

## **EVOLUTION OF URBAN TERMINOLOGY**

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### **Abstract**

It is important to understand and analyse the complex process of acceptance / rejection of terms or phrases and the emergence of new words. Certain words acquire general acceptability over time through the process of their use by academicians, administrators, policy makers etc. In practice, however it is difficult to identify and distinguish the terms of a technical field like Town Planning. Also, several words may be used in the same language, describing the same or overlapping concept, varying as to their degree of acceptability. It would, therefore, be difficult to prepare a list of all the core terms and standardise their definitions for their day-to-day usages removing all ambiguities, since the task would largely be subjective. Importantly, words acquire their meaning only through a process of use over time. Any official judgement as to which words are in common parlance and their connotations, and which words are to be excluded from it, would be erroneous and risky. The ambiguity in identifying or defining terms and specifying their coverage can be a problem when these are used for generating data for taking administrative and legal decisions.

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