Business District**
- 2. Wholesale Light Manufacturing**
- 3. Low-class Residential**
- 4. Middle-class Residential**
- 5. High-class Residential**
- 6. Heavy Manufacturing**
- 7. Outlying Business District**
- 8. Residential Suburb**
- 9. Industrial Suburb**

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URBAN CLASSIFICATION AND HIERARCHY

1. India has (Census of India (2011))

- 3784 Census Towns**
- 4041 Statutory Towns**

Census of India classifies towns and cities into,

Class - 1	1,00,000
Class - 2	50,000 – 99,999
Class - 3	20,000 – 49,999
Class - 4	10,000 – 19,999
Class - 5	5,000 – 4,999
Class - 6	<5,000

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF TOWNS – M.K. JAIN

1. Primary Activities:

- a. Cultivators
- b. Agricultural Laborers
- c. Livestock, fishing, forestry, hunting, plantation and allied activities
- d. Mining and Quarrying

2. Industrial Activities:

- e. Manufacturing i.e. Household and Other than Household,
- f. Construction

3. Trade:

- g. Trade and Commerce

4. Transport:

- h. Transport, Storage and Communication

5. Services:

- i. Other Services

MUMFORD'S ORGANIC CLASSIFICATION OF CITIES

1. Eopolis

- Eopolis refers to a **small settlement with rural culture**.
- As the time progresses, the people learned to **practice agriculture**.
- People start to **sell the surplus food**. Hence, a class of producers and traders emerge.

2. Polis

- Eopolis **increases spatial interaction** with neighboring villages.
- The terms of trade are generally in favor of the traders of the eopolis or central village which leads to accumulation of wealth in the eopolis.
- Slowly, the market area in the center of settlement expands and becomes a **Polis (city)**.
- A **social hierarchy** also emerges where priests and traders command highest position while the rest work as peasants.

3. Metropolis

- The town and its peripheral **villages grow spatially and merge to form a Metropolis**
- The metropolis increase its economic efficiency through specialization of trades. For example, some area of the city is allocated for industrial use and some for leisure and some for residential purposes.
- They produce one component of a larger product. The specialization leads to decline in wastage and betterment of quality.
- Therefore, the metropolis contains sufficient water, food and housing amenities.

4. Megapolis

- In this stage, the **immigration of people** from different parts of the country leads to diversification of culture.
- The society starts to become **individualistic and people grow indifferent** to others' plight.
- The crowding of megapolis results in **shortage of resources** which leads to class conflict.
- At the end of this stage, the city starts to decline.

5. Tyrannopolis

- In this stage, the society becomes **completely individualistic**.
- The city takes away the **surplus resources from rest of the country** for its own pleasure.
- Due to environmental degradation, the **people start to move towards the villages**.
- The economy goes through **Trade or Business Cycles**.

6. Necropolis

- Necropolis means **dead city**.
- In this stage, the environmental degradation, resource scarcity and erosion of cultural institutions leads to famine, wars and epidemics.
- Eventually, the city goes through **great turmoil and decays**.

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF CITIES

- **Marcel Auroseau** was the first social scientist to classify the cities on the basis of function (1921).
- He classified towns into six major and 28 minor types.
 - **Administrative Towns**
 - **Defense Towns**
 - **Cultural Towns**
 - **Production Towns**
 - **Communication Towns**
 - **Recreation Towns**

Learn more!

- Explain the types
- Criticism

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF CITIES BY HARRIS

1. Any city having a higher proportion of workers in a certain industry was classified as specialized in that industry.

- Manufacturing (M)
- Retailing (R)
- Diversified (D)
- Wholesaling (W)
- Transportation (T)
- Mining (S)
- Educational (E)
- Resort or retirement (X) and
- Others (P).

Learn more!

- Basis of the theory
- Threshold values
- Criticism

QUANTIFYING URBAN HIERARCHY

1. Urban is an indication of growth and modernity.
2. At the same time, consider its
3. Spatial distribution
4. Size with reference to other urban centres
5. Rate of growth and other functional aspects

CONCEPT OF PRIMATE CITY

1. Propounded by Mark Jefferson
2. A country's most important city is always disproportionately large and remarkably expressive of national capacity
3. It exerts supremacy on all others not only in population size but also in its role as a political, economic and social center
4. Index of Primacy = P_1/P_2
Where: P_1 = Population of the largest town and
 P_2 = population of the second largest town

RANK-SIZE RULE

- **If all cities in a country are placed in order from the largest to the smallest, each one will have a population half the size of the preceding city.**
 - **-Rank 1 – Largest City**
 - **-Rank 2 – $1/2$ the number of people as Rank 1 city**
 - **-Rank 3 – $1/3$ the number of people as Rank 1 city**
 - **-Rank 4 – $1/4$ the number of people as Rank 1 city**
 - **-Rank 5 – $1/5$ the number of people as Rank 1 city**

URBANIZATION

1. Urbanisation is the increase in the proportion of people living in towns and cities.
2. Urbanization typically occurs in stages
3. Each stage is marked by distinct demographic, economic, and social changes

**Rural to
Urban
Migration**

**Formation
of Small
Urban
Centers**

**Industrializ
ation and
Urban
Growth**

**Rapid
Urban
Expansion**

**Infrastructure
Development**

**Diversifica
tion of
Economic
Activities**

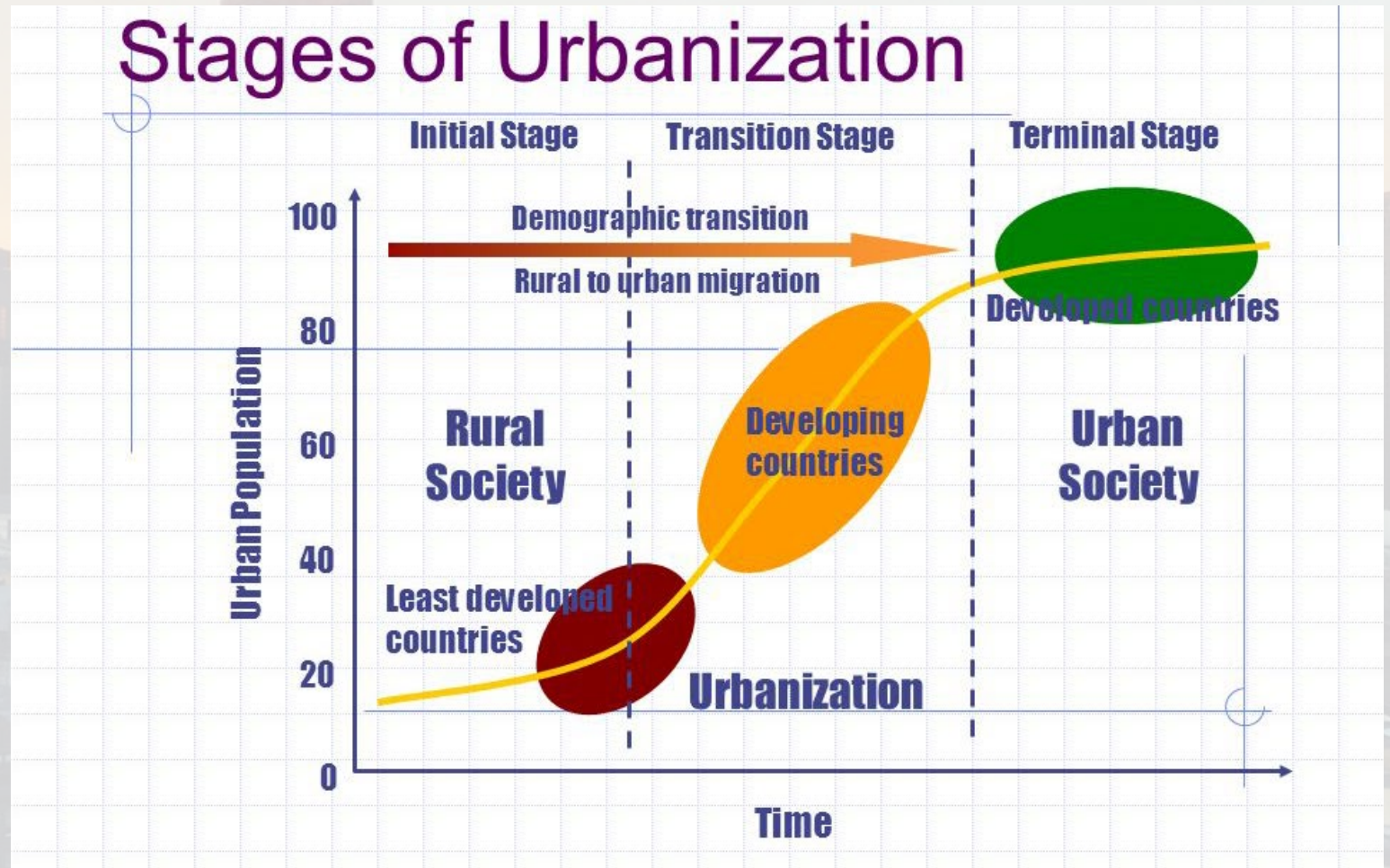
**Mature
Urbanisation**

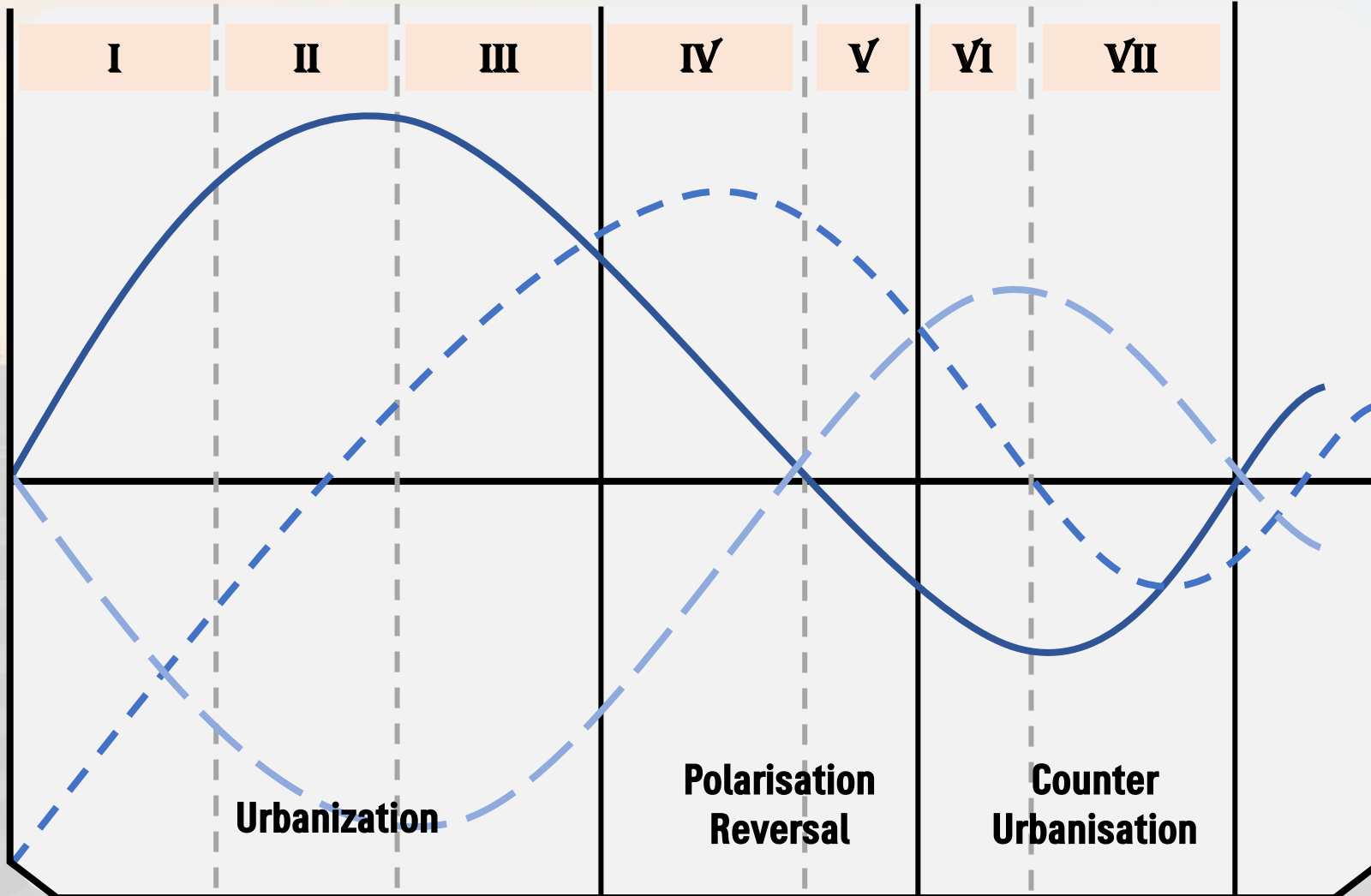
**Post-
Industrial
Urbanisation**

Discuss the factors of urbanisation!

STAGES OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. Urbanisation
2. Ex-urbanisation
3. Counter-urbanisation
4. Re-urbanisation





- I Early Primate City**
- II Intermediate Primate City**
- III Advanced Primate City**
- IV Early Intermediate City**
- V Advanced Intermediate City**
- VI Early Small City**
- VII Advanced Small City**

- Primate City**
- - - Intermediate City**
- . - Small City**

URBAN GROWTH IN INDIA

Urban Growth in India, 1971-2011

	Population in Million				Percentage of Change			
	1971-81	1981-91	1991-01	2001-11	1971-81	1981-91	1991-01	2001-11
Urban Increment	49.9	56.8	68.2	91	100	100	100	100
Natural Increase (of initial population plus intercensal migrants)	24.9	35.4	39.3	39.9	50	62.3	57.6	43.8
Net rural-urban migration	9.3	10.6	14.2	18.7	18.6	18.7	20.8	20.6
Net reclassification from rural to urban including jurisdictional changes and out growths	15.7	10.8	14.7	32.3	31.4	19	21.5	35.6

PROBLEMS OF URBANIZATION

1. **Overcrowding**
2. **Unemployment**
3. **Slums and Squatter Settlements**
4. **Degradation of Natural Resources**
5. **Health and Sanitation**
6. **Transportation**
7. **Sewage**
8. **Water Quality**
9. **Urban Waste**
10. **Urban Crime**



- 4.4 billion in 2020; 6.7 billion by 2050.
- Despite these problems, some Governments have been able to address the spatial, economic and social aspects of the urban divide and promote inclusive urbanization, including in rapidly growing cities.
- Their successful strategies have four elements in common.
 - ***First***, they have established **land and property rights**, paying particular attention to security of tenure for people living in poverty.
 - ***Second***, they have improved the availability of **affordable housing, infrastructure and basic services**.
 - ***Third***, they have facilitated access to **education and decent employment** for all urban residents.
 - ***Fourth***, they have introduced mechanisms to allow participation in **decision-making, encouraging input** from all stakeholders on the allocation of public funds and on the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of all policies.



Critical issues that need to be addressed in India are:

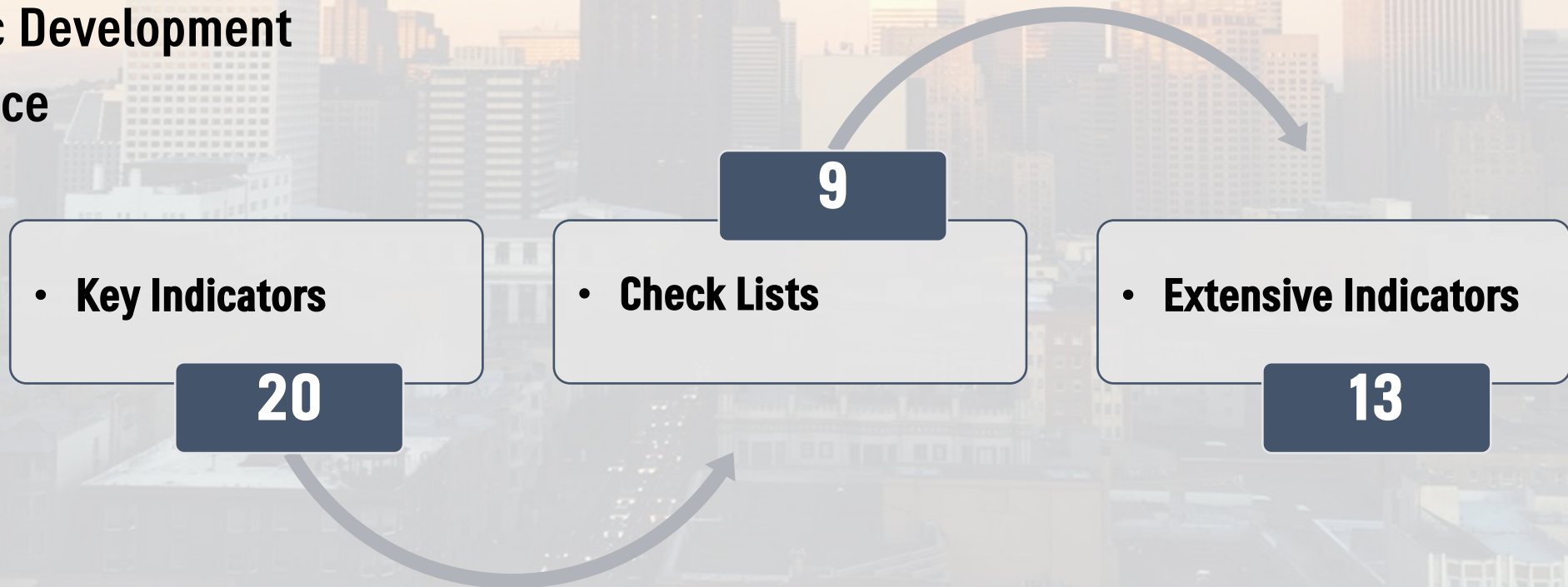
- **Poor local governance**
- **Weak finances**
- **Inappropriate planning**
- **Critical infrastructure shortages and service deficiencies**
- **Rapidly deteriorating environment**

URBAN VS CLIMATE

1. Beyond its administrative boundaries, **urban is influencing climate change** in many ways.
2. Contributes **70% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions**
3. Climate change may render hundreds of millions of urban residents increasingly vulnerable to **floods, landslides, extreme weather and other natural disasters.**
 - Who are affected more?
 - 1 Metre away from Sinking
4. Part of the solution lies in how cities are **planned, governed, and provide services to their citizens.**


URBAN INDICATORS

- MDG / UN Urban Habitat
 - Shelter
 - Social Development
 - Environmental Management
 - Economic Development
 - Governance



SDG.11

- **11.1:** Ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable **housing and basic services** and upgrade slums.
- **11.2:** Provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and **sustainable transport** systems
- **11.3:** Enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and **sustainable human settlement** planning and management in all countries.
- **11.4:** Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the **cultural and natural heritage**.
- **11.5:** Significantly reduce the **number of deaths and the number of people affected** by disasters, including water-related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations.
- **11.6:** Reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to **air quality and municipal and other waste management**.

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- **11.7:** Provide universal access to safe, **inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces**, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities.
 - **11.a:** Support positive **economic, social and environmental** links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas
 - **11.b:** Substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting the **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction**
 - **1.4:** Ensure that all men and women, particularly the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights
 - **6.3:** Improve water quality

URBAN MONITORING FRAMEWORK

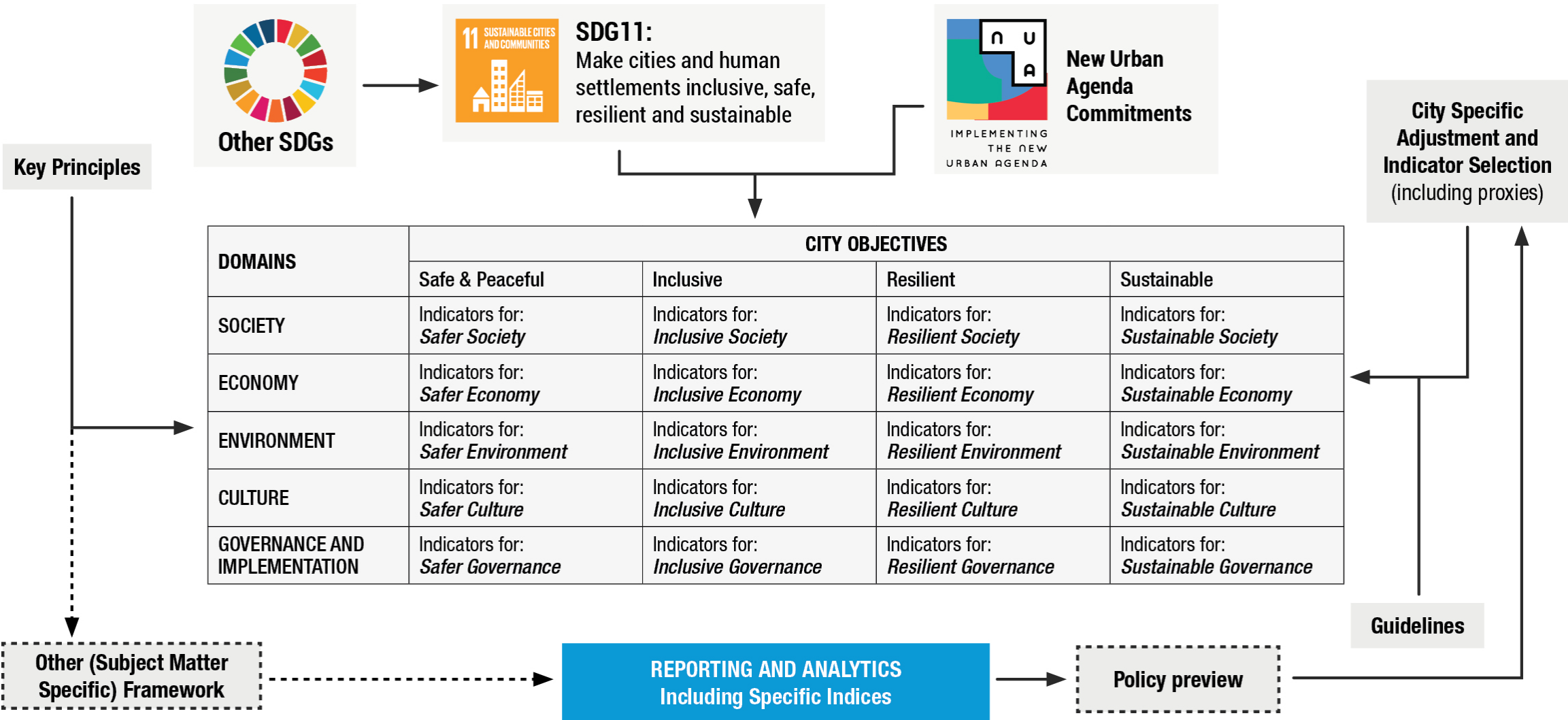
Domains

- Society
- Economy
- Environment
- Culture
- Governance

City Objectives

- Safe & Peaceful
- Inclusive
- Resilient
- Sustainable

URBAN MONITORING FRAMEWORK



Society

Under-5 Mortality Rate

Safely Managed Drinking Water

Safely Managed Sanitation Services

Hand-Washing Facility with Soap and Water

Proportion of Births in all Health Facilities

Neighborhood Safety

Adolescent Birth Rate

Traffic Fatalities

Basic Services

Access to Public Transport

Education Completion Rate

Secure Tenure Rights to Land

Prevalence of Malnutrition

Vaccinated Children

Welfare of Migrants

Multilingual Education

Life Expectancy at Birth

Mortality Rate (Diseases)

Mortality Rate (Suicide)

Population Affected by Hazardous Events

Mortgage Debt Relative to GDP

Food Insecurity

Slum Population

Gini Coefficient

Economy

Children Engaged in Child Labour

Time Spent on Unpaid Domestic and Care Work

The Global Urban Monitoring Framework

Unemployment Rate

Youth not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

Use of Public Transport

Internet Use

Annual Growth Rate of GDP per Capita

Youth and Adults in Formal and Non-formal Education and Training

Adult Population with a Qualification from a Recognized Institution

Fixed Internet Broadband Subscriptions

Small-scale Industries in Total Industry Value Added

Days to Start a Business

Patent Application

Sub National Debt

Mean Household Income

Environment

Wastewater Safely Treated

Solid Waste Collection and Disposal

Air Quality

Hazardous Waste

Access to Open Public Spaces

Education for Sustainable Development

Renewable Energy Share

Green Area per Capita

Change in Tree Cover

Protected Natural Areas

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Efficient Land Use

Budget on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Culture

Culture for Social Cohesion

Cultural Knowledge

Access to Cultural Infrastructure

Cultural Participation

Cultural Employment

Expenditure on Heritage

Sustainable Management of Heritage

Climate Adaptation and Resilience

Open Space for Culture

Governance

Victims of Intentional Homicide

Victims of Physical and Sexual Violence

Intimate Partner Violence

Reporting of Violence

Bribery

Direct Participation Structure of Civil Society in Urban Planning and Management

Utilization of E-Governance and Digital Governance Tools

Proportion of Seats Held by Women in Sub-national/Local Governments

Legal Frameworks for Equality

Efficiency in Urban Governance

Own Source Revenue Collection

Financial Autonomy

Local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies

Registered Births

National Urban Policies/ Regional Development Plans

Governance of Culture

THE NEW URBAN AGENDA (NUA)

- Blueprint for our **shared and sustainable urban future**
- Adopted at the UN Conference on **Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)** in Quito, Ecuador, on 20 October 2016
- The NUA aims at making cities **spatially effective** for sustainable development
- All SDGs are connected and linked with the NUA



**Leave no one
behind**

end poverty, ensure public participation, equal rights and opportunities, socioeconomic and cultural diversity, health and welfare

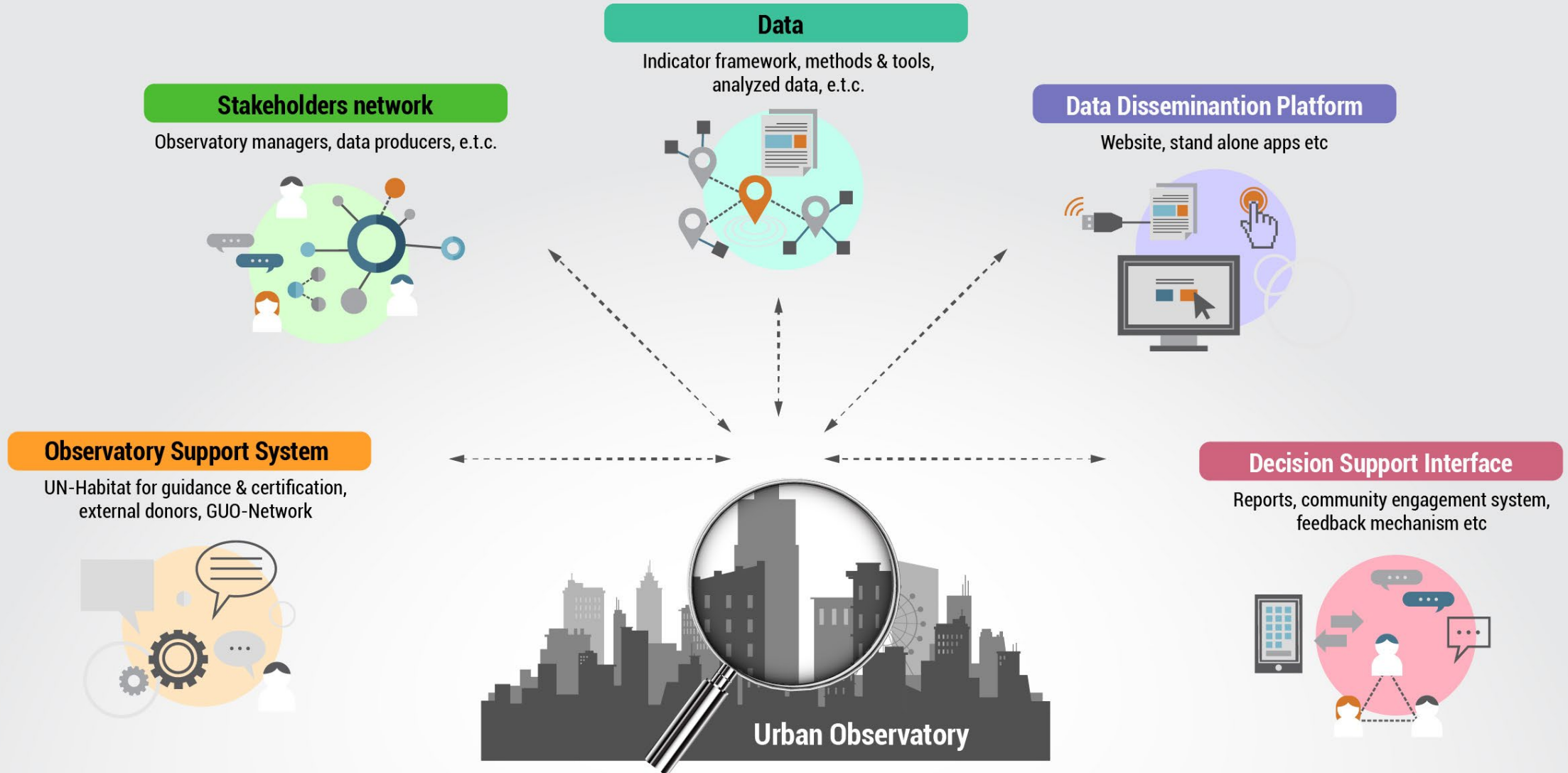
**Inclusive
Economies**

planned urbanization, productivity, opportunities, competitiveness, innovation

**Environmental
Sustainability**

clean energy and sustainable use of land and resources, protect ecosystems and biodiversity, build resilient urban, reduce disaster risks

URBAN INFORMATION SYSTEM



Urban Database

Satellite Platforms: 1.1: Hyperspectral, 1.2: RADAR, 1.3: LIDAR, 1.4: Drone -
Scope and Limitations

Data Sources: 2.1: GNSS Survey for Data Collection – 2.2: BHUVAN
Thematic Map Services – 2.3: Organizational Reports – 2.4: Cadastral
Mapping – 2.5: Utility and Infrastructure Mapping.

URBAN DATABASE

	Satellite Data	Survey Data
Housing, slums and informal settlements		
Urban population trends		
Open spaces and green areas		
Urban transport		
Access to basic services in cities and urban areas		
City Prosperity Index		
Economic indicators		
Urban environment and quality of life		
Spatial growth of cities and urban areas		
Social inclusion indicators		

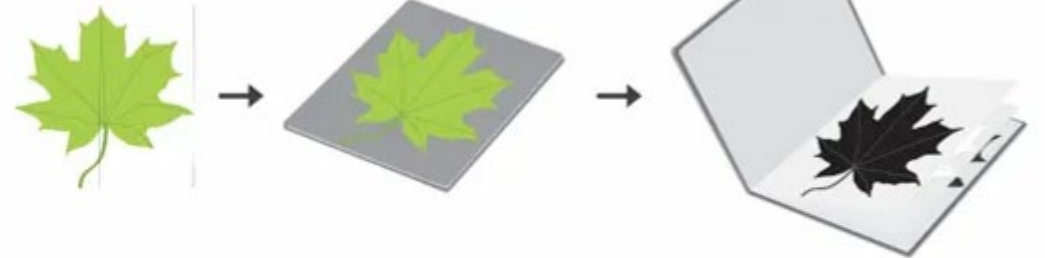
1.1 HYPERSPECTRAL IMAGING

Imaging spectrometer, also called a hyperspectral camera, to collect spectral information.

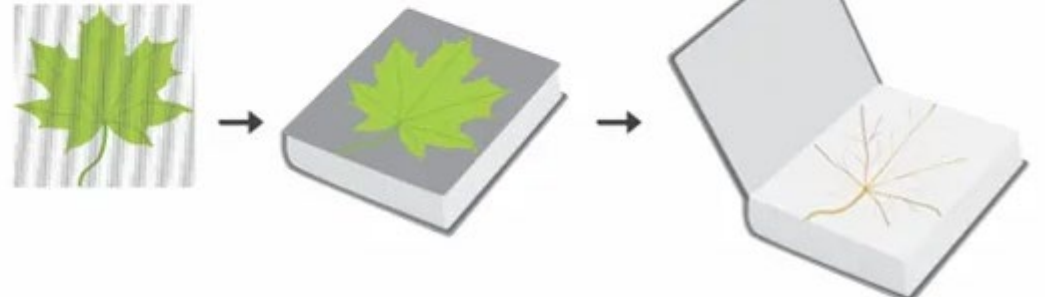
It provides both spatial and spectral information about the object's **physical** and **chemical** properties.

Applied extensively for material identification

Digital photograph (RGB)
3 wavelengths



Hyperspectral Image
>100 wavelengths



Urban Classes by Hyperspectral Image

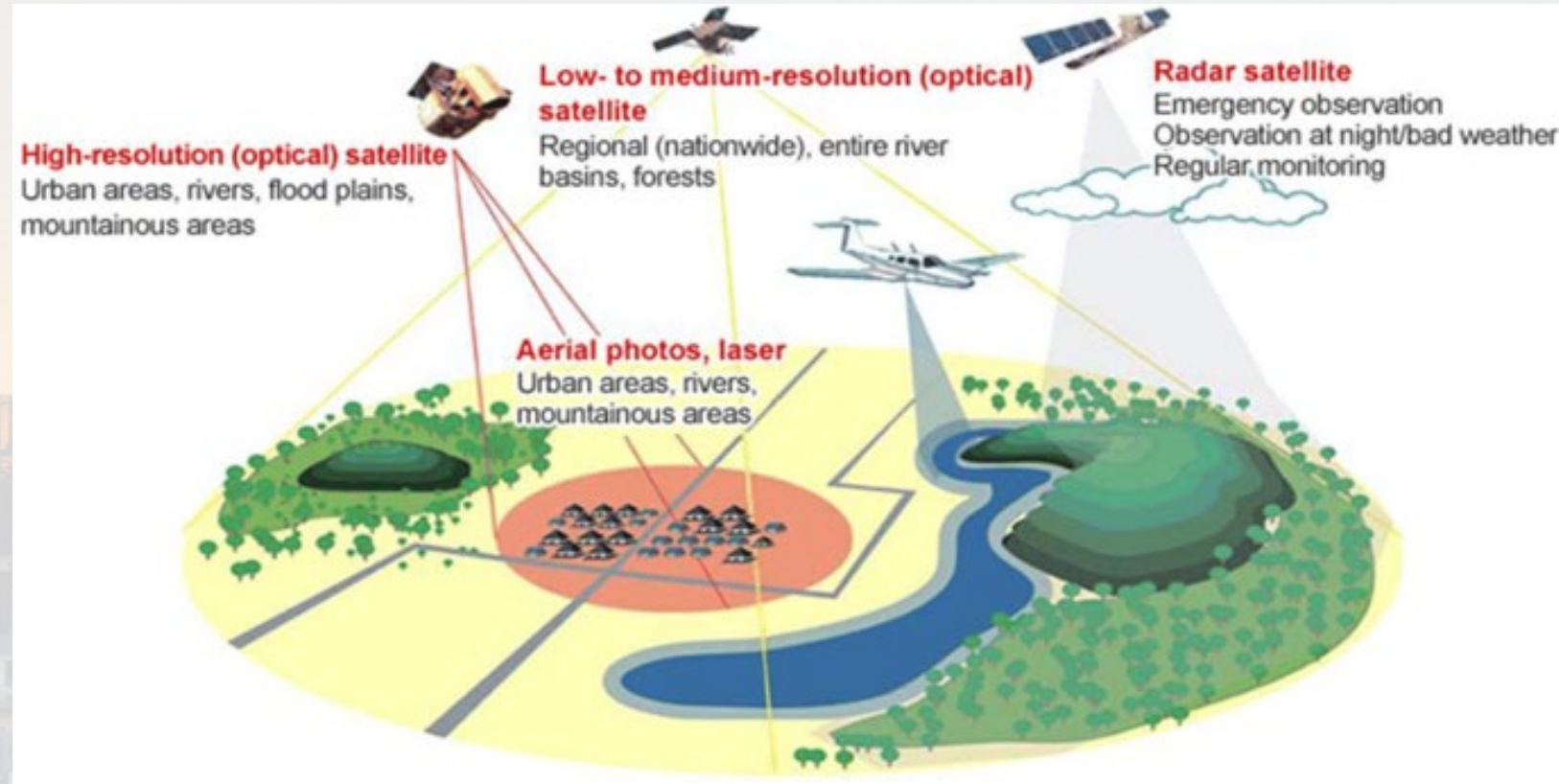
Level 1	Level 2: Land cover	Level 3: Material types	Level 4: Surface materials
Man-made/artificial surfaces	Buildings/roofs	Mineral materials	Asbestos
			Bitumen roof sheeting
			Clay tiles
			Concrete slabs
			Concrete tiles
			Fiber cement
			Glass
			Gravel
			Slate
		Metallic materials	Aluminum
			Copper
			Zinc
			Steel with protective coating
			Corrugated metal sheet
			Lead
			Gold leaf
			Tin
		Hydrocarbon materials	Coated corrugated metal sheet (PVC, Polyethylene, coating color)
			Polyvinylchloride (PVC)
			Polyethylene (PE)
			Polyisobutylene (PIB)
			Plexiglas
		Biomass materials	Tar Paper
			Green roof
	Thatched roof		
	Wood shingles		
	Wood shingles		
	Artificial open spaces	Partially impervious surfaces	Cinder
			Clay-baked paving stones
			Cobblestone pavement
			Concrete paving stones
			Gravel
			Grass pavers
			Loose chippings
			Railway tracks
			Fully impervious surfaces Asphalt
Concrete			
Flagstone (Granite)			
Synthetic turf			
Tartan			
Water bodies with artificial bottom			
Pool			
Garden pond			

Natural surfaces	Vegetation	Trees	Coniferous	
			Deciduous	
			Shrubs/bushes	
			Meadow/lawn Meadow - dry	
			Meadow - fresh	
			Ornamental lawn	
			Sports turf	
	Bare ground	Soil	Soil - dark	
			Soil - bright	
		Sand	Sand - coarse	
			Sand - fine	
		Rock		
	Water bodies	Ocean/sea		
			Inland waters	Lakes
				Ponds
Rivers				

1.2 RADAR

Main applications:

- DEM
- Feature Extraction
- Water
- Vegetation
- Settlements
- Traffic
- Subsidence
- Disaster Studies
- 3D Modelling (LEO)



1.3 LIDAR

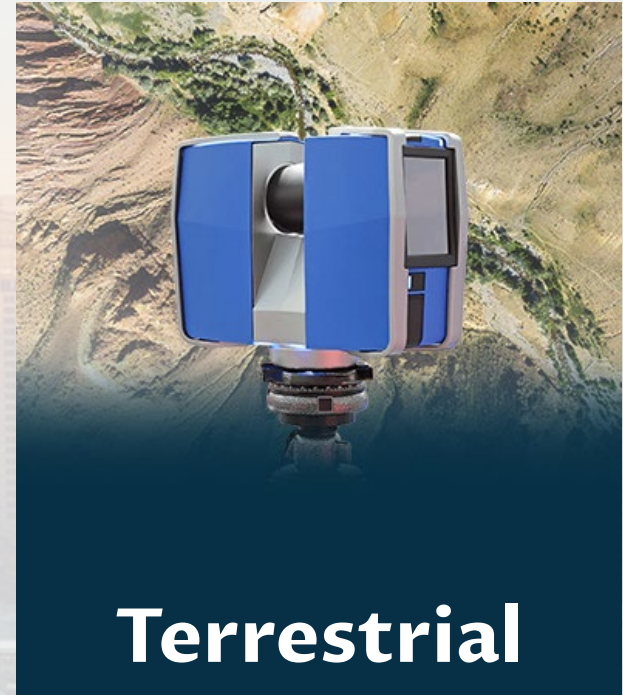
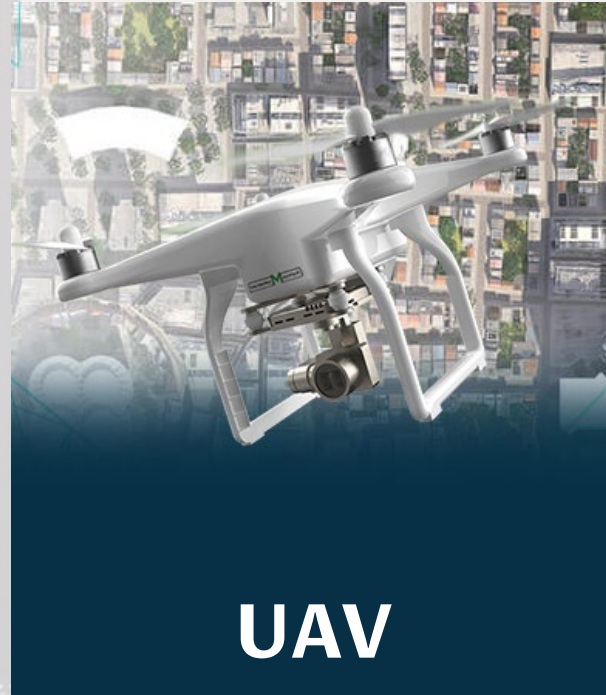
- **Urban Topography**
- **Infrastructure**
- **3D Modelling**

In addition to its wide applications...

- **Detailed Structural Assessments**
- **Monitoring Structural Health**
- **Detecting Environmental Impact**
- **Disaster Risk Reduction and Mitigation**



Operational Capabilities



LIDAR USE CASE

Smart City Solutions

- Urban Master Planning
- Property Tax Management
- Solar Rooftop Management
- Urban Forest Management



1.4 DRONE

- **City Planning**
- **Engineering Monitoring**
- **Municipal Waste Management**
- **Urban Security**
- **Environmental Management**
- **Emergency Response**

	Characteristics	Disadvantages	Applications
Multispectral	Resolution Source of Energy Area Coverage		
Hyperspectral			
RADAR			
LIDAR			
Drone			



Data Sources:

2.1 GNSS Survey for Data Collection

2.2 BHUVAN Thematic Map Services

2.3 Organizational Reports

2.4 Cadastral Mapping

2.5 Utility and Infrastructure Mapping

BEST PRACTICES FOR DATA COLLECTION

- 1. Choose the right equipment**
- 2. Plan the fieldwork**
- 3. Optimize the settings**
- 4. Collect the data**
- 5. Process the data**

2.1 TYPES OF GNSS MEASUREMENTS

Single Point Positioning (SPP)

- Single Point Positioning is the most basic form of GNSS surveying, where a single receiver collects satellite signals to determine its position.
- However, SPP has limitations in terms of accuracy, typically within a few meters due to factors like atmospheric interference and satellite geometry.

Differential Positioning (DGPS)

- Differential Positioning improves accuracy by using a reference station with known coordinates. By comparing the reference station's position with the receiver's measurements.
- DGPS can eliminate errors caused by atmospheric disturbances, clock inaccuracies, and satellite orbit errors, achieving sub-meter to decimeter accuracy.


Real-Time Kinematic (RTK)

- RTK is a surveying method that provides high-precision real-time positioning. It employs a base station and one or more rovers to receive GNSS signals.
- The base station receives signals from satellites and transmits correction data to the rovers, allowing them to compute precise coordinates.
- RTK can achieve centimeter-level accuracy, making it suitable for applications that demand high precision.

Post-Processing Kinematic (PPK)


- PPK involves recording raw GNSS data during the survey and processing it after data collection.
- By using a base station or virtual reference station data, PPK calculates the precise coordinates of the survey points.
- PPK can achieve similar accuracy to RTK, but it requires additional post-processing time.

GNSS ACCURACY LEVELS




5-10 m
16-32 ft

Navigation accuracy
(phones & tablets for consumer use)



10-100 cm
3.9-39.4 in

DGNSS / PPP accuracy
(for general tracking, and navigation of autonomous vehicles)



3-10 cm
1.2-3.9 in

RTK / SSR accuracy
(for engineering, mapping and scientific users)

2.2 BHUVAN THEMATIC MAP SERVICES

General Applications:

- **Bhuvan 2D**
- **Bhuvan 3D**
- **Climate and Environment**

Specific Applications

- **Urban: UIS – Municipal GIS – Urban Growth**
- **Rural: MGNREGA - PMGSY**
- **Tourism: Tourism GIS - Archeology**
- **Agriculture: Pest - Plantation**
- **Water: WRIS - National Hydrology Project**
- **Forestry - MoEFCC**



Thematic Services (for urban)

- **Urban Land Use**
 - 10k scale
 - 4k scale
- **Urban Sprawl**
 - For select states

2.3 ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

Census of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demography and Socioeconomic data
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handbook of Urban Statistics• India Smart Cities Report
WRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Articles
UN-Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Cities Report• The Sustainable Development Goals Report• City Prosperity Index• Global Report on Sanitation and Wastewater Management in Cities and Human Settlements• Urban Climate Action• UN World Water Development Report• Global Environment Outlook (GEO) for Cities report• Global State of National Urban Policy
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2.4 Cadastral Mapping

- A cadastre or cadaster is a comprehensive recording of the real estate or real property bounds of a country.

2.5 Utility Mapping

- A utility map shows the positioning and identification of buried pipes and cables beneath the ground. The procedure involves detecting things like sewers, electric cables, telecoms cables, gas and water mains.



CHARACTERISTICS OF REPORTS, CADASTRAL & UTILITY MAPS

1. Nature of data: **numeric / spatial data**
2. Temporal coverage: **low / high and static / dynamic**
3. Spatial coverage: **Global / local**
4. Technical coverage: **limited / complex**
5. Skill adequacy: **basic / advanced**
6. Visualization effects: **limited / high**



Modelling Urban Dynamics

Image Processing: Image Classification - Feature Extraction Techniques -
Land Use & Land Cover Classification (NRSC) - Change Detection –
Urban Expansion: Sprawl and Density – Morphological Patterns and Forms

GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR LULC MAPPING



1. SPECTRAL INFORMATION

1. Different features reflect light uniquely across spectral bands
2. Indices like NDVI, NDWI, NDBI help identify vegetation, water bodies, and urban areas

2. SPATIAL INFORMATION

1. Identifying physical arrangement and distribution
2. Edge detection, texture analysis, morphological operations

3. TEMPORAL INFORMATION

1. Monitoring changes over time
2. Useful for detecting urban growth, deforestation, seasonal activities, and disaster impacts

4. PREPROCESSING OF SATELLITE IMAGES

1. Radiometric correction
2. Geometric correction
3. Noise reduction
4. Image enhancement



Machine Learning & AI-Based Classification

BASIC CONCEPTS OF CLASSIFICATION

1. Classification involves assigning each pixel (or group of pixels) in an image to a specific class or category (e.g., water, forest, urban area, agriculture).
2. **Supervised learning:** A type of ML where the algorithm is trained on labeled data—images where the class for each pixel or object is known.
3. **Unsupervised learning:** A method where the algorithm tries to discover the natural groupings or clusters of pixels without labeled data.

1. TRADITIONAL MACHINE LEARNING

1. Supervised Learning:

- SVM, Random Forest, k-NN

2. Unsupervised Learning:

- K-means clustering, ISODATA



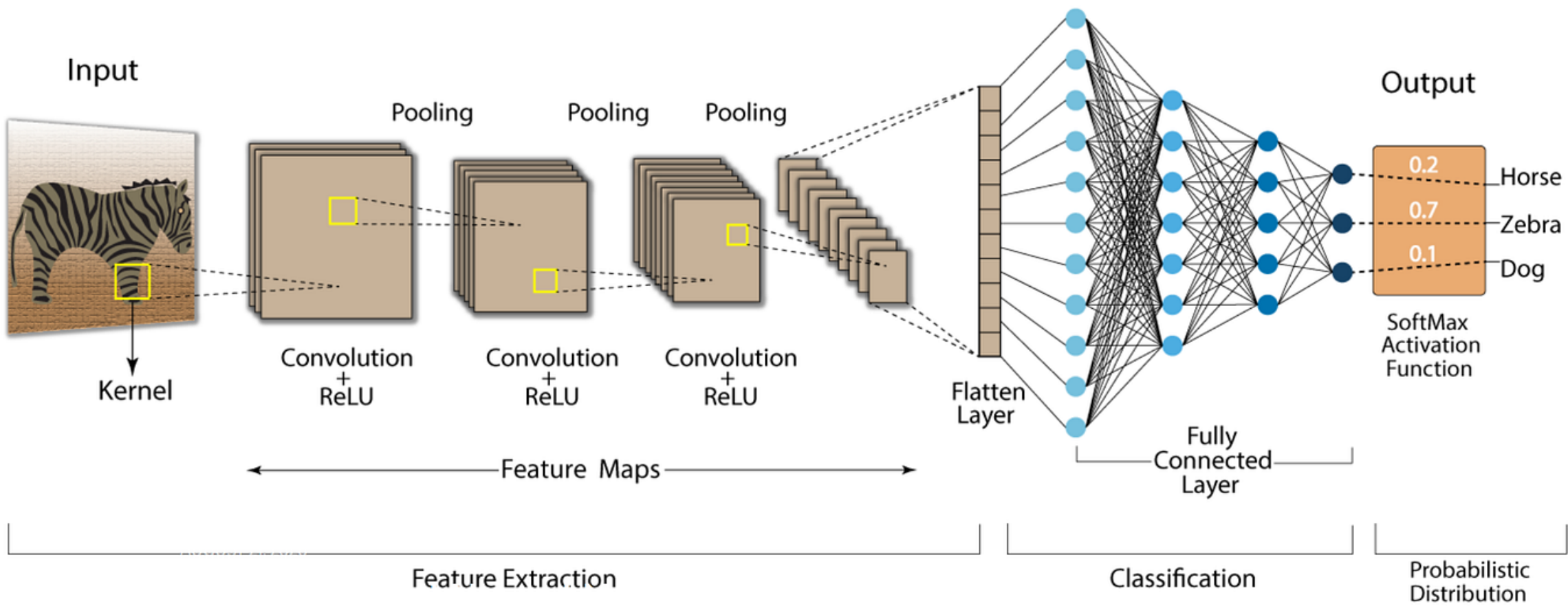
2. DEEP LEARNING

1. CNNs for automatic feature learning

CNNs are particularly powerful for image classification tasks because they can automatically learn spatial hierarchies of features, making them ideal for complex satellite imagery analysis. CNNs include:

- **Convolutional layers:** These layers use filters (kernels) to detect features like edges, textures, and objects. Learns which filters are important during training.
- **Pooling layers:** These layers reduce the spatial dimensions of the image, which helps reduce computational complexity.
- **Fully connected layers:** In the final stages of the network, classifies the image into categories.

Convolution Neural Network (CNN)





CNNs are highly effective in:

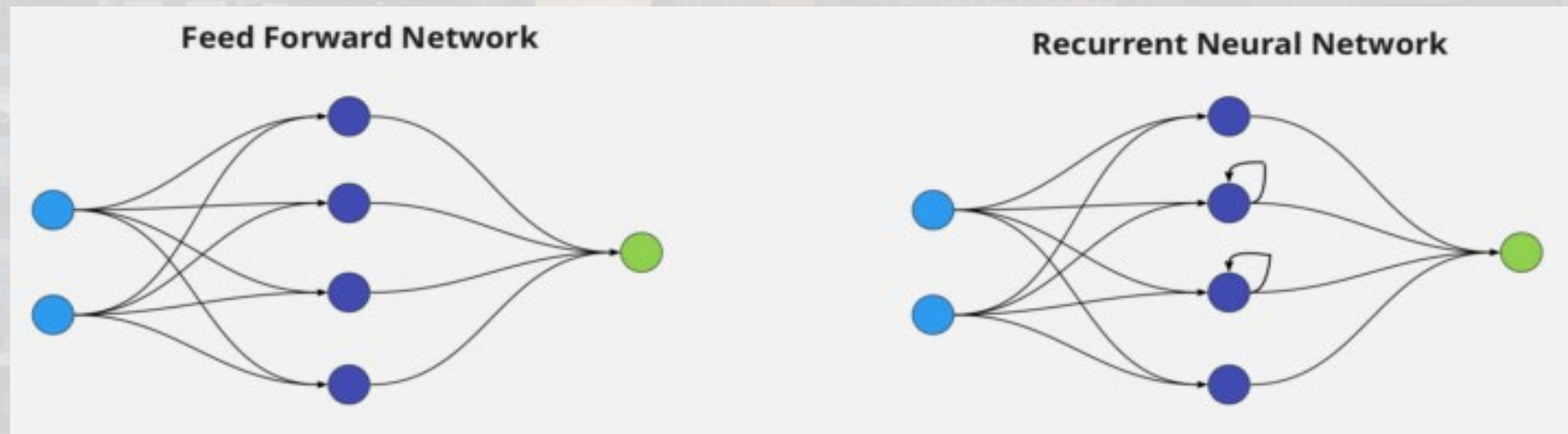
- **Land cover classification:** Automatically identifying different types of terrain.
- **Building and road detection:** Mapping urban areas.
- **Object detection:** Identifying specific objects like ships, cars, or planes.

2. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) for Temporal Analysis

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, can analyse temporal sequences of satellite data to detect changes over time.

Satellite images are often collected over time, making temporal analysis important for monitoring changes like

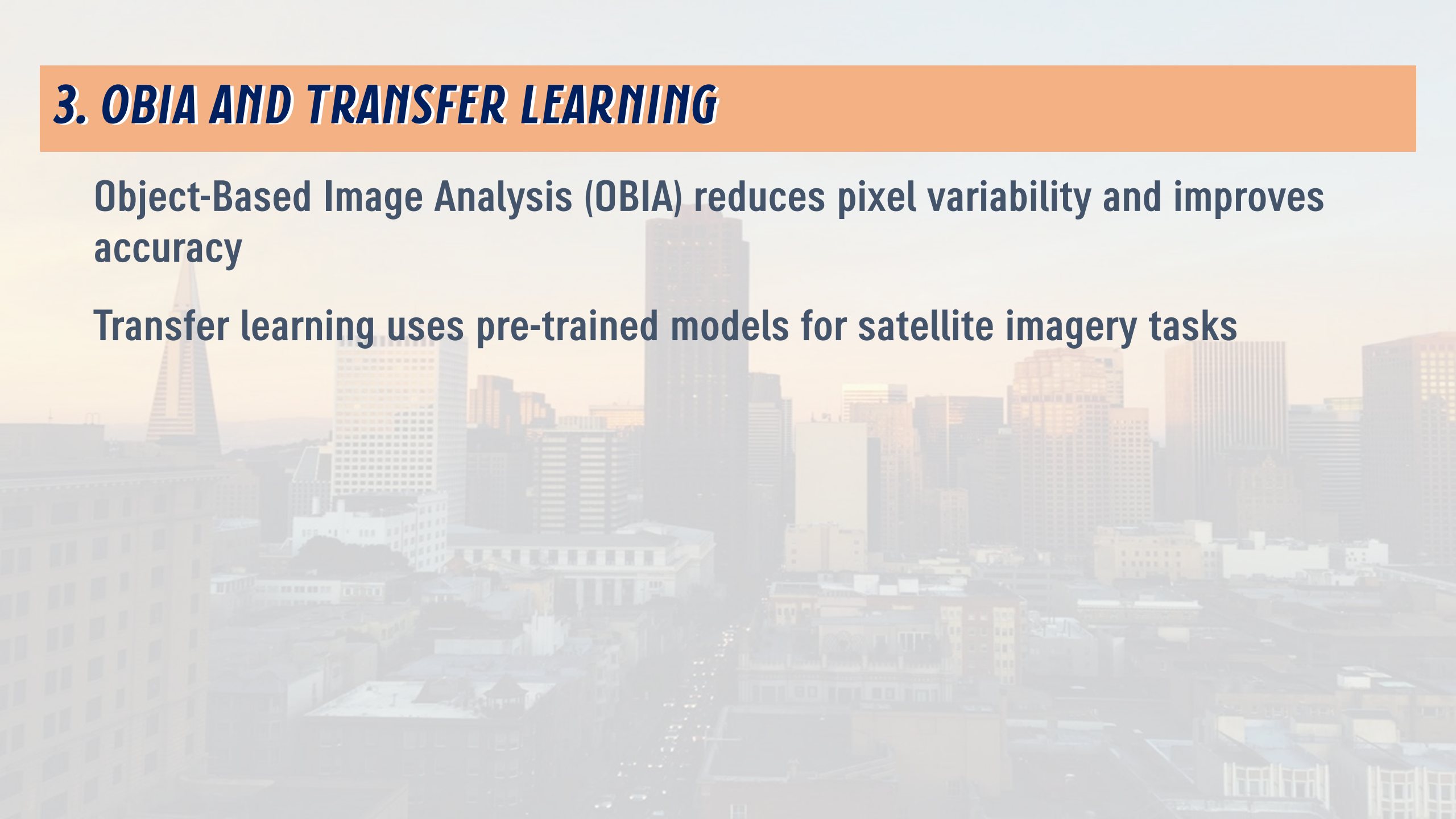
- Deforestation
- Urban sprawl
- Vegetation patterns



3. OBIA AND TRANSFER LEARNING

Object-Based Image Analysis (OBIA) reduces pixel variability and improves accuracy

Transfer learning uses pre-trained models for satellite imagery tasks



FEATURE EXTRACTION – A CRUCIAL STEP

For ML models to perform classification effectively, feature extraction is a crucial step. In satellite imagery, features can be derived from:

- Spectral information (from various bands, such as RGB, IR etc.).
- Texture features (e.g., roughness, smoothness, homogeneity).
- Spatial relationships (e.g., edges, patterns, shapes).
- Temporal changes (from multi-temporal imagery).

Deep learning models like **CNNs can automatically learn** these features, while **traditional ML models** (like SVMs or Random Forests) often rely on manually engineered features or indices like NDVI.

4. CHALLENGES AND APPLICATIONS

1. Challenges:

- **Limited labeled data**
- **Complex satellite data**
- **Generalization issues**

2. Applications:

- **LULC Mapping**
- **Urban Growth**
- **Agriculture**
- **Disaster Management**
- **Environmental Monitoring**

NRSC – LULC CLASSIFICATION

Land Cover is defined as **observed physical features** on the Earth's Surface. When an **economic function** is added to it, it becomes Land Use. (FAO, 2005).

1. Natural Resources Census (NRC) Project of National Natural Resources Repository (NRR) Program.
2. The LULC classification scheme at 1:50,000 scale
3. Consists of 3 levels of classification:
 - Level-I: 8 classes
 - Level-II: 31 classes and
 - Level-III: 54 classes.

Sl.	Description-1	Description-2	Classes from NRC LULC50K Mapping Project
1	Builtup	Urban	Built up – Compact (Continuous), Built up – Sparse (Discontinuous), Built up – Vegetated / Open area, Industrial area, Ash / Cooling Pond / effluent and other waste
		Rural	Rural
		Mining	Mining – Active, Mining – Abandoned, Quarry
2	Agriculture	Crop land	Kharif, Rabi, Zaid, Cropped in 2 seasons, Cropped in more than 2 seasons
		Plantation	Agriculture Plantation
		Fallow	Fallow land
		Current Shifting cultivation	Shifting cultivation – Current
3	Forest	Evergreen / Semi evergreen	Dense / Closed and Open category of Evergreen / Semi evergreen
		Deciduous	Dense / Closed and Open category of Deciduous and Tree Clad Area
		Forest Plantation	Forest Plantation
		Scrub Forest	Scrub Forest, Shifting Cultivation – Abandoned
		Swamp / Mangroves	Dense / Closed & Open Mangrove
4	Grass/ Grazing	Grass/ Grazing	Grassland: Alpine / Sub-Alpine, Temperate / Sub Tropical, Tropical / Desertic
5	Barren/unculturable/Wastela	Salt Affected Land	Salt Affected Land
		Gullied / Ravinous Land	Gullied, Ravinous
		Scrub land	Dense / Closed and Open category of scrub land
		Sandy area	Desertic, Coastal, Riverine sandy area
		Barren rocky	Barren rocky
		Rann	Rann
6	Wetlands / Water Bodies	Inland Wetland	Wetland - Inland Natural (Ox-bow lake, cut off meander, waterlogged etc.), Inland Manmade (Water logged, saltpans etc.)
		Coastal Wetland	Wetland – Lagoon, creeks, mudflats, Saltpan etc.
		River / Stream / canals	Perennial & Non-Perennial River, Canal / Drain
		Water bodies	Aquaculture, Permanent & seasonal Lake/Ponds, Reservoir/Tanks
7		Snow	Snow

CHANGE DETECTION

Changes in the land use and land cover impact the earth in many ways,

- Habitat
- Water quality
- Quality of Life
- Air quality
- Global Carbon Cycle
- Population growth / decline
- Economic growth
- Agricultural and Forest products



***What has
been
changed?***

1. Post-Classification methods

- Follows a usual routine
- Applicable for large datasets
 - Maximum Likelihood
 - K-Means Neighbour
 - Fuzzy Classifier

2. Pre-Classification methods

- Uses algorithms directly on the image sets
- Preferred for smaller datasets
 - Image Differencing
 - Change Vector Method
 - Multidate Comparison Regression



***Why we
analyse LULC
Changes?***

URBAN EXPANSION

1. The process by which cities and towns grow into the surrounding areas, including villages and towns.
2. Factors of Expansion:

**Population
Growth**

**Economic
Development**

**Technological
Advancements**

**Governmental
Policies and
Planning**

**Desire for
Better Living
Conditions**

FORMS OF EXPANSION

Extension

New land use is developed next to existing land uses, such as by expanding streets and utilities

Linear Development

Similar to extension, but the expansion is shaped by an existing circulation corridor, such as a highway or transit line

Sprawl

A common form of suburban development that takes advantage of scattered lots

Urban Administration

An aerial view of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of light blue and orange. The city is filled with various buildings, including a prominent skyscraper with a pointed top (the Transamerica Pyramid) on the left. The text "Urban Administration" is overlaid in a bold, black, sans-serif font in the center-left area of the image.

LOCAL BODY / GOVERNMENT

- Local bodies are institutions of the local self governance, which look after the administration of an area or small community such as villages, towns, or cities.
- The Local bodies in India are broadly classified into two categories.

The local bodies constituted for local planning, development and administration in the

Rural Areas

Rural Local Bodies (RLB)

Urban Areas

Urban Local Bodies (ULB)

ROLE OF LOCAL BODIES

- **A Regulator**, namely the administration of various acts and regulations
- **A Provider**, that involves providing urban services efficiently and equitably by managing its accounts effectively and efficiently.
- **An Agent** that takes the schemes of higher levels government to the people. This includes promotion of popular participation
- **A Welfare Agency**, which provides active assistance to higher level governments in the equitable distribution and delivery
- **An Agent of Development**, who strives for improvement in the quality of life through the augmentation of infrastructure

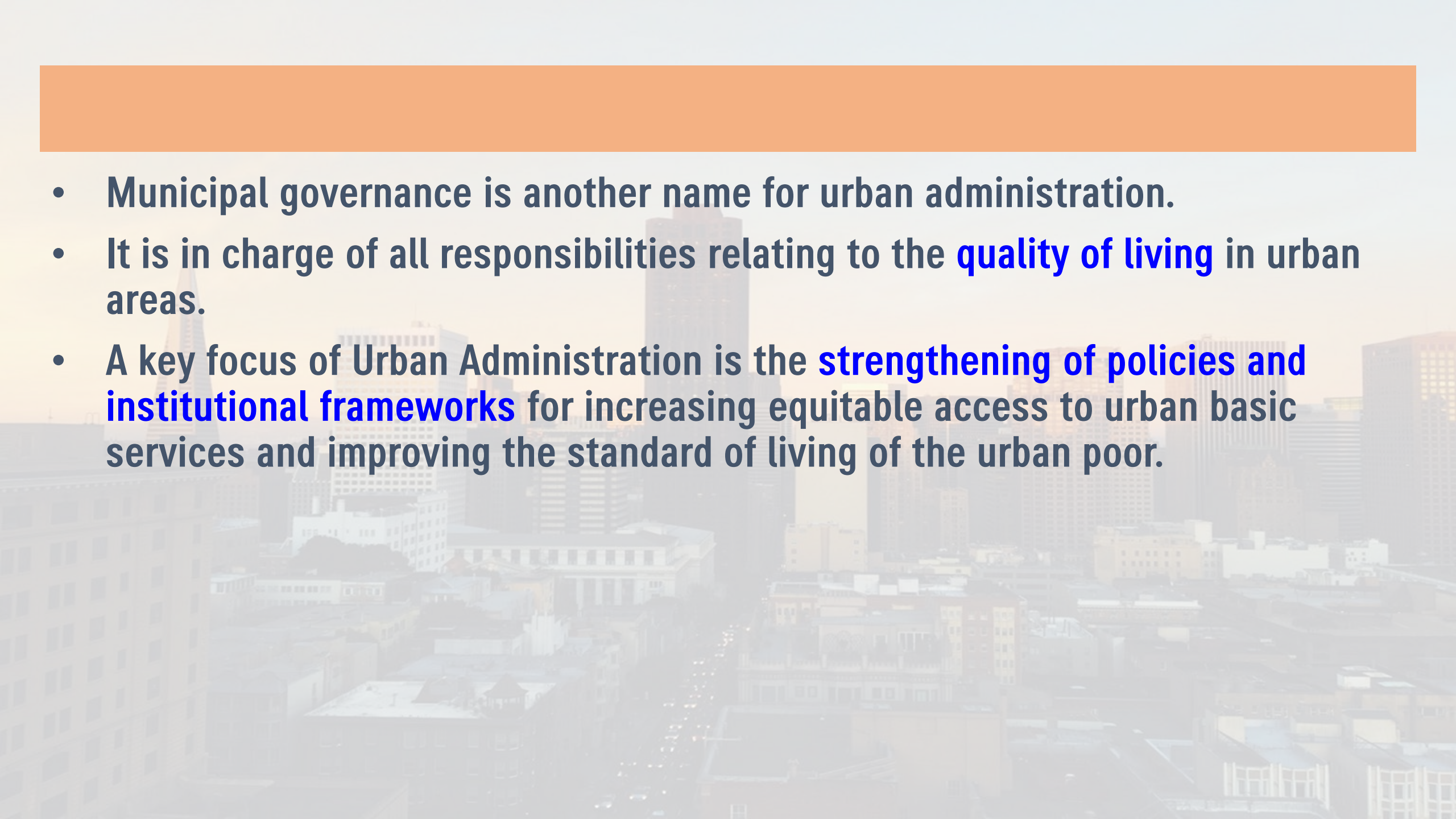
Rural Local Body

- Panchayat
- Panchayat area
- Village
- Gram Sabha
- Village Level Panchayat
- Intermediate Level Panchayat
- District Level Panchayat

Urban Local Body

- Town Panchayat
- Municipal Council
- Municipal Corporation

Economic Development and social justice is the core principle of the local bodies.

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- **Municipal governance is another name for urban administration.**
 - **It is in charge of all responsibilities relating to the **quality of living** in urban areas.**
 - **A key focus of Urban Administration is the **strengthening of policies and institutional frameworks** for increasing equitable access to urban basic services and improving the standard of living of the urban poor.**



UN-Habitat provides assistance in developing policies for better urban service as follows:

1. To rehabilitate and **expand urban infrastructure** and services to keep pace with growing demand
 2. To ensure institutional **efficiency and effectiveness** in service provision
 3. To provide adequate **levels of service** for the urban poor.
- It also takes into account the **needs and priorities** of women, men and vulnerable groups in decision-making
 - **Addresses inequalities** in the provision of sustainable water and sanitation, urban infrastructure, energy, transport and waste management.

Urban Demography

An aerial photograph of a city skyline during sunset. The sky is a mix of light blue and orange. The city features a variety of buildings, including a prominent skyscraper with a pointed top on the left and several other tall, rectangular buildings in the center and right. The foreground shows a dense grid of lower-rise buildings and streets. The text "Urban Demography" is overlaid in a bold, black, sans-serif font on the left side of the image.



Demography is the scientific study of human populations, including their **size, composition, and how they change over time/space.**

- **Urbanization**
- **Urban Population Growth**
- **Urbanization Patterns**

DEMOGRAPHIC CYCLE

FIRST STAGE (High stationary)

- A high birth rate and A high death rate
- Therefore, the population remains stationary
- It is seen when the country is economically most weak India was in this stage till 1920

SECOND STAGE (Early expanding)

- Declining of death rate while Birth rate still remains high.
- As a result, a huge increase of population occurs.
- The DR decline is mainly due to improvements in food supply, health care and sanitation).
- At present many developing countries of Asia and Africa are in this stage.
- The BRs have actually increased in some of these countries probably because of:
 - improved health care provisions, and
 - shortening periods of breast-feeding

THIRD STAGE (Late expanding)

- Death rate declines further and Birth rate now begins to fall.
- However, as the BR still exceeds the DR, there is an increase of population
- The fall in BR results mostly from access to contraceptives, women empowerment etc.
- India appears to be this stage.
- In some developing countries (e.g. China, Singapore) birth rates too have declined fast.

FOURTH STAGE (Low stationary)

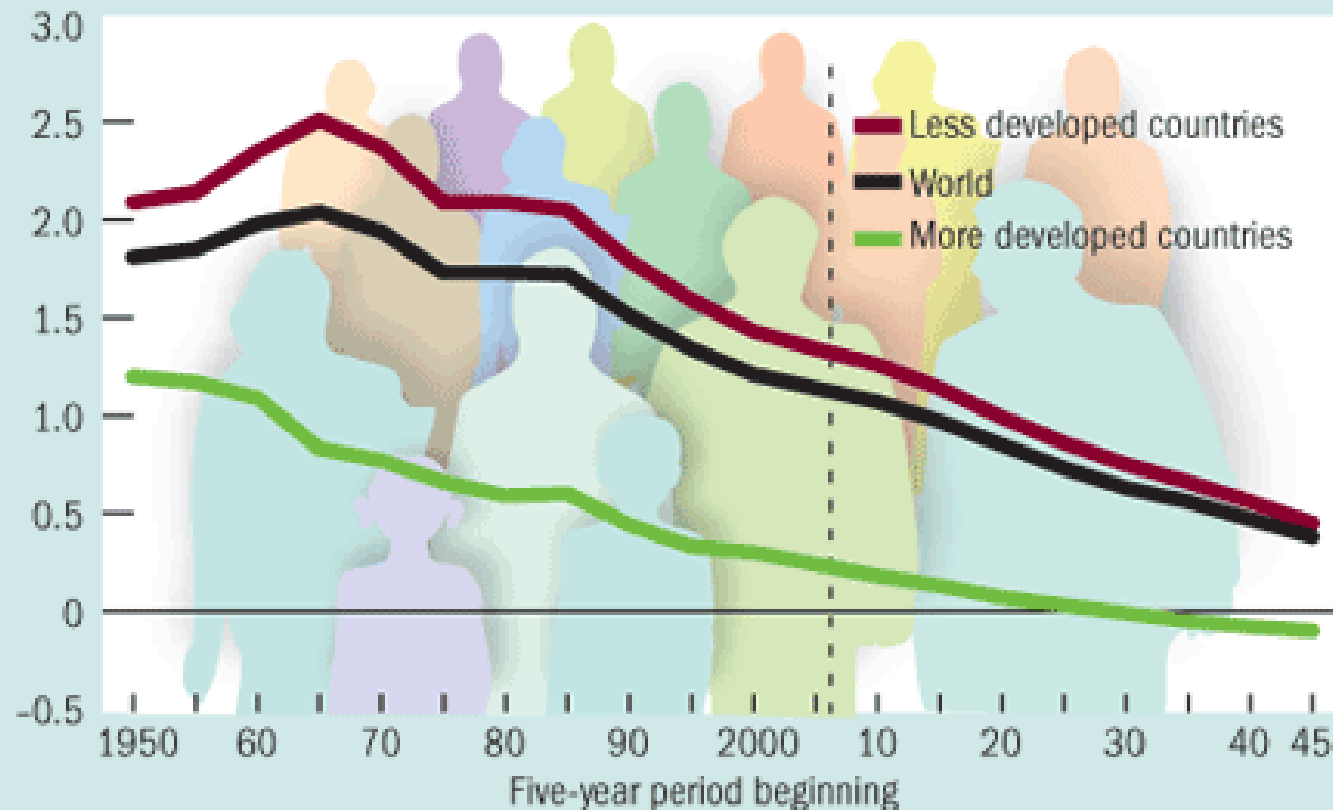
- Low birth rate and Low death rate
- Consequently, the population remains stationary.
- An aging population is a feature of this stage. Japan, Sweden, Belgium, Denmark and Switzerland are in this stage
- Most industrialized countries have undergone a demographic transition From a high BR and high DR To low BR and low DR
- Zero population growth has already been recorded in Austria during 1980- 85.
- Growth rate as low as 0.1 was recorded in UK, Denmark, Sweden and Belgium during 1980-85.

FIFTH STAGE (Declining)

- Birth rate is now lower than death rate
- Hence the population begins to decline
- Some East European countries (e.g. Germany and Hungary) and some north European countries (e.g. Sweden, Norway) are now in this stage

Even so, the growth rate of the world's population has been on a downward trend and, in developed countries, will turn negative by 2030.

(average annual increase, percent)



Source: IMF

**Population
Decline**

**Very Low
Fertility**

Rapid Ageing

**International
Migration**

**Four most challenging
demographic trends**

A hazy, high-angle view of a city skyline at dusk or dawn. The sky is a pale, warm orange and yellow. The city is filled with various buildings, including several tall skyscrapers. The Transamerica Pyramid is prominent on the left side. The overall atmosphere is soft and slightly obscured by a light mist or haze.

Thank you!