

Social Structure

What is social structure?

- Arrangement of persons in relationship institutionally defined and regulated.
 - They are arranged in such a way to enable the society to function in a coordinated manner.
- e.g King and the subjects, Family and community, Community and Village
- Roles and relationships are defined
 - Groups, communities, associations and institutions in society

Social Structure

- Rural
- Urban
- Rural is where people live in villages – part of panchayats-blocks-districts – 67.25% popn. (2017)
- Village layouts are different
- Mostly engaged in agriculture and allied activities– more than 75%
- Hierarchy by caste, politics and kinship

Rural Structure

- The villages are organised by caste groups
- The interaction of people is face to face
- Social interaction is based on caste
- Jajamani system may be existing
- Village temple is the common place for all to come for worship and interaction
- River and wells are places where women congregate for interaction
- Caste – purity and pollution is very strong

Village in India



Urban and Rural Population 2011 Census

Total: 1,373,744,073 (2020)

- Rural: 65%
- Urban: 35%
- By 2030, 50% of India's population would be living in urban areas

Urban Structure

- Urban Unit (or Town):
 - All places with a municipality, corporation, cantonment
 - board or notified town area committee, etc. (known as
- Statutory Town)
 - All other places which satisfied the following criteria
 - (known as Census Town):
 - A minimum population of 5,000;
 - At least 75 per cent of the male main workers

Urban Social Structure

- By Class – upper class, middle class and lower class
 1. Top level businessmen, industrialists and bureaucrats
 2. Higher income professionals, scientists, technicians, professional managers in industry and large merchants
 3. Clerks and minor officials in government offices and private firms, school teachers, working journalists, struggling professionals, petty shopkeepers and small-scale entrepreneurs,
 4. Members of the working class, such as operators,



Mumbai city with slums

