

10th GRIHA Regional Conclave, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Date: 20th February 2026, Friday

Theme “Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World”

CONCEPT NOTE

The built environment, which accounts for a significant share of global emissions and resource consumption, plays an instrumental role in either exacerbating the climate crisis or mitigating impacts and enabling adaptation. Cities and built infrastructure are and will continue to be exposed to higher climate stresses and frequent climate shocks, thereby disrupting lives, damaging property and harming the natural environment. Therefore, it is imperative to build climate-resilient infrastructure and adaptive cities that continue to protect, provide, and thrive sustainably in harmony with nature. Nations around the world are united by a shared goal of building a sustainable and climate-resilient future. While each country faces distinct challenges owing to its development stage and resource availability, collective action remains fundamental. In this global transition, India emerges as a catalyst driving scalable, inclusive solutions, advancing clean energy transitions, and shaping policies that strive to prioritize both environmental stewardship and equitable growth.

Now is the time to embark on transformative efforts and revolutionize our design processes, construction practices, and operation and management of built spaces. As the urgency for climate action intensifies, traditional approaches, while foundational, are not sufficient considering the pace and complexities of the challenges ahead. Innovation must be the driving force in shaping a resilient future across sectors and scales. It must steer the next phase of global, national and regional efforts, making climate action inclusive, resilient and sustainable. Innovation propels the development of novel technologies and approaches; however, it alone is not sufficient. It must be coupled with resilience- the ability to respond, adapt, recover, and thrive in the face of shocks. Together, innovation and resilience form the bedrock for building a sustainable future.

As part of its continued commitment to advancing inclusive and climate-resilient infrastructure, GRIHA Council is hosting its **10th Regional Conclave** centred around the theme “**Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World**”. The conclave will be held on **20th February 2026, Friday at Hyatt Regency, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.**

The regional conclave intends to serve as a platform to deliberate innovative and actionable strategies that can transform our climate ambitions into tangible outcomes. Recognizing the pivotal role of regional insights in shaping a resilient and sustainable future, the conclave seeks to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders- innovators, policymakers, industry leaders, architects, engineers, product manufacturers, researchers, and urban practitioners to convene for a day to ‘*discuss, innovate, adapt*’ and ‘*collaborate & act*’ on strategies that have the potential to build a climate-resilient world.

Let’s forge meaningful and impactful collaborations to advance innovation in creating a sustainable, resilient and inclusive built environment.

ABOUT GRIHA COUNCIL:

GRIHA Council, recognized as the '**National Rating System for Green Buildings in India**', was developed by **The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)** in support with the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India**. GRIHA Council issues 'GRIHA Rating Certification' for new buildings as well as retrofits and carries out all activities related to the issuance of 'GRIHA Certification'. The Government of India (GoI) has also recognized GRIHA as a tool to evaluate Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction from habitats under its obligations to mitigate climate change as contained in the NDCs documentation submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Please find more information about GRIHA Council at <https://www.grihaindia.org>