



The Energy and Resources Institute



GRIHA Council

GRIHA Council is an independent platform (registered as a society) for the interaction on scientific and administrative issues related to sustainable habitats in the Indian context. Comprising experts in the fields related to sustainability of built environment from across the country, GRIHA Council promotes GRIHA – the National Rating System (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) as a design and evaluation tool for green buildings and habitats.

GRIHA and its variations

All activities related to development and issuance of GRIHA Rating is carried out by GRIHA Council.

GRIHA: GRIHA rating system was initially developed by TERI for new commercial, institutional and residential buildings. The rating was further modified when it was adopted by MNRE as the National Rating System. It is a rating tool that helps people assess the performance of their building against certain nationally acceptable benchmarks. It evaluates the environmental performance of a building holistically over its entire life cycle, thereby providing a definitive standard of what constitutes a 'green building'.

Applicable to projects with built-up area ranging from 2,500 sq. m to 1, 50,000 sq. m

GRIHA Pre-certification: In accordance with the Office Memorandum issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India, GRIHA

pre-certification shall enable out of turn consideration for Environmental Clearance.

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SVAGRIHA: As a variation of GRIHA, SVAGRIHA is a rating system for small homes, offices and commercial buildings with built-up area of less than 2500 square meters. It is a significantly simplified, faster, easier, and more affordable rating system and functions as a design-cum-rating tool.

Applicable to projects with built-up area ranging from 100 sq. m to 2500 sq. m.

GRIHA LD (large developments): GRIHA Council has launched GRIHA LD rating system for planning green large developments like green campuses, townships and special economic zones.

Applicable to projects with total built-up area greater than or equal to 1, 50,000 sq. m. and/ or Projects with total site area greater than or equal to 50 hectares.



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Capacity building initiatives for operationalizing the rating system

GRIHA workshop: GRIHA Council conducts awareness workshops on green buildings and GRIHA rating system to all the registered project teams. The one-day workshops are occasions for project teams to draw up road maps for getting the highest possible GRIHA rating for their projects.

3 day Evaluators and Trainers programme: Design and development of green buildings and habitats necessitates a large pool of qualified professionals in all parts of the country. To enable this, GRIHA Council organizes a series of open registration workshops across the country aimed at practicing professionals who are working on green building projects and are interested in knowing details of the GRIHA

certification. The pool of evaluators spread across the country is engaged in the review process of GRIHA projects. They are also a valuable resource for updating the rating system in-line with transformation of the building industry.

Over 1000 trainers and evaluators are already identified through this process.

GRIHA Council also conducts need-based in-house awareness / training sessions for government and private organizations. GRIHA Council has already started a nation-wide capacity building exercise with Central Public Works Department (CPWD) to equip the professionals in building GRIHA compliant projects.

Additional Services

GRIHA product catalogue: In order to provide green building designers and clients with all necessary information on green building products that may be used to make buildings GRIHA compliant, GRIHA Council has developed an online product catalogue. The intent of this catalogue is to provide information about products which meet GRIHA parameters to the architects, engineers, builders and other building professionals for use in their GRIHA rated buildings.

GRIHA App: The GRIHA app has been designed and developed for smart phones. This app conveys information about the GRIHA rating system. It provides information on GRIHA, SVAGRIHA and GRIHA LD

rating systems as well as various news and events. The app also carries information about the upcoming green building training programmes, conferences as well as the latest news on GRIHA. The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store.

GRIHA Council Associate Membership: In addition to the various efforts, GRIHA Council consistently works in partnerships with a number of private organizations under this programme that helps in the green development of the nation. This relationship with various stakeholders gives the support and knowledge required to implement sustainable practices in numerous communities.

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