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Dynamics of Urban Growth in Hisar City of Western Haryana, India

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ABSTRACT Since the inception of towns and cities, the available employment opportunities in industrial sectors and better living conditions work as a magnet for the population which results in overcrowding, slum origin in urban and deglutition of periphery areas. The present study tries to monitor the growth pattern of the western city of Haryana, Hisar, based on spatial and non-spatial information which has been derived from different sources and agencies from 1972 to 2017. The land consumption rate has been calculated to measure the progressive spatial expansion of the city with its population. It has been revealed that rapid population growth and liberal industrial policy of the government have augmented the urban expansion that covered mainly the area of southeastern direction along with Delhi road. Apart from this, willingly or unwillingly the agricultural land of the fringe area and major transport routes have also facilitated this growth. Another finding reports that urban expansion for the creation of residents, entertainment spaces and other urban uses has resulted in a decrease of farming ground and alteration in bio-diversity of related area and perimeter also.