



Institute of Town Planners, India

*Declaration on
The World Town Planning Day*

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The World Urbanism Day

November 8, 2025

Theme- WITH PLANNING WE CAN

with focus on-- PLANNING FOR MASSES

- Ranked globally, as the most populated country among nations , classified as the fastest growing economy and placed second among urban systems in the world, India is marching on the path of rapid urbanisation.
- Urbanisation when planned, is known for its positivity offering enormous opportunities of economic, physical and social growth and development. Whereas, urbanisation when unplanned , is known for creating large number of negativities in terms of creating large number of challenges and issues related to environment, climate, unsustainable, unplanned, irrational growth and development.
- In this era of ever rising population, rapid urbanisation, liberalisation of economies and globalization, role and relevance of town planners and town planning profession, as promoters of planned development, and as a profession committed/dedicated to make the humanity, communities and world operationally efficient, economically productive, socially vibrant and environmentally sustainable, assumes critical importance.
- India's march towards making both urban and rural settlements ; more productive, livable and sustainable, would essentially require total involvement, commitment and focused attention of the physical planning and physical planners, for their planned growth.
- Founded in 1949, by late professor Carlos Maria della Paolera, 76th World Town Planning Day and World Urbanism Day, is being observed globally on November 8, to demonstrates and showcase

the role and relevance of Town Planning Profession in making human living happy, healthy, more qualitative, productive, effective, efficient and sustainable

- With global theme of **WITH PLANNING WE CAN**, Institute of Town Planners India has chosen the sub-theme **PLANNING FOR MASSES**, as the focus area for action for the year 2025; for taking the Town Planning profession to the doorstep of the masses, so as to serve the community and humanity, by providing best of the professional options, services, knowledge, expertise and skill available with the planning profession, for connecting and bringing communities and planning profession on the same platform and to commemorate the important role played by Town planning profession; in making planet earth better space for human growth and development.

Understanding and appreciating the role, relevance, importance and responsibility of Physical Planners and for making Planning for Masses, a distinct reality, We the members and office-bearers of The Institute of Town Planners, India, (ITPI) on the World Town Planning Day and World Urbanism Day, November 8, 2025, do hereby solemnly resolve, commit, affirm and declare as under ;

- ***That, Institute undertakes to showcase and demonstrate the critical role and relevance of physical planning, in addressing and overcoming major existing global social, economic, and environmental challenges involving poverty, pollution, housing infrastructure, climate change and global warming.***
- ***That, Institute will make efforts and support all such activities focusing on ushering a new era of planned urban growth and sustainable urban development at the local, regional and national level, using the profession of physical planning.***
- ***That, Institute shall make all possible efforts to showcase that valuing good planning, empowers communities and cities by creating more productive options for livelihood and providing well-defined pathways to prosperity for all.***
- ***That, Institute make all efforts and avail all opportunities to involve, and engage all stake holders to demonstrate and***

showcase that cost of unplanned development is more than planned development.

- **That, Institute commits itself to the task of creating adequate options and possible strategies of physical planning to address/overcome the complex challenges faced by human settlements, using the mechanism of planned development.**
- **That, Institute undertakes to use its available resources, knowledge, understanding and skill, to empower the profession, practice and Physical planners, to make them more effective, efficient, vibrant and community/humanity focused.**
- **That, Institute undertakes to help build and transform the existing cities to make them more humane, equitable, qualitative, sustainable and livable by evolving and defining innovative options and strategies of urban regeneration.**
- **That, Institute undertakes to facilitate / finance, appropriate research and development in rationalizing and redefining all available existing planning tools, for making urban planning more qualitative, equitable and productive.**
- **That, Institute would work/collaborate/co-operate to, realistically and effectively, involve, engage and make informal sector integral part of urban planning process and space them in the residential and commercial areas.**
- **That, Institute would work the local agencies to help create local areas plans, for making cities free from floods ,by treating rainwater as a resource rather than a challenge and adopting a policy to retain rainwater within city, rather than draining water outside the city. to make cities self-reliant in availability of water**
- **That, Institute undertakes to co-operate/collaborate/work with local agencies to make them financially self-reliant, using the inherent strength and knowledge of planned development by leveraging the strength of urban planning, using land as a resource.**
- **That , Institute undertakes to review , revise and rationalise all existing planning norms and standards, to make town planning more resource-efficient, , land efficient , energy efficient, for ensure optimum use of available resources.**

- *That, Institute undertakes to promote research and create a dedicated mechanism for sourcing innovative ideas , options and strategies for making urbanisation , urban planning, planning tools , more sustainable, more inclusive, qualitative and productive.*
- *That, Institute undertakes to work closely with various academic institutions and parastatal agencies involved in planning of human settlements, in formulation and implementation of realistic planning policies, programs and projects, to promote planned and sustainable development of human settlements.*

For achieving the above agenda, Institute of Town Planners , India shall make all possible efforts, take all actions, avail all opportunities and use all available resources besides co-operate/collaborate and engage with related agencies/authorities, for;

- *Bringing all stakeholders in the profession on the common platform for making joint efforts, for enacting a dedicated Town Planning Act , covering entire country, for recognising town planning profession, registration of professionals engaged in town planning and protecting town planning services/practice from unqualified professionals, by the Indian Parliament for recognition and empowering town planning profession and town planning services in the country.*
- *Ensuring that all work related to physical planning of human settlements, both urban and rural should be undertaken and all posts of Town Planners at the national, state and local levels shall be manned by only duly qualified town planners.*
- *Creating an All India Cadre and State Cadre for managing the services of Town Planners, on the pattern of other All India & State services in the country, for recognition of the profession and professionals.*
- *Ensuring availability of adequate quality and quantity of skilled manpower in the country, Institute shall take up the issue with Government of India, to mandate all national institutes of technical eminence including IITs and NITs to run dedicated undergraduate and post-graduate courses in town planning.*

- ***We call for adequate resourcing of planning system- planning education and capacity building in the country.***
- ***Institute, shall continuously work, for mobilizing public opinion and engaging children and youth for creating appropriate recognition of town planning as a career option.***
- ***Institute, commits itself, to use all available resources for creating awareness about the distinct advantages and gainful opportunities, offered by physical planning to humanity and communities, by hosting exhibitions, showcasing innovative planning initiatives and unveiling new planning initiatives or policies aimed at improving human living.***
- ***Institute calls all the stakeholders/organizations operating at national, state and local level to embed/usher a culture of planned development as we believe political support, financial and human resource investment community engagement an empowerment is fundamental in achieving the goal of sustainable planned development.***
- ***Institutes, commits to, actively work, co-operate, collaborate with various national/state level organizations, other stakeholders to embed technology, in the planning and designing of human settlements. Institute also undertakes to collaborate with stakeholders, for evolving innovative technologies for accurate mapping/planning, to make urban planning, cost-effective, time/resource/manpower-efficient and qualitative.***

Signed by Pradeep Kapoor, President, Institute of Town Planners India, Delhi on November 8, 2025, for and on behalf of the Indian Community of Town Planners, on the World Town Planning Day and World Urbanism Day.