



The 17th GRIHA Summit
3rd – 4th November 2025
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India



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Theme “*Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World*”

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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 revolutionise 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. For achieving long-term *sustainability*, *resilience* is often embraced as a prerequisite. For any system to maintain a sustainable trajectory over time, it must be able to respond, adapt, recover, and thrive amid shocks. *Innovation* drives sustainable solutions, while *resilience* ensures robustness and adaptability. Together, they both form a bedrock for building a *sustainable* future.

In our drive towards creating inclusive and climate-resilient infrastructure, GRIHA Council is hosting its annual **17th GRIHA Summit** centred around the theme “**Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World**”, which is scheduled for **3rd – 4th November 2025** at the **India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, India**.

Advancing the idea to augment the development of sustainable habitats and resilient communities at the regional levels in the country, GRIHA Council will be hosting GRIHA Regional Conclaves in Bengaluru, Bhopal, Kochi and Ahmedabad in this fiscal year around the common theme “**Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World**”.

Both the national summit and regional conclaves intend to serve as a platform to deliberate innovative and actionable strategies that can transform our climate ambitions into tangible outcomes. We invite all stakeholders- innovators, policymakers, industry leaders, architects, engineers, product manufacturers, researchers, and urban practitioners to convene for two



days 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, recognized as India's own rating system for sustainable habitats, was jointly developed by the *Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India* and *The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)*.

GRIHA Council evaluates the environmental performance of a building holistically over its entire life cycle, thereby providing a definitive standard for green buildings and sustainable habitats. The Government of India has recognized 'GRIHA' as an indigenous tool to evaluate Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction from habitats under its obligations to mitigate climate change as contained in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) documentation submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). India, in its fourth biennial report submitted to the UNFCCC, has recognised GRIHA as India's own national rating system for green buildings.

Agenda Outline

Day 1 3rd November 2025 (Monday) Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi		
0800 – 0930 hrs	Registration	
0930 – 1000 hrs	Inauguration of GRIHA Exhibition	
1000 – 1130 hrs	Inaugural Session <i>(Stein Auditorium)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting the Lamp • Welcome Address • Opening Address • Special Remarks • Signing of Memorandum of Understanding • Special Address • Launch of GRIHA Publications • Inaugural Address • GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony • GRIHA Updates and Vote of Thanks 	
1130 – 1200 hrs	Networking over Tea/coffee	
1200 – 1330 hrs	Plenary Session 1: Navigating Market Mechanism to Ensure Energy Security <i>(Silver Oak Hall)</i>	
1330 – 1430 hrs	Networking Lunch	
1430 – 1600 hrs	Plenary Session 2: Rethinking Climate Resilient Infrastructure <i>(Silver Oak Hall)</i>	
1600 – 1630 hrs	Networking over Tea/Coffee	
1630 – 1730 hrs	Parallel Sessions	
	Thematic Track 1 – Cascading Innovations: Climate-Sma Water Security <i>(Silver Oak Hall)</i>	Thematic Track 2 – Extraction to Execution: Innovations in Building Materials <i>(Jacaranda Hall)</i>
End of Day 1		
Day 2 4th November 2025 (Tuesday) Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi		
1030 – 1200 hrs	Plenary Session 3 – Planetary Health Pedagogy – Learning for a Sustainable Future <i>(Silver Oak Hall)</i>	
1200 - 1230 hrs		
1230 – 1330 hrs	Ideas to Inventions for Transforming Climate Action <i>(Jacaranda Hall 1)</i>	
1330 – 1430 hrs		
1430 – 1530 hrs	Parallel Sessions	
	Thematic Track 3 – Breathe It or Beat It: Tackling Toxic Air	Thematic Track 4 – "Waste Not": Fostering Circular Innovation



	(Silver Oak Hall)	(Jacaranda Hall)
1530 – 1600 hrs	Networking over Tea/Coffee	
1600 – 1730 hrs	Plenary Session 4 – Lights Camera, Climate Action	
1800 – 1900 hrs	Networking	
1900 – 1930 hrs	Valedictory Session & Award Evening	
1930 – 1945 hrs	Setting the stage	
1945 – 2010 hrs	Cultural Evening	
2010 hrs onwards	Dinner Reception	
End of 17th GRIHA Summit 2025		