SUMMARY OF THE THESIS

“URBAN PLANNING AND GROWTH IN PUNJAB: A STUDY OF LUDHIANA CITY”

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The phenomenon of urbanization has drastically entered the milieu of human civilization since its inception, thus, constituting a directly proportionate relationship with the growth of population in a given area. Although, the inception of the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 laid a system of mandate for urban governance, yet many metropolises in the country project a grim picture of erratic urban growth. In lieu of which the following study, namely, “Urban Planning and Growth in Punjab: A Study of Ludhiana City” was formulated to study the pace of urban growth and its relationship to the concepts of planning. The scope of the empirical research revolved around the operational and functional domains of urban growth and planning along with the collaboration of administration and its citizenry. To study the holistic aspect of urban planning and growth in Ludhiana city, avenues, namely, urban policy perspectives, land use and town planning, solid waste management, urban traffic and transport system and citizen-administration relationship have been extensively covered. Thereafter, during the course of the study various government department and local agencies, such as, the Punjab Urban Development Authority, Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority, Ludhiana Municipal Corporation, etc. were analysed through a structured questionnaire. Also, the citizens on the basis of stratified sampling were interviewed through a structured questionnaire.

The course work has brought in important inferences about the process of urbanization fostering urban trends; which are thus an imperative to frame channels of sustained urban growth and efficient planning. Thereby, it is recommended that with the incorporation of constitutionally available urban appurtenances an avenue of urban development should be created; with the administration and citizen dialogue acting as a mandated interface.