

# The 15<sup>th</sup> GRIHA Summit

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## “Empowering Sustainable and Resilient Communities”

**Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) Council** is an autonomous, not for profit society established to promote and administer the development of sustainable buildings and habitats in India through GRIHA. GRIHA is an indigenous rating system developed by TERI which was adopted as the 'National Rating System' of India by MNRE. GRIHA is a tool to evaluate reductions in emission intensity through habitats and has been announced as a part of mitigation strategy for combating climate change in India's 'Nationally Determined Contributions' submitted to UNFCCC by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Over the years, GRIHA Council has been hosting its annual summits to deliberate on issues which are of national discourse in association with distinguished entities from national and international spheres, encompassing government bodies, industry partners, multilateral and bilateral organizations, academia, and building practitioners. The Council's prominent affiliations are with esteemed entities including the Ministries of Housing & Urban Affairs, Power, New and Renewable Energy; Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Life Insurance Corporation of India, Indian Oil Corporation Limited; Bhopal Smart City Development Corporation Limited, Government of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh; European Union, Royal Danish Embassy, 2000-Watt Smart Cities Association; DLF, AIS, JSW Cement, Mahindra Lifespaces, JK Cement Limited, Saint Gobain, Larsen & Toubro; Sheffield Hallam University, UNSW Sydney, Council of Architecture, National Institute of Urban Affairs. The past summits had been designed on the themes such as “Approach to Integrated Sustainability”, “Fostering Partnerships for Sustainable Habitats”, “Transforming Habitats”, “Sustainable is Affordable”, “Rejuvenating Resilient Habitats”, “Restoring Green Economy”, and “Towards Net Positive Habitats”.

The **15th GRIHA Summit** scheduled on **23rd and 24th November 2023** shall be conducted at **India Habitat Center, Lodhi Road, New Delhi** on the theme '**Empowering Sustainable and Resilient Communities**'.

The world is witnessing severe ecological imbalance which is an outcome of anthropogenic activities that have paid limited heed to the natural environment and our fellow beings. As a result, widespread unpredictable changes in weather patterns have been observed as frequent intense cyclones, floods, droughts, and heat waves. The climate emergency intensifies and calls for urgent action as the health experts around the globe anticipate devastating health catastrophe related to climate change.

The role of communities stands at the core of climate action. Communities embody the strength to drive sustainable and resilient development towards inconceivable outcomes that decide our present and the fate of our future generations.

The theme of this year's summit, therefore, aims to create a better future for all by empowering communities for resilience and sustainability to cope with the adverse impacts of accelerated climate change. It intends to highlight the crucial interdependence of all forms of life for the very sustenance of life on Mother Earth.

This summit is aligned with the concept of 'LiFE – Lifestyle for Environment' introduced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister at COP 26, that resonates with India's vision of a safe planet through 'mindful and deliberate utilization'. The overarching aim is to bring everyone together to identify the role of every individual in creating a sustainable community and move ahead in creating a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable planet.

We at the GRIHA Council invite you to participate whole-heartedly in this Summit and share your thoughts, knowledge, experience and add value to promote sustainability in an affordable manner.