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Supreme Court Puts Pedestrians First, Declares Safe Footpaths a Fundamental Right

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In a landmark ruling that could reshape the way Indian cities are planned and governed, the Supreme Court has declared that the right to walk on a properly demarcated footpath is a fundamental constitutional right. The judgment places pedestrians at the centre of urban mobility and makes it clear that roads are not meant exclusively for vehicles. The Court held that the freedom to walk is inseparable from the right...

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