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LAND USE PATTERN

Land has varied uses. Generally, the land is used by man for agriculture, forests, construction of houses, grasslands, mining, construction of roads and railways etc. and is termed as land use pattern.

The land use pattern depends on physical factors like relief of the land, climate, slope of the land and soil .

Human factors like population density needs and aspirations of the people development of technology and cost also influence the land use pattern in an area.

The use of land changes with time and technology from place to place.

The growing population has created an ever increasing demand of land for agriculture, housing, industries, transport etc.

The land can not be increased with the increase in population.

This has resulted in encroachment of common land to construct shopping complexes houses etc. in urban areas and the agricultural land in rural areas .

Human activity like deforestation and overgrazing, mining and construction are responsible for degradation of land leading to soil erosion the desertification, landslides etc.
