AGENDA OUTLINE

GRIHA Regional Conclave Bengaluru, 2025

'Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World'	
Date: 20th June 2025	
Venue: Radisson Blu Atria, Bengaluru	
0900 – 1000 hrs.	Registration
1000 – 1100 hrs.	**Inaugural Session** • Lighting the lamp • Welcome Address • Release of GRIHA Publication • Special Remark • Special Address • GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony • Signing of Memorandum of Understanding • Keynote address • Inaugural Address • GRIHA Updates
1100 – 1130 hrs.	Pitch Booth & Networking Tea/Coffee
1130 – 1300 hrs.	**Plenary Session 1:** Drops of Change: Innovative Solutions to Water Woes
1300 – 1400 hrs.	Networking Lunch
1400 – 1530 hrs.	**Plenary Session 2:** Waste Not, Want Not: Path to Sustainable Waste Management
1530 – 1600 hrs.	Pitch booth & Networking Tea/Coffee
1600 – 1730 hrs.	**Plenary Session 3:** Navigating Namma Bengaluru: Steering Towards Sustainable Mobility
1730 – 1800 hrs.	Pitch Booth & Networking Tea/Coffee
1800 – 1900 hrs.	**Valedictory** • Welcome Address

	- Special Remarks - Special Address - Signing of Memorandum of Understanding - GRIHA Felicitation ceremony - Keynote Address - Valedictory address - Vote of Thanks
1900 – 1930 hrs.	**Cultural Evening**
1930 hrs. onwards	**Dinner Reception**

DETAILED AGENDA

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	Inaugural Session
1000 – 1100 hrs	*Lighting the Lamp* *Welcome Address* **Shri Sanjay Seth,** Vice President & Chief Executive Officer, GRIHA Council & Senior Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Programme, TERI, New Delhi. *Special Remark:* ***Shri. Manoj Viswanathan,** Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Home First Finance Company India Limited *Special Address:* ***Shri. T Gopalakrishna,** Deputy Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Regional Office, Hyderabad, Ministry of Education, Government of India ***Release of GRIHA Publication & JAN GRIHA Online Tool*** *Special Address:* ***Shri. Maheshwar Rao,** IAS, Managing Director of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), the additional responsibility of Chief Commissioner of the BBMP *Keynote Address:* ***Sri. Satish Jarkiholi,** Hon'ble Minister, Public Works Department, Government of Karnataka *Inaugural Address* ***Shri. D.K. Shivkumar,** Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka ***GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony*** *GRIHA Updates & Vote of Thanks:* **Smt. Shabnam Bassi,** Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Secretary, GRIHA Council & Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI, New Delhi.
1100 – 1130 hrs.	Pitch Booth & Networking Tea/Coffee

*Invited/To be confirmed

	Plenary Session 1: **Drops of Change: Innovative Solutions to Water Woes**
	Like many fast-growing urban centers, Bengaluru is grappling with an escalating water crisis. Once celebrated as the "City of Lakes," the city's rapid transformation into India's Silicon Valley has come at a significant environmental cost. Groundwater levels have declined sharply, surface water bodies are increasingly polluted, and the demand for water now far exceeds available

1130 – 1300 hrs	supply. The loss of green cover and the degradation or disappearance of many lakes have further compounded the problem. This session aims to examine the roots of Bengaluru's water challenges and explore strategies for long-term resilience. Discussions will focus on integrating traditional water management practices with modern infrastructure, restoring and protecting existing lakes, and embedding water-sensitive approaches into urban planning. The role of policy reforms, technological innovation, and sustainable financing models will also be addressed as key enablers of change. By fostering collaboration between urban planners, policymakers, water experts, and local communities, this session seeks to chart a path toward sustainable water management. Emphasis will be placed on the impact of small, innovative interventions in driving broader systemic change — ultimately ensuring a more water-secure future for Bengaluru.
	Setting the theme: * Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar V, IAS, Chairman, BWSSB *Moderator:* **Smt. Shabnam Bassi,** Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Secretary, GRIHA Council & Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI *Panellists:* **Shri. Ganesh Shankar,** Founder and CEO Fluxgen Technologies **Shri. Vishwanath S,** Founder & Director, Biome Environmental Solutions Pvt. Ltd. **Prof. Praveen C Ramamurthy,** Chair, ICWaR & Professor, Department of Materials Engineering IISc ***Mr Rajesh Jha,** Country Environment & Sustainability Manager, ABB Technologies **Shri. Sunil Mysore**, CEO Hinren Engineering Pvt Ltd. ***Shri. Rajiv K V,** Chief Engineer (Projects), Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage (BWSSB)
1300 – 1400 hrs	Lunch Break
	Plenary Session 2: **Waste Not, Want Not: Path to Sustainable Waste Management**
	Like many major Indian cities, Bengaluru faces a mounting waste management crisis. The city's daily waste generation has surged manifolds, yet the infrastructure to manage this volume remains insufficient. A significant portion of the waste ends up in landfills, some of which have been linked to environmental violations and public health concerns. Efforts to segregate waste at the source have been largely ineffective, with inadequate collection systems in many parts of the city. Construction and demolition (C&D) waste adds to the problem, as designated collection sites are underutilized, and processing plants struggle due to inconsistent supply. This session aims to delve into Bengaluru's waste management challenges, exploring root causes and identifying innovative solutions. Discussions will focus on the importance of decentralized waste processing, enhancing recycling initiatives,

1400-1530 hrs	and the role of policy reforms in promoting sustainable practices. Community engagement and awareness will also be highlighted as crucial components in addressing the city's waste woes. By fostering collaboration among policymakers, urban planners, environmental experts, and citizens, this session seeks to pave the way for a cleaner, more sustainable Bengaluru. The goal is to transform the city's waste management landscape, ensuring a healthier environment for current and future generations.
	Thematic address: * Smt. Snehal. R ,IAS, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Zonal Commissioner (East) *Moderator:* **Shri Anupam Buttan,** Senior Manager , GRIHA Council, New Delhi *Panellists:* • ***Smt. Wilma Rodrigues** Chief Transformation Officer (CTO) Saahas Zero Waste • **Smt. Nalini Shekar,** Co-founder of Hasiru Dala • ***Shri. Vishwanath J,** Superintendent Engineer, BBMP East • ***Shri. Nithya B S,** CEO, MSGP Infra Tech Pvt. Ltd • **Shri. Pushkara S V**, Senior Manager, Indian Institute for Human Settlements
1530 – 1600 hrs.	Pitch Booth & Networking Tea/Coffee
	Plenary Session 3: Navigating Namma Bengaluru: Steering Towards Sustainable Mobility Bengaluru, once cherished as a "Pensioner's Paradise," has transformed into India's bustling tech capital. This rapid urbanization has led to significant traffic congestion, primarily due to narrow roads and an ever-growing fleet of vehicles. The city's infrastructure has struggled to keep pace with its expansion, resulting in daily gridlocks and substantial economic losses. Moreover, challenges like unreliable bus services, inadequate last-mile connectivity, and limited pedestrian infrastructure hinder the shift from private to public transport. Addressing these challenges necessitates a comprehensive understanding of Bengaluru's mobility issues and the exploration of potential solutions. Community-led initiatives have shown promise in promoting sustainable transport options. Policy interventions are crucial to regulate the growth of private vehicles and to encourage the use of public transportation. Identifying actionable strategies to enhance the reliability and accessibility of public transit systems is imperative. Furthermore, recommendations for policy reforms and infrastructure development are essential to support sustainable urban mobility. Fostering collaboration among stakeholders—including policymakers, urban planners, industry leaders, and citizens—is vital to implement effective mobility solutions. This session aims to serve as a platform for dialogue and collaboration, paving the way for a more sustainable and inclusive transportation ecosystem in Bengaluru.

	*Thematic address; * Shri.* M.N. Anucheth, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic

Moderator: Shri Sanjay Seth, Vice President & Chief Executive Officer, GRIHA Council & Senior Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Programme, TERI

Panellists:

  - *Smt. Shweta Pandey, Vice President, Legal and Compliance, Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India (MBRDI)
  - *Dr. Monika Kashkari, Special Officer at Directorate of Urban Land Transport
  - *Shri. Raghavendra H S, Program Head, Bangalore Political Action Committee (BPAC)
  - *Shri. Amit Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Yulu Bengaluru
  - *Smt. Chaitanya Kanuri Associate Director- E-Mobility, World Resources Institute (WRI) India
  - Dr. Ashish Verma, Professor of Transportation Systems Engineering at Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
  - Shri. Ashish Kapoor, Chief Architect, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) |
| **1730 hrs Onwards** | High Tea |
| **1800 – 1900 hrs** | **Valedictory Session and GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony**

Lighting the Lamp
Welcome Address
Shri Sanjay Seth, Vice President & Chief Executive Officer, GRIHA Council & Senior Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Programme, TERI, New Delhi.

Special Remark:
*Shri. Dharmendra Patle, Deputy Commissioner, KVS, Regional Office, Bangalore

Special Address:
*Smt. Preeti Gehlot, IAS, Special Commissioner Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding

Special Remark:
*Shri. Ganesh Shankar, Founder and CEO Fluxgen Technologies

Valedictory Address
*Shri Santhosh S. Lad, Hon'ble Minister Labour Department

GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony

Vote of Thanks:
Smt. Shabnam Bassi, Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Secretary, GRIHA Council & Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI, New Delhi. |

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Closing of GRIHA Regional Conclave		