

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting the lamp • Welcome Address • Special Address • Keynote Address • Inaugural Address • Release of GRIHA Publication and JAN GRIHA Online Tool • GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony • 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.	Networking Break
1800 – 1900 hrs.	Valedictory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address • Special Address

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Address • Signing of Memorandum of Understanding • Valedictory Address • GRIHA Felicitation ceremony • Vote of Thanks
1900 – 1930 hrs.	Cultural Evening
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DETAILED AGENDA

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	Lighting the Lamp Welcome Address Shri. Sanjay Seth , Vice President & Chief Executive Officer, GRIHA Council & Senior Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Programme, TERI, New Delhi.
	Special Address: Smt. Janet Joseph , Lead – Corporate Social Responsibility (Practice), Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India (MBRDI)
	Release of GRIHA Publication & JAN GRIHA Online Tool Keynote Address: *Shri. K.P.Rudrappaiah , Managing Director, Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Ltd.
1100 – 1130 hrs.	Inaugural Address Shri. Dinesh Gundu Rao , Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department, 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.
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*Invited/To be confirmed

	Plenary Session 1:
	Drops of Change: Innovative Solutions to Water Woes
	Like many fast-growing urban centres, 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 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

<p>1130 – 1300 hrs</p>	<p>urban planning. The role of policy reforms, technological innovation, and sustainable financing models will also be addressed as key enablers of change.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thematic address: Shri. Vishwanath S, Founder & Director, Biome Environmental Solutions Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>Moderator: Smt. Shabnam Bassi, Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Secretary, GRIHA Council & Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Praveen C Ramamurthy, Chair, Interdisciplinary Centre for Water Research (ICWaR) & Professor, Department of Materials Engineering IISc • Mr Rajesh Jha, Country Environment & Sustainability Manager, ABB India Ltd. • Shri. Sunil Mysore, CEO Hinren Engineering Pvt Ltd. • Shri. Ganesh Shankar, Founder and CEO Fluxgen Technologies
<p>1300 – 1400 hrs</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>1400-1530 hrs</p>	<p>Plenary Session 2: Waste Not, Want Not: Path to Sustainable Waste Management</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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, 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.</p>

	<p>Thematic address: Smt. Snehal. R, IAS, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Zonal Commissioner (East)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Shri. Anupam Buttan, Senior Manager, GRIHA Council, New Delhi</i></p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smt. Shobha Raghavan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) SaahasZero Waste • Smt. Nalini Shekar, Co-founder of Hasiru Dala • Shri. Pushkara S V, Senior Manager, Indian Institute for Human Settlements • Dr. Manjunatha L R, Vice President-Direct Sales, Sustainability Initiatives, JSW Cement • Shri. Gopinath Udayakumar, Sustainability Manager, Saint- Gobain India Private Limited – Glass business
1530 – 1600 hrs.	Pitch Booth & Networking Tea/Coffee
1600-1730 hrs	<p>Plenary Session 3: Navigating Namma Bengaluru: Steering Towards Sustainable Mobility</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>Thematic address: Shri. M.N. Anucheth, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic</p> <p>Moderator: Shri Sanjay Seth, Vice President & Chief Executive Officer, GRIHA Council & Senior Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Programme, TERI</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri. Srinivas Alavilli, Fellow- Integrated Transport and Road Safety, 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) • Shri. Anuj Tewari, Co-Founder & Chief Financial Officer, Yulu • Dr. Monika Kashkari, Special Officer at Directorate of Urban Land Transport
1730 hrs Onwards	Networking Break
1800 – 1900 hrs	<p>Valedictory Session and GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony</p> <p><i>Welcome Address</i> Shri. Sanjay Seth, Vice President & Chief Executive Officer, GRIHA Council & Senior Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Programme, TERI, New Delhi.</p> <p><i>Keynote Address:</i> Smt. Rajeshwari S. Basur I/C, Chief Architect, Public works department, Government of Karnataka</p> <p><i>Signing of Memorandum of Understanding</i></p> <p><i>Valedictory Address</i> Shri. Rizwan Arshad, Member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, Government of Karnataka</p> <p><i>GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony</i></p> <p><i>Vote of Thanks:</i> Smt. Shabnam Bassi, Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Secretary, GRIHA Council & Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI, New Delhi.</p>
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