

## AGENDA OUTLINE

### GRIHA Regional Conclave Bhopal, 2025

<b>'Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World'</b> Date: 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2025, Friday Venue: Noor-Us-Sabah, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	
<b>0900 – 1000 hrs.</b>	Registration
<b>1000 – 1100 hrs.</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting the lamp</li> <li>• Welcome Address</li> <li>• Special Address</li> <li>• Keynote Address</li> <li>• Release of GRIHA Publication</li> <li>• Signing of Memorandum of Understanding</li> <li>• Inaugural Address</li> <li>• Presidential Address</li> <li>• GRIHA Award Ceremony</li> <li>• GRIHA Updates</li> <li>• Vote of Thanks</li> </ul>
<b>1100 – 1130 hrs.</b>	Pitch Booth & Networking Tea/Coffee
<b>1130 – 1300 hrs.</b>	<b>Plenary Session 1:</b> Strengthening Net Zero Pathways for Resource Optimization
<b>1300 – 1400 hrs.</b>	Networking Lunch
<b>1400 – 1530 hrs.</b>	<b>Plenary Session 2:</b> Reviving Water-Sensitive Urban Design for Resilient Cities
<b>1530 – 1700 hrs.</b>	<b>Plenary Session 3:</b> Climate Smart City: Urban Transformation for Sustainable Bhopal
<b>1700 – 1715 hrs.</b>	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Vote of Thanks</b>
<b>1715 hrs onwards</b>	High Tea

**DETAILED AGENDA (Tentative)**  
**GRIHA Regional Conclave Bhopal, 2025**

**'Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World'**

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Friday

Venue: Hotel Noor-Us-Sabah Palace, Bhopal

<b>0900 – 1000 hrs.</b>	<b>Registration</b> <b>Inaugural Session</b> <i>Lighting the Lamp</i>  <i>Welcome Address:</i> <b>Shri Sanjay Seth</b> , Vice President & Chief Executive Officer, GRIHA Council & Senior Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Programme, TERI, New Delhi.  <i>Special Remarks:</i> <b>Shri. Sanjeev Singh Thakur</b> , Treasurer, CREDAI-Bhopal Chapter, Madhya Pradesh <b>Prof. (Dr.) Rajiv Tripathi</b> , Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi Proudhyogiki Vishwavidyalaya (R.G.P.V), Bhopal <b>Shri R. K Verma</b> , Deputy Commissioner, Regional Office- Bhopal, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India  <i>Release of GRIHA Publication</i>
<b>1000 – 1100 hrs</b>	<i>Special Address:</i> <b>Shri Lalit Krishan Singh Dehiya</b> , Pr.CCIT, MP & CG & Income Tax Department <b>Smt. Archana Chitnis</b> , Member of Parliament (MP)-Burhanpur, Government of Madhya Pradesh and Spokesperson of the State of Madhya Pradesh – BJP  <i>Keynote Address:</i> <b>Shri Sanjay Dubey (IAS)</b> , Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development and Housing Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh <b>Shri Manu Srivastava (IAS)</b> , Additional Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam, Government of Madhya Pradesh  <i>Signing of Memorandum of Understanding</i>  <i>Inaugural Address:</i> <b>*Shri Mohan Yadav</b> , Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Madhya Pradesh  <i>GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony</i>  <i>GRIHA Updates &amp; Vote of Thanks:</i> <b>Smt. Shabnam Bassi</b> , Deputy Chief Executive Officer & Secretary, GRIHA Council & Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI, New Delhi.
<b>1100 – 1130 hrs.</b>	Pitch Booth & Networking Tea/Coffee

*\*Invited/To be confirmed*

1130 – 1300 hrs	<b>Plenary Session 1:</b> <b>Strengthening Net Zero Pathways for Resource Optimization</b>
	<p>Madhya Pradesh, often referred to as the "Heart of India," is rich in natural resources and plays a pivotal role in the country's sustainable development. As the state advances its industrial and infrastructural development, it has immense potential to lead in sustainable practices and Net Zero transitions. With proactive governance and growing investments in renewable energy, Madhya Pradesh is uniquely positioned to model resource-efficient growth for the nation.</p> <p>This session will explore strategic approaches to accelerating Net Zero transitions through efficient resource optimization. It will highlight innovative frameworks, technologies, and policies that enable low-carbon development while minimizing environmental footprints. Experts from policy, industry, and academia will discuss the integration of circular economy principles, energy efficiency, and sustainable infrastructure to drive systemic change through cross-sector collaboration, data-driven decision-making, and scalable solutions tailored to the context of regional and state development.</p>
	<p><i>Keynote Address:</i> <b>Shri Amanbir Singh Bains, IAS</b>, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam, Government of Madhya Pradesh</p>
	<p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Smt. Shabnam Bassi</b>, Deputy Chief Executive Officer &amp; Secretary, GRIHA Council &amp; Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri Ahkil Garga</b>, Director, ISHRAE-Bhopal Chapter</li> <li>• <b>Shri Ankesh Goyal</b>, Director, New Race Course Group</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Savita Vyas</b>, Director, School of Energy &amp; Environment Management, Rajiv Gandhi Proudhyogiki Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Surabhi Mehrotra</b>, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture &amp; Planning, MANIT, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh</li> <li>• <b>*Shri. B. S. Khanooja</b>, Sr. Energy Advisor, Urban Area Development Department (UADD), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh</li> </ul> <p><i>*Invited/To be confirmed</i></p>
1300 – 1305 hrs	<b>GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony- 4-Star PM SHRI NVS Schools</b>
1305 – 1400 hrs	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1400 - 1530 hrs	<b>Plenary Session 2:</b> <b>Reviving Water-Sensitive Urban Design for Resilient Cities</b>
	<p>Renowned for its cultural heritage and abundance of natural water bodies, Bhopal, often referred to as the "City of Lakes," now faces challenges of rapid urbanization, pollution and climate variability. The city's water bodies and reservoirs, which supported ecological balance and community life, are increasingly threatened by encroachment, untreated wastewater, and unregulated development.</p> <p>The session delves into the evolving challenges surrounding water conservation and urban water management, whilst the cities develop sustainably. It aims to highlight the importance of adopting water-sensitive urban design (WSUD) approaches that are in harmony with nature to rebuild</p>

	<p>the city's hydrological resilience. Discussions will explore strategies for rejuvenating lake ecosystems, integrating blue-green infrastructure in city planning, and strengthening the natural drainage network to mitigate urban flooding and enhance groundwater recharge. The session will deliberate on community-led restoration models, data-driven tools, inclusive governance, and public-private partnerships in accelerating impactful change.</p> <p><b>Keynote Address:</b> <b>Smt. Sarita Bala Om Prajapati, IAS</b>, Managing Director, M.P. Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Bhopal, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Shri Akash Deep</b>, Deputy General Manager &amp; Treasurer, GRIHA Council, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri Ajay Jain</b>, Director, Eco-Pro Environmental Services</li> <li>• <b>Shri Amit Gajbhiye</b>, Joint Director, Directorate of Town &amp; Country Planning, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Rama U Pandey</b>, Professor, Environmental Planning, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal</li> <li>• <b>Shri. Vivek Bhatt</b>, Head Faculty, Water Resources Engineering, M.P. Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Bhopal</li> <li>• <b>Shri Shishir Kushwaha</b>, Engineer-In-Chief (Retd.), Madhya Pradesh Water Resources Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh</li> <li>• <b>Ar Hemant Vishwakarma</b>, Vice-Chairman, Indian Institute of Architects-Bhopal Chapter</li> </ul>
<b>1530 – 1535 hrs</b>	<b>GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony- 4-Star PM SHRI NVS Schools</b>

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	<p><b>Plenary Session 3:</b> <b>Climate Smart City: Urban Transformation for Sustainable Bhopal</b></p> <p>Bhopal, with its rich ecological and cultural heritage, is rapidly evolving as an urban centre. These issues emphasise the urgent need to integrate sustainability and climate resilience into everyday urban governance. Through the Smart Cities Mission, Bhopal has initiated important steps toward developing responsive and sustainable infrastructure. These include smart mobility systems, integrated command centres, lakefront improvements, and better waste management. With increasing climate change impacts, there is a pressing need to align these developments with a climate-responsive policy framework that supports long-term environmental and social well-being.</p> <p>This session will explore how Bhopal advances its transition into a climate-smart city through inclusive, data-driven, and evidence-based policy action. Key focus areas include clean mobility, energy-efficient buildings, blue-green infrastructure, and sustainable waste and water systems. By bringing together policymakers, planners, researchers, and citizens, the session aims to identify practical strategies to enhance Bhopal's climate resilience and overall quality of life.</p>
<b>1535– 1700 hrs</b>	

**Keynote Address/ Thematic Address: Smt. Anju Arun Kumar**, Chief Executive Officer, Bhopal Smart City Development and Corporation Limited

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

**Panellists:**

- **Shri. Ravi Chaturvedi, Executive Engineer**, Urban Area Development Department (UADD), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
- **Shri. Rajesh Nagal**, Former Director, State Institute for Town Planning, Bhopal, and Former Joint Director, Town & Country Planning, Indore
- **Dr. Sheetal Sharma**, Dean & Professor, School of Architecture, VIT Bhopal
- **Dr. Surendra Bajpai**, Retd. Chief Engineer, Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
- **Shri Jai Nagda**, Director, Vidhyakunj International School & Journalist, Aaj Tak/ India Today /UNI
- **Shri. Vipin Goel**, Joint Secretary, CREDAI-National; Director, CREDAI-Bhopal & Partner- Raksha Builders and Padmanabh Developers
- **Dr. Vinay Prakash Shrivastava**, Partner, Vastu Vista

**1700 - 1705 hrs**

GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony- 4-Star PM SHRI NVS Schools

**1705 – 1710 hrs**

***Signing of the Book Publishing Agreement***

**1710 – 1715 hrs**

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks

**1715 hrs onwards**

High Tea

**Closing of 8<sup>th</sup> GRIHA Regional Conclave**

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