

Greater Mohali Region: Geopolitical Impact on Urban Anthropology to Emerge as a Significant Tri-city Entity

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ABSTRACT This paper attempts to study the factors responsible for shaping the urban anthropology of Greater Mohali Region in the State of Punjab. The regional destiny was a direct outcome of unparalleled political upheavals of colossal proportions. The settlement pattern was strongly impacted by the geopolitical dynamics that contoured the urban anthropology of Chandigarh-Mohali-Panchkula region which evolved to form the Tri-City. These mayhems churned the life and times of original and mostly migrated habitants and left a deep imprint on the lives and times of people living in the region or those who chose to make it their home by compulsion of circumstances. Novel architectural language and planning parameters gave definite shape and impacted its fortune which was later refined by consequent economic, administrative and political forces, arising out of geopolitical events. This paper focuses on the urban Anthropological aspects that lead to the emergence of Greater Mohali Region as an important component of the Tri-city. The study attempts to cover in depth analysis of geo-political factors facilitating its emergence as Tri-city, the other two being Chandigarh and Panchkula.