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Assessing Housing Densification around Growth Centres : A Case of Kakkanad, Ernakulam

In the new era of Urbanization & globalization, cities are constantly changing to cop up with the rising demands. Hence potential areas are being identified and developed as growth centres. Information Technology (IT) is one such industry that have triggered large scale socio economic as well as spatial changes in an area due to the huge influx of population it attracts. Housing is one among the major sectors which gets impacted, as housing demand in the area increases exponentially. By the simple logic of law of demand and supply, this increases the pressure on urban land and is reflected as inflation of land prices. The study aims at assessing housing developments along the IT centre in Kochi-Kakkanad by understanding the past, present and projected future situations and providing guidelines for the same. It also cover theories densification and livability to understand how the process of is approached.

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