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Small Cities

**Introduction**

 With the increase of problems in city life, an increase in the academic attention of small towns has been witnessed. Some people believe it is better to grow in small cities but some believe, it would be better for big cities. Studies show that it depends on the personality of an individual, what sort of place one wants to live. Different people have different reasons for supporting small and big cities. Small cities could be turned into a community that possesses near to perfection and highly desired qualities for its citizens. According to Scott G. Ortman and his colleagues, worldwide cities are offering increased socio-economic units for human societies but still, there is a lack of unified characterization that could resolve all the issues that people may face in big cities. It is important to understand the importance of the small cities in history so that the advent of small cities could be supported with evidence (Ortman). A theory of settlement scaling in archaeology, spots light on the population and the area from the point of view of the interplay between the infrastructural and social networks. But smart cities offer the best solution to all the problems people are facing.

**Discussion**

 Many studies have been made and, in some studies, researchers support the idea of small cities and some experts provide pieces of evidence in favor of big cities. However, both big or small cities, have their own pros and cons. On the one hand, there is a number of benefits of urban planning and social engineering. For example, urban planning offers enhanced land values, increased safety as well as security, improved connectivity, fit between the needs and design as it enhances a greater sense of local democracy and ownership (Chourabi). A great number of benefits could be associated with urban planning and social engineering that could be used for the development of small cities. Keeping the size of cities small, socio-economic conditions of populations, could be improved to a great extent. Elements of the small city urban theory have been used for interpreting a relationship between the small city-states and urbanization.

 A smart city is an urban area that promotes the use of technology i.e. internet and sensors in order to collect the data of the region. This data is used for managing the assets, services, and resources available. At present, smart cities have become the need of the hour as it would save people, government and management from many hurdles. It is believed that the size of the cities must be in accordance with the resources available and the population size (Brandt). Small cities and their elaboration in modern cities would help in resolving the social and economic issues (Spangler). In such a modern period, the idea of small cities must be welcomed, as it is the only way of cutting short the unrest that people in big cities are facing. The advent of small cities helps in keeping people intact, so introducing all the features of a smart city in the small cities and living standards of people, could be improved. The safety of the roads could be improved by implementing large data acquired from the cities. Service road, traffic, weather information is common types of the areas of the utopias that could be managed with the use of technology.

**Conclusion**

 Taking a look at the research done by various researchers, it won't be wrong to say that idea utopias at present could be turned into reality by the support of the advent of the smart city along with keeping the size of the cities small. Smart cities help providing the citizens with highly desired qualities so that they could spend good quality life. So, as a whole, it could be promulgated that the idea of a smart city must be merged with small cities so that a better version of basic necessities could be provided to the citizens. At present the concept of this utopia is closely linked with the advent of smart cities, they would deliver all services with nearly perfect qualities for its citizens. The advent of smart cities, assures better and more efficient urban living.

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