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Call for articles in the next issue of ENVIS Newsletter

India stands as the second-largest urban system globally, hosting nearly 11% of the total global urban population within its cities. Conversely, around 70% of the nation's populace resides in rural areas. As India undergoes a significant transition from predominantly rural to urban living, there is a critical need to focus on providing optimal economic growth opportunities for all segments of society. Despite substantial investments,

both urban and rural areas continue to grapple with various challenges related to efficiency and sustainability. Especially, none of our cities ranks among the top 50 in various global standings. Addressing these challenges presents significant potential through the adoption of spatial planning tools. It is imperative to reassess, reimagining, and redefine the purpose and approach to planning in both urban and rural sectors.

In light of these considerations, the EIACP Centre on Himalayan Ecology extends an invitation for contributions to a special issue from Scientists, researchers, and policymakers are encouraged to participate, identifying and filling existing knowledge gaps. Articles and short notes are sought on topics such as *rehabilitation services in India, frameworks for planning and action, ecological urban planning, employment, credit, production, marketing opportunities, basic education, health services, child-care centers, vocational training and transportation.*

Authors are requested to submit a concise two-page article (1200 words and less than 4-5 references) in either popular Hindi or English, accompanied by supporting visuals such as photos, charts, or data tables. The submission deadline for articles is **January 31, 2024**. Manuscripts will undergo editing for length and clarity in accordance with the standard norms of the ENVIS Newsletter.

Articles should be submitted by January 31, 2024.
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