

GRIHA Regional Conclave, Gandhinagar 'Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World'

Date: 11 May 2026, Monday | **Time:** 0900 hrs onwards
Venue: The Leela, Sector 14, Near K Road, Gandhinagar - 382014, Gujarat



Agenda Outline

Time (in hours)	Particulars
0900 – 1000	Registration
1000 – 1015	Pre-Session Announcements & Seating of Delegates
1015 – 1115	Fireside Chat <i>Sustainable Infrastructure for Mega Events: Commonwealth Games 2030</i>
1115 – 1215	Inaugural Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting the lamp • Welcome Address • Special Addresses • Keynote Address • Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) • Launch of GRIHA Publications • Inaugural Address • Closing Address & Vote of Thanks • GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony
1215 – 1230	Refreshments Break
1230 – 1330	Plenary Session <i>Designing for All – Advancing Inclusivity, Accessibility and Equity in the Built Environment</i>
1330 – 1430	Networking Lunch
1430 – 1445	Presentation by Saint-Gobain India Private Limited – Glass business
1445 – 1645	Round Table <i>A Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Mega Growth, Minimum Footprint: Defining Gujarat's Sustainable Infrastructure Agenda</i>
1645 onwards	High Tea
Conclusion of the GRIHA Regional Conclave	

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Detailed Agenda

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1015 – 1115	<p>Fireside Chat <i>Sustainable Infrastructure for Mega Events: Commonwealth Games 2030</i></p> <p>Gujarat is set to host the Commonwealth Games 2030 – a landmark opportunity to demonstrate that large-scale sporting and civic infrastructure can be designed and operated sustainably. This fireside conversation will explore how GRIHA-aligned green building standards, smart urban planning, and integrated infrastructure strategies can shape the Games’ legacy across Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad, making Gujarat a benchmark for sustainable mega-event hosting.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sanjay Seth, Vice President & CEO, GRIHA Council & Senior Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Programme, TERI <p>Guest Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Narendra K. Modi, General Manager (Planning & Coordination), Gujarat Sports Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (GSID) and Deputy Director & Technical Advisor, Asian Development Bank (ADB) • Ms. Pankti Pandey, Scientist, Sustainability Consultant, Educator and Founder, Zerowasteadda
1115 – 1215	<p>Inaugural Session</p> <p><i>Lighting the lamp</i> <i>Welcome Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sanjay Seth, Vice President & CEO, GRIHA Council & Senior Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Programme, TERI <p><i>Special Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rajesh Vaswani, Chairman, CREDAI Ahmedabad GIHED • Mr. M. I. Shah, Deputy General Manager (Tech.), Gujarat Urban Development Mission (GUDM) • Mr. Mahesh Chaudhari, Superintending Engineer, Gujarat Urban Development Company (GUDC) <p><i>Keynote Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. J. A. Gandhi (I.C), Special Secretary, Roads & Buildings Department (R&B), Government of Gujarat <p><i>Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRIHA Council and Carbon Registry India by NCCF

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRIHA Council and CREDAI Ahmedabad GIHED <p>Launch of GRIHA Publications</p> <p>Inaugural Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri. Pravin Gordhanji Mali, Hon'ble Minister of State, Forests and Environment, Climate Change, Transport, Government of Gujarat <p>Closing Address & Vote of Thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Shabnam Bassi, Deputy CEO & Secretary, GRIHA Council & Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI <p>GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony</p>
1215 – 1230	Refreshments Break
1230 – 1330	<p>Plenary Session</p> <p>Designing for All – Advancing Inclusivity, Accessibility and Equity in the Built Environment</p> <p>Gujarat's rapid urban growth must not leave any citizen behind. From persons with disabilities and the elderly to women and economically marginalised communities, inclusive and universally accessible design must be embedded into buildings, public spaces, and infrastructure. This plenary will examine policy gaps, implementation challenges, and the role of GRIHA and green rating systems in advancing spatial equity drawing on Gujarat's own urban development programmes, affordable housing schemes, and Smart City projects.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Shabnam Bassi, Deputy CEO & Secretary, GRIHA Council & Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ar. Madhavi Desai, Partner, ARCHICRAFTS Mr. Keyur Sarda, Founder, Kesarjan Building Centre Pvt. Ltd. Prof. Namrata Chindarkar, Chairperson - Faculty Development Programme (FDP) and Associate Professor - JSW School of Public Policy (JSW-SPP), Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) Ms. Mittal Patel, Founder, Vicharta Samuday Samarthan Manch (VSSM) Dr. Rutul Joshi, Senior Associate Professor & Program Chair - Master of Urban Planning (MUP) & Head of the Doctoral Office, CEPT University Ms. Shivna Majmudar, Consultant – Livelihood Recovery & Resilience Fund, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)
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1430 – 1445	Presentation by Mr. Gopinath Udayakumar , Sustainability Manager, Saint-Gobain India Private Limited – Glass business
1445 – 1645	Round Table

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***A Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Mega Growth, Minimum Footprint:
Defining Gujarat's Sustainable Infrastructure Agenda***

Gujarat occupies a unique position in India's infrastructure narrative. As one of the country's fastest-growing states, it hosts some of India's most ambitious infrastructure programmes like GIFT City, Dholera SIR, the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor, major port expansions at Mundra and Kandla, expanding highway networks, and the upcoming Commonwealth Games 2030. Each represents both an economic opportunity and a sustainability imperative.

This roundtable convenes senior representatives from across the full infrastructure value chain comprising government departments covering buildings, highways, ports, data centres, and energy; private sector developers and industry bodies; leading architects and urban designers; and academia to deliberate on what is working, where barriers lie, and what commitments can accelerate the mainstreaming of sustainable infrastructure across Gujarat.

Roundtable Session:

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Setting the Context:

- **Mr. Tarak Jani**, Principal Architect, Vivart Design Studio

Chair:

- **Mr. Sanjay Seth**, Vice President & CEO, GRIHA Council & Senior Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Programme, TERI

Co-Chair:

- **Ms. Shabnam Bassi**, Deputy CEO & Secretary, GRIHA Council and Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI

Panellists:

- **Ar. Yatin Pandya**, Principal Architect, Footprints E.A.R.T.H., Ahmedabad
- **Mr. N.K. Ojha**, Green Building Consultant, Geo Designs & Research Pvt. Ltd.
- **Ms. Ruchi Gandhi**, Principal Analyst, Savvy Greens
- **Mr. Amit P Sanghvi**, President, ISHRAE Ahmedabad Chapter
- **Mr. Anand Shah**, Founding Director, DELF Consulting Engineers (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- **Ms. Pankti Pandey**, Scientist, Sustainability Consultant, Educator and Founder, Zerowasteadda
- **Ar. Hiten Chavda**, Partner & Co-Founder, Anahat Architects
- **Mr. Dipen Mehta**, Managing Director, Aqua Utility Designs and Management Pvt. Ltd.
- **Mr. Shaan Zaveri**, Partner, Collated Ventures

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Udit Bhatia, Associate Professor (Civil Engineering / AI & Earth Sciences), Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar • Prof. Ruchie Kothari, Assistant Professor, School of Architecture, Anant National University • Mr. Bharat Taunk, Founder, Soil Senani • Mr. Uttam Banerjee, Co-Founder & CEO, Ekam Eco Solutions Pvt. Ltd. • Ar. Mansi Parikh, Sustainability Consultant & Founder, Building for Climate Solutions • Mr. Manish Vaghela, Zonal Head - Sales (W), Rhino-Rock Solid Insulation • Mr. Gopinath Udayakumar, Sustainability Manager, Saint-Gobain India Private Limited – Glass business • Mr. Akash Deep, Deputy General Manager & Treasurer, GRIHA Council
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