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**Walkability: Enhancing the Pedestrian Experience,  
a case of Faridabad city**

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**ABSTRACT:**

Walking is considered the healthiest mode of travel. Every individual is a pedestrian at some point in time - be it a person travelling from one place to another on foot or a person changing a mode of transportation during his travel. Our built environment, however, has developed into a form mostly dependent on motorized vehicles and left behind the pedestrian experience. The Indian Constitution assures that all citizens have the fundamental right to move freely in the country. According to the present scenario, this fundamental right is violated at most places, as pedestrian comfort, safety and accessibility have been neglected while planning most of the Indian cities. Today, cars have taken over pedestrians. Rather than preserving ancient cities with walkable streets, we are heading towards redevelopment to make way for sprawling cities. There is, thus, an urgent need to identify key challenges for pedestrians in the Indian context, formulate stringent policies and design guidelines, outlining pedestrian rights, and proceed towards proper execution of the same.

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