Urbanization

Its Benefits and Hindrances
What is Urbanization?

- Urbanization is referred to as the migration of people in large numbers from rural to urban areas.
- Urbanization occurs mainly because of the concentration of resources and facilities in towns and cities.
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• The world's cities are growing because people are moving from rural areas in search of jobs, opportunities to improve their lives and create a better future for their children.
Attractions to Urban Areas
Urban Pull Factors

• The availability of jobs
• Proper infrastructure – roads, water, electricity etc.
• Availability of social services – health, education, recreation, postal services and police stations.
• A wide variety of entertainment and night life facilities
Rural Push Factors

• Scarcity of jobs except in agriculture, and most people consider agricultural occupations to be low-paying, laborious, risky and menial.
• Lack of infrastructure such as poor roads, irregular water and electricity supplies.
• Poor facilities in education, health and security
• Lack of entertainment and recreational facilities.
Problems of Urbanization

• Pressure on resources and social services—eg. water, transport, health and education.
Problems of Urbanization

• More Unemployment
Problems of Urbanization

- Increased crime rate, especially since the typical migrant may be young, unskilled or inexperienced.
Problems of Urbanization

• Development of slums (ghettos) due to inadequate housing. This will add to the problem of pollution.
Problems of Urbanization

- Traffic congestion
Problems of Urbanization

- Noise Pollution
Problems of Urbanization

- High Levels of Stress
Problems of Urbanization

• Air Pollution
Solving the Problems of Urbanization
Solving Urbanization

• Limit the size of cities by setting boundaries and controlling population size.
Solving Urbanization

• Put a stop to using agricultural lands for non-agricultural purposes such as housing.
Solving Urbanization

• Develop the rural areas by providing recreation, education, health care and other social services.
Solving Urbanization

• Develop basic infrastructure in the rural areas — eg. roads, water and electricity.
Solving Urbanization

• Create jobs in rural areas by building more factories to employ more people.