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21st Century living!

Building the 21st Century cities is a different challenge in itself.

City planners are focused on the most pressing problems and needs of people and on ways of solving them

stimates suggest that nearly 60 crore indians will be living in cities by 2030. Urban areas are expected to house 40% of India's population and contribute 75% of India's GDP by 2030.

According to 2011 Census, cities accommodate nearly 31% of India's current population and contribute 63% of the GDP. These figures outline the importance of cities and highlight how India is changing from an agrarian to an urban country.

Sustainable inclusive development is the mantra with an idea of creating a model which can be replicated across the country. Development of Smart Cities is an essential step in this direction.

Smart Cities are a marriage of digital and information technologies, urban planning best practices, public-private partnerships, and policy change to enable all this. It requires a visionary approach to realize such an objective.

"Gaurs Group, with more than two decades of experience in the construction sector and a visionary approach to the construction industry was quick to realize the potential of Smart Cities and jumped at the opportunity to provide sustainable and inclusive living for citizens and has been successfully associated with excellence.

"This is embodied in our latest projects–Gaur City in Greater Noida (West) and Gaur City 2–the twin projects which encompass sustainable living with a family-first approach," a

spokesman of the firm said.

Sustainable living is has been implemented with gusto by Gaur Group, which include rainwater harvesting, zero-garbage in township, inhouse sewage treatment plants, etc. Gaur City is among the first to implement the concept of zero garbage in the township. All common areas and offices in Gaur City and Gaur City 2 use solar energy which reduces the dependence on conventional electricity.

"Spread over 237 acres, the 2-, 3-, and 4BHK apartments offered in Gaur City and Gaur City 2 are an example of best practices in urban planning with both townships certified by the Indian Green Building Council and the master plan designed by a renowned Singapore based consultant," the spokesman said.

A standalone dedicated sports complex gives healthy lifestyle to citizens of Gaur City and Gaur City 2. The day-and-night cricket stadium here is hosting national-level matches and the full track-and-field stadium is pride of the region.

Every Smart City embodies Inclusive living and Gaur City is no different. An international school, a com-

mercial hub called Gaur City Plaza, a nursing home, and multi-level car parking are some of the essentials that find pride of place in Gaur City. The projects also include schools, creches, temple, gymnasiums, restaurants, petrol station, and multiplexes. —**Team Times Property**