

Objectives:

- i. To create a network of researchers working on social issues in urban contexts in India and promote urban scholarship in the country
- ii. To develop concepts, theories and promote research and publications in urban sociology in the Indian context
- iii. To create a community of urban scholars not only from the sociology but also from other disciplines to have interdisciplinary teaching and learning in urban studies
- iv. To develop the capacity of young scholars in the universities, colleges and research institutions to work on various aspects of urban studies
- v. To bring publications (books, articles, monographs, occasional papers) in the fields of urban studies
- vi. To organise seminars, conferences, study tours, winter schools, workshops and exchange visits of scholars, students and teachers

The scope of RC19 include to develop and maintain urban research capabilities, necessary institutional infrastructure and services, build capacity of young scholars, promote exchange/visits of urban scholars, organise study tours, build capacity, publications of articles, occasional papers, and books, create urban data base for urban policy makers, evolve ethics and improve quality of research, documentation in urban studies, help in progression of researchers, improve teaching contents, pedagogical aspects, promote partnerships with industries, institutions and other stakeholders to promote funding and help in urban policies and schemes of urban studies.