GRIHA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

4TH JANUARY 2010
STIEN AUDITORIUM,
INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, NEW DELHI
The sustainability of our building industry is crucial to the economic, social and human development of our country. The annual growth rate of our construction industry is far higher than the global average. Further, it contributes significantly to our GDP (5 - 10%). Direct employment generated is second only to agriculture; with indirect employment generation in ancillary industries, as high as 5 -10%. More than 70% of the infrastructure needed for a developed India is yet to be built and that gives great opportunity to build green. The scale and pace of construction in India is unparalleled and requires every one of us to rise to the occasion and help in transitioning to a clean and green economy. At this scale, cost of green building materials, renewable energy systems and design services can all be brought down for everyone’s benefit.

Green Rating systems for buildings emerged in various countries to strike a balance between development and environment preservation. India has maintained this balance for centuries and can fallback on its architectural heritage and traditional wisdom to maintain this balance. Green Ratings can help sustain it by combining time-tested wisdom with scientifically rigorous validation procedures available today.

GRIHA, Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment emerged out of a protracted exercise involving researchers at TERI, policy makers at the highest level, practicing professionals and concerned citizens. Most development decisions are taken at the building project level and the first version of GRIHA is decision making tool for any developer to gauge and achieve sustainability in his project.

Currently there are around 40 projects of various types registered with GRIHA across India. GRIHA helped make a bid difference in the triple-bottom-line of these projects. IIT Kanpur, Environmental Science and Engineering Block was able to reduce its energy consumption significantly in its bid to earn a 5 star rating. The common wealth games village won accolades from the Ministry of Labour in its bid to comply with GRIHA.

Quality and Quantity approach of GRIHA is slowly drawing green building professionals into its ambit. A National Conference on GRIHA is being organized to give an opportunity for all concerned to get involved with GRIHA.

ADaRSH, a platform to facilitate a pan-India, ongoing interaction and networking between building professionals, developers and government officials will be formally launched. Membership opportunities shall be open from the day of conference. A parallel exhibition of select green building materials and technologies shall also be organized to help the conference delegates update with the latest developments in industry.

To make green building a household word and common knowledge, computer games for school children on Green Buildings will be inaugurated during the conference.
09:00 -10:00 Registration

10:00 -10:30 Inaugural Session
   Welcome remarks by Mr. Deepak Gupta, Secretary, MNRE
   Address on Green Buildings & GRIHA by Dr. R K Pachauri
   Director General, TERI
   Address by Guest of Honour, Shri S Jaipal Reddy, Honourable Minister,
   Ministry of Urban Development*
   Address by Chief Guest, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Honourable Minister,
   Ministry of New & Renewable Energy*
   Vote of Thanks by Mr. Siva Kishan Nandyala CEO, GRIHA Secretariat

10:30 -10:40 Launch of Exhibition on Green Building Products &
          Technologies
10:40 -11:00 Tea/Coffee

11:00 -12:15 Technical Session 1: GRIHA and ADaRSH
   Speakers from TERI, GRIHA Secretariat & MNRE

12:15 -13:30 Technical Session 2: Sustainable Building
   Session Chairman: Mr. Sanjay Prakash, Principal, Sanjay Prakash &
   Associates
   Speakers: Ms. Chitra Vishwanath, Principal, Biome Environmental
   Mr. Vinod Gupta, Architect, Space Design Consultants
   Mr. Deependra Prashad, Secretary & MICC, INTBAU
   Mr. Rohan Parikh, Head, Green Initiatives,
   INFOSYS Technologies Limited

13:30 -14:30 Lunch

14:30 -16:00 Technical Session 3: Sustainable Habitat
   Session Chairman: Mr. K. T. Ravindran, Chairman, Delhi Urban Arts
   Commission
   Speakers: Mr. Ashok B. Lall, Principal, Ashok Lall Architects
   Mr. Jaigopal G Rao, MD & Principal Designer, Inspiration
   Mr. Jagan Shah, Chief Executive, Urban Space Consultants
   Mr. Manit Rastogi, Managing Director, MorphoGenesis
   Ms. Hina Zia, Associate Fellow, TERI

16:00 - 16:45 Technical Session 4: Enabling Sustainable
   Design: Tools and Techniques
   Mr. Tanmay Tathagat, Advisor, Environmental Design Solutions
   Mr. Don Mc Lean, CEO, IES
   Mr. N Sriram, Saint Gobain Glass India Ltd.
   Mrs. Sangeeta Gupta, TERI

16:45 -17:00 Closing Session

17:00 onwards Tea/Coffee

* Awaiting Confirmation
Registration of Delegates and Exhibitors is in progress

The GRIHA National Conference also invites on-the-spot registration on January 4, 2010.

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