

**THE DISINTEGRATION OF NUCLEAR FAMILIES INTO NANO INDIVIDUAL LIFE - A NEW  
FEATURE IN URBAN INDIA**

**ABSTRACT**

**India has been a country of joint families and clans for centuries. However, with the growth of urbanization and increase in economic growth, family size has started shrinking. The disintegration of joint families into nuclear families is a reality in big Indian cities and is affecting joint family set up in rural and semi-urban India though at a slow pace. This research paper explores the reasons behind the change and its impact on social and family life in urban India. As India has witnessed rapid development in all spheres of life during the last ten to fifteen years, resultantly there is significant migration to big urban cities in other countries due to the availability of jobs for highly qualified individuals, availability of education, and job opportunities for females, requirement of doing job/other productive activities by each eligible adult of the family due to the high living costs, increased financial and social independence of females, liberal social acceptance of diluted moral and social values/ greater social acceptance for changes.**

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