

UNDERSTANDING DEPENDENCY OF LIVABILITY ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC PARAMETERS

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ABSTRACT

Livability is a phenomenon that varies from place to place depending on local context. Planning and designing of residential areas are done to create a built environment that provides livable conditions to its inhabitants. The socio-economic and demographic characteristic of a residential area plays an important role in influencing the inhabitant's perception of livability. Understanding livability in local context is very important and needs to be examined across various demographic and socio-economic strata of a society. The paper explores the perception for livability across various socio-economic and demographic parameters. Inhabitants of the selected residential areas in a case study city were asked to rate the perceived importance of identified livability attributes in contributing towards livability. The importance rating in the scale of 1 to 10 were assigned by inhabitants to listed livability attributes where 1 represents the least important and 10 is most important livability attribute in making a place livable. A quantitative analysis was performed to explore the dependency of livability on socio-economic and demographic parameters.

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