

## Urban Expansion & Urban Agglomerations -

Urban areas by nature cannot exist in isolation. They are always interdependent on externalities - Investments, Capital, Labour, Raw material.

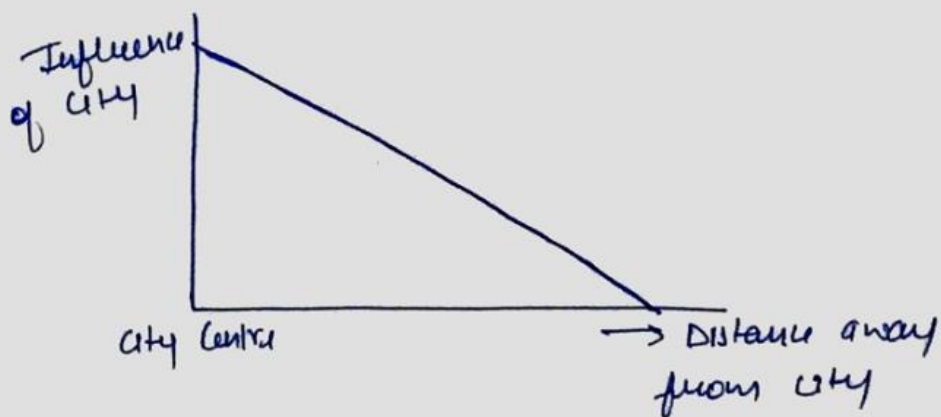
◦ Because of such interdependence, urban areas have higher tendencies of growth & expansion.

◦ In time, urban areas can expand to consume adjoining rural areas & smaller towns and cities. This is how urban agglomerations develop.

Form of Economy, influence,

∴ An urban area in terms of infrastructure or living quality of life, science, arts & culture

◦ Influence of urban areas can be visualized as Distance-Decay effect (The zero influence is



never within administrative boundaries of the city)

### Rural-Urban Fringe (RUF)

- The influence of an urban area does not end abruptly
- When compared to rural area & its influence zone, there is a zone of overlap which has mix urban & rural zone. This transition zone is called as Peri-urban area or Rural Urban fringe

- The Peri-urban regions are beyond urban Administration & they come under Rural Jurisdiction, However it is under Economic shadow.
- The Fringe zone will have mixed land uses that includes urban land use like urban markets, airports, light manufacturing, warehousing, landfills & also urban farm houses & residential colonies along with agricultural, farming & several ways of life.

o The fringe zone is largely unauthorised expansion of urban areas & construction are haphazard, discontinuous, urban squatters & urban sprawl zones.

o Following are the features of RUF :-

1] Mixed Land use (Rural + Urban land use)

2] Unauthorised & Unplanned expansion.  
(squatters & urban sprawl)

3] ... (wasteful)

4] More Motorable communities & low public transport communities

5] Single land use zonation & exclusive commercial & residential of land use.

6] very high social distance & rapid gentrification.

o The Fringe zone will become urban nightmare