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## IMPACT OF POPULATION GROWTH ON ENVIRONMENT IN MADURAI CITY

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### Introduction

Growth of population in recent times has caused much concern, living in a period of unparalleled population growth in Madurai city mostly migrate people being one of the factors determining population growth, has attracted enough attention. In the rural context livelihoods depends more directly on natural resources than in the urban context where cash-based income streams and assets are more significant. And, poor people impact less on the forces causing environmental degradation in urban areas. Urban environmental degradation is primarily associated with health impacts. As a result, the causes, consequences and distributional costs of urban deprivation are commonly more adequately addressed via political and economic policies rather than through direct intervention into environmental processes.

Migration means the movement of people from one place to the other place. It is an important control of population growth after fertility and morality. Migration of people into an area from outside is called immigration or in migration,

Contributes to environmental degradation through over exploitation of natural resources like land, air and water. The result is that health of those dependents on untreated water resources is increasing at risk. Moreover degraded environment can accelerate the process of impoverishment again because the poor depend directly on natural assets. Acceleration in poverty alleviation is imperative to break this link between poverty and the environment. The deterioration of natural resources and unsafe living conditions affects the environment and health of the poor people.

- exploitation of natural resources leads to environmental degradation;
- explain the relationship between population growth and environmental degradation;
- discuss the impact of industrialization on abiotic (air, water and soil) and biotic resources (plants and animals) of the environment;
- Describe the impact of environmental degradation on life.

### Population Growth Rate

Urban life is city life. More and more people are moving to cities from rural area in search of jobs. The rural-urban migration is also partly due growth and poverty in the cities. Urbanization means permanent settlement of people in cities Urbanization and Environment and this has resulted in degradation of the environment in various ways. Industrialization opened up many new jobs. Industries attracted rural youth to cities and their migration become easier with