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The Institute of Town Planners, India

Declaration on The World Town Planning Day

Considering the enormous threat and stress being caused to human settlement, environment, resources and bio-diversity, due to

Challenges posed by climate change, global warming, rising temperature , ozone depletion and increasing carbon footprints and;

While valuing the need, role, importance and necessity, of rationalizing and optimization of the growth and development of human settlements , to make them more sustainable, livable, inclusive and safe besides making mother earth better place to live and work and

While recognizing, understanding and appreciating the critical and valuable role played by the Town Planners in promoting sustainability,

We the members and the office bearers of The Institute of Town Planners, India, on the World Town Planning Day, October 8, 2023 , focusing on the theme- Learn Global and Apply Local. do hereby solemnly resolve, commit, affirm and declare as under that;

- We shall use all resources, placed at our command and professional skill available with us, for making the human settlements better places to live and work besides***

making them supportive of environment, ecology and bio-diversity.

- ***We undertake to use our skill, knowledge, understanding and expertise in the domain of town planning for evolving realistic options and strategies for removing poverty, inequalities and vulnerabilities, prevailing in rural and Urban India.***
- ***We shall continue to use our learning and understandings of the art and science of town planning for empowering the communities and making cities safe and make the life of people and communities, more qualitative and productive.***
- ***We shall use , all the resources and knowledge available at our command, to promote and achieve the Seventeen Sustainable Development Goals defined by UNO, for making human settlements, sustainable happy and healthy places to live.***
- ***We shall use all the acquired knowledge and experience gained in the profession of town planning, to minimize slums and create appropriate options for providing housing for all.***
- ***We commit to promote research in the art and science of urban and regional planning , to make the profession more productive, qualitative and supportive of environment and ecology.***
- ***We commit ourselves to empower the marginalized section of the society by making them integral part of planning, development and management process.***
- ***We commit and dedicate ourselves to use available planning and designing skill, knowledge, expertise to promote equity , equality for minimizing and eliminating***

all dualities and contradictions prevailing in the human settlements.

- We undertake and commit ourselves to provide all the possible support to the missions, yojnas, programs and policies launched by the states / national governments, to create smart cities; providing housing for all; skilling India; making India free from open defecation and all such programs to be launched in future for making cities qualitative, productive, sustainable and liveable,***
- We, as a professional community of town planners, commit to work unitedly with marginalized communities of the society to empower them and make them more sustainable, productive and integral part of society***
- We commit ourselves to review, revise and redefine teaching-learning process of town planning to make it more qualitative, community focused; supportive of the environment, ecology, bio-diversity and creating quality, knowledgeable young professionals.***
- We, as planners, also commit to work and deliberate on evolving policies, practices and programs to make India achieve the target of carbon neutrality by 2070.***
- We remain committed as a National Apex Institute dedicated to the profession of Town Planning in India , to co-operate, collaborate and co-ordinate with all our sister professional institutes, for evolving options and strategies to make human habitat a happy and healthy place to live***
- We shall continue to aid, advise , assist and empower all agencies working at local, state and national level in the domain of urban and regional planning to make India a role model in planned growth and development.***

- ***That we commit ourselves to aid, advise , assist and guide all the stakeholders to channelize and leverage their resources for achieving the target of making neighborhoods and communities. net zero in terms of use of energy, water; resources and generation of waste.***
- ***We undertake and commit ourselves that we will continue to assist and empower all our professional town planners for achieving highest level of proficiency in the art and science of planning and designing human settlements.***
- ***We undertake that we shall continue to render our professional services on all issues related to planning of human settlements, based on objectivity, transparency following highest professional ethics and highest standards of morality .***
- ***We undertake that we will use all resources and skill available at our command for empowering the Institute of town Planners and promote profession of town planning in the country for promoting public good.***
- ***We commit and dedicate ourselves for achieving the universal goal defined for The World Town Planning Day.***

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