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INNOVATE TO ACT FOR A CLIMATE RESILIENT WORLD

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Agenda Outline

‘Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World’

Date: 11th May 2026, Monday

Venue: The Leela, Sector-14, Airspace, Gandhinagar, Gujarat 382014

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0900 – 1000	Registration
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1015 – 1115	Fireside Chat <i>Sustainable Infrastructure for Mega Events: Commonwealth Games 2030</i>
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1215 – 1230	Refreshments Break
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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>
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1230 – 1330	Plenary Session Designing for All – Advancing Inclusivity, Accessibility and Equity in the Built Environment 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. Moderator: • Ms. Shabnam Bassi, Deputy CEO & Secretary, GRIHA Council & Director, Sustainable Buildings Division, TERI Speakers: • 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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Fireside Chat Session



The **Fireside Chat “Sustainable Infrastructure for Mega Events: Commonwealth Games 2030”** focused on the opportunities and challenges associated with planning sustainable infrastructure for the Commonwealth Games 2030 and explored how Gujarat can leverage large-scale sporting events to create long-term urban, environmental, and social value. The discussion emphasized that infrastructure developed for mega events should move beyond short-term event requirements and contribute toward resilient, accessible, and future-ready urban systems.

Moderated by **Mr. Sanjay Seth**, Vice President & CEO, GRIHA Council and Programme Director, Sustainable Infrastructure, TERI, the session brought together perspectives from infrastructure planning, governance, and sustainability practice. The discussion featured **Mr. Narendra K. Modi**, General Manager (Planning & Coordination), Gujarat Sports Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (GSIDCL) and Deputy Director & Technical Advisor, Asian Development Bank (ADB), along with **Ms. Pankti Pandey**, Scientist, Sustainability Consultant, Educator, and Founder, ZeroWasteAdda.

The session highlighted Gujarat’s growing role as a host for major public events and large-scale infrastructure development. Discussions focused on how upcoming sporting infrastructure can be planned through integrated approaches that combine mobility planning, renewable energy systems, multimodal connectivity, flexible infrastructure models, and long-term public usability. Particular emphasis was placed on ensuring that infrastructure investments remain useful and functional beyond the event period and do not result in underutilized assets.



Mr. Sanjay Seth, Ms. Pankti Pandey and Mr. N. K. Modi (from L to R)

The dialogue also explored the importance of embedding sustainability considerations during the early planning and design stages. Discussions on circularity and waste management highlighted the need to integrate zero-waste approaches, resource recovery systems, and operational planning into event infrastructure from the outset rather than as post-event interventions. The role of behavioural change, citizen participation, and stakeholder ownership in ensuring successful implementation of sustainability initiatives was also emphasized.

The session collectively reinforced that sustainable mega-event planning requires coordinated thinking across infrastructure, mobility, environmental management, governance, and public participation. The Commonwealth Games 2030 was positioned not only as a sporting event, but also as an opportunity for Gujarat to demonstrate climate-responsive and legacy-oriented infrastructure development.

Key Statements

Moderator



Mr. Sanjay Seth

Vice President & CEO, GRIHA Council & Programme Director, Sustainable Infrastructure, TERI

He opened the session by positioning Gujarat as a proven host of world-scale events — the Narendra Modi Stadium, the world's largest cricket stadium, has hosted everything from World Cups to Coldplay's Music of the Spheres tour. He framed the Commonwealth Games 2030 in Ahmedabad, the centenary edition, as its most consequential chapter yet, urging that the defining question is what remains after the Games end. He cautioned that "**we cannot afford carbon lock-in through infrastructure.**"

Speakers

Mr. Narendra K. Modi

General Manager (Planning & Coordination), Gujarat Sports Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (GSIDCL) and Deputy Director & Technical Advisor, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

He stressed that legacy planning is built into Gujarat's blueprint from Day One. Unlike past mega-events where world-class venues fell silent after the closing ceremony, Gujarat's Commonwealth Games 2030 approach is guided by one question: "**who will use this, and how, long after the Games are over?**" From the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sports Enclave to metro connectivity and the Sabarmati Riverfront, he noted, "every project is being designed as community assets, not event artefacts."



Ms. Pankti Pandey

Scientist, Sustainability Consultant & Founder, ZeroWasteAdda

She brought an equally compelling lens, stressing that zero-waste is only possible if integrated into planning from the very start, not patched on at the end. Waste management must be a design principle, not a logistical footnote.

She further emphasized something more fundamental: "**a sense of ownership.**" When people feel these assets belong to them — *their city, neighborhood, community* — they behave differently. Civic responsibility is not instructed; it is inspired, and that shift in mindset is what separates a well managed event from a truly sustainable one.



Inaugural Session



Ms. Shabnam Bassi, Mr. M. I. Shah, Mr. Sanjay Seth, Shri. Pravin Gordhanji Mali, Mr. J. A. Gandhi, Mr. Rajesh Vaswani, Mr. Mahesh Chaudhari (from Left to Right)

Mr. Sanjay Seth

Vice President & CEO, GRIHA Council and Programme Director, Sustainable Infrastructure, TERI

“Rapid economic growth can go hand in hand with climate-responsive planning.”

Mr. Sanjay Seth welcomed dignitaries, government representatives, architects, planners, engineers, developers, academicians, industry leaders, and sustainability professionals participating in the conclave. In his address, he highlighted Gujarat’s emergence as a major growth and infrastructure hub and emphasized the importance of integrating sustainability and climate responsiveness into the state’s rapidly evolving development trajectory.

Referring to initiatives such as GIFT City, Dholera, metro systems, renewable energy expansion, and large-scale infrastructure projects, he noted that Gujarat presents a significant opportunity to demonstrate how rapid economic growth can align with sustainable and resilient urban development. He also emphasized that climate-responsive infrastructure planning must now extend beyond buildings to include mobility systems, public infrastructure, logistics, and urban services.

Mr. Seth outlined the broader objective of the conclave as a collaborative platform for dialogue among policy-makers, government agencies, architects, planners, consultants, industry representatives, and academia to deliberate on practical and region-specific sustainability strategies. He further noted that the conclave sessions had been curated to address issues relating to sustainable infrastructure, inclusivity, accessibility, resilience, and climate action within the built environment.

The address also highlighted GRIHA Council’s continuing engagement with sustainable infrastructure projects across Gujarat, including educational institutions, airports, and public infrastructure developments, reinforcing the growing relevance of green building and sustainability frameworks within the state.

Inaugural Address

Shri. Pravin Gordhanji Mali

*Hon'ble Minister of State, Forests and Environment,
Climate Change, Transport, Government of Gujarat*

"New thinking creates new possibilities."

The Inaugural address by **Shri. Pravin Gordhanji Mali** was conducted in an interactive format, encouraging direct engagement with participants from government agencies, academia, industry, architecture, planning, and civil society. The discussion focused on sustainable urban development, climate resilience, green infrastructure, housing, water management, and long-term environmental planning.

Participants engaged with the Hon'ble minister discussing about a range of aspects related to urban heat mitigation, informal settlements, groundwater management, open spaces, sustainable mobility, and implementation of green building practices. Concerns were also discussed regarding the need for greater ecological sensitivity within urban expansion, including scientific tree plantation approaches, water conservation, and regenerative environmental planning.

The session highlighted the importance of integrating sustainability into infrastructure planning and governance systems rather than treating it as a standalone intervention. Discussions also reflected on the role of policy support, innovation, and institutional collaboration in advancing climate-responsive development practices across Gujarat.

The Hon'ble Minister emphasized that sustainable development requires both long-term vision and collective responsibility. Referring to Gujarat's progress in renewable energy and infrastructure development, he highlighted the state's commitment toward advancing greener and more resilient growth models. He also encouraged continued dialogue and collaboration between government institutions, technical experts, architects, engineers, and sustainability practitioners.

The interaction reinforced the importance of innovation, participatory thinking, and practical implementation in addressing emerging environmental and infrastructure challenges within rapidly urbanizing regions.



Special Address



Mr. M. I. Shah

Deputy General Manager (Tech.), Gujarat Urban Development Mission (GUDM)

“The future of urban development lies not only in building faster, but in building greener, smarter, and more resilient cities.”

Mr. Shah highlighted the relevance of the conclave theme to Gujarat's rapidly growing urban landscape, emphasizing that urban growth and sustainability must progress together. He outlined GUDM's role as the nodal agency for key urban missions—AMRUT, AMRUT 2.0, and the Smart City Mission, covering water supply, drainage, mobility, digital governance, and resilient urban planning, and pointed to technology's role in improving governance and municipal service delivery through the D-Nagar platform and technology-enabled sewer management, which has earned national recognition across 156 municipalities.

He stressed that the future of urban development lies in greener, smarter, and more resilient cities, built around five pillars: sustainability, climate resilience, technology integration, citizen-centric infrastructure, and energy-efficient growth. He also acknowledged the role of platforms such as GRIHA in advancing green building standards and supporting the state's sustainability objectives.

Mr. Mahesh Chaudhari

Superintending Engineer, Gujarat Urban Development Company (GUDC)

“Gujarat’s urban development vision is increasingly focused on sustainability, resilience, and climate-responsive planning.”

Mr. Mahesh Chaudhari highlighted GUDC is working towards development of nearly 400 MW captive solar capacity for Urban Local Bodies and Municipal Corporations to promote long-term energy sustainability. He stressed upon Water security, sanitation, renewable energy integration, climate-responsive infrastructure, and efficient utility management are becoming increasingly important in urban planning.

He stated ***“Sustainable urban growth can only be achieved through strong collaboration between government agencies, planners, architects, engineers, developers, financial institutions and sustainability organizations.”***

He further highlighted GUDC's plans to develop nearly 400 MW of captive solar for Urban Local Bodies and concluded by stating “Platforms like this event organized by the GRIHA Council play a vital role in promoting knowledge sharing, innovation, and sustainable urban transformation. GUDC remains committed to supporting the Government of Gujarat in developing greener, smarter, and more resilient cities for the future. GUDC extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to the GRIHA Council and all participants for organizing this important event.”



Keynote Address



Shri J.A. Gandhi

Special Secretary, Roads & Buildings Department, Government of Gujarat

“Maintenance today has become as important as new construction.”

The keynote address by Shri J.A. Gandhi focused on the growing importance of climate resilience, sustainability, and long-term infrastructure performance in public infrastructure development. Reflecting on India's rapid urbanization and expanding infrastructure networks, he noted that government agencies now carry greater responsibility for resilient, sustainable planning.

Highlighting the scale of infrastructure managed by the Roads & Buildings Department, he stressed that infrastructure should be evaluated not by construction speed or initial execution alone, but by its ability to function efficiently and safely over long periods.

He emphasized that conventional approaches based on historical climatic assumptions are no longer adequate against rising heat stress, flooding, and waterlogging, and called for context-sensitive, energy-efficient design that "works with the climate." He highlighted the growing importance of maintenance, operational efficiency, water conservation, and renewable energy integration, noting that new district and taluka-level public buildings undertaken by the Roads & Buildings Department would move toward green building implementation, with sustainability considerations integrated into planning from the outset.

Ms. Shabnam Bassi

Deputy CEO & Secretary, GRIHA Council and Director, Sustainable Buildings, TERI

“Sustainability has to be integrated across design, construction, operation and maintenance stages.”

Ms. Shabnam Bassi delivered the closing address and vote of thanks, highlighting GRIHA Council's role in advancing climate-responsive development and thanking the dignitaries, speakers, partners, participants, and the Government of Gujarat for their contributions. Outlining GRIHA as India's national green building rating system, she emphasized that it extends beyond certification to integrate sustainability across the full project lifecycle spanning buildings, infrastructure, affordable housing, and decarbonization initiatives aligned with India's climate goals.

She underlined the importance of operational performance, long-term resource efficiency, and monitoring mechanisms, alongside GRIHA's work on capacity building, rating variants for different project typologies, green product catalogues, and regional-language dissemination. The session concluded with the release of GRIHA sustainability manuals in Gujarati to support wider adoption of sustainable practices across the state.

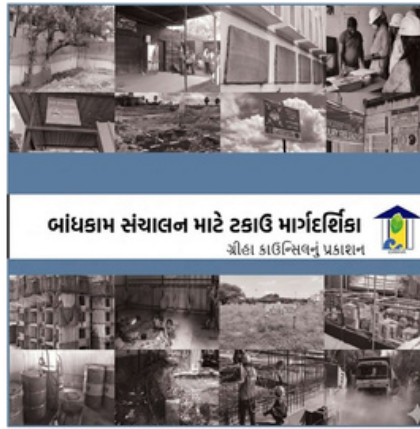


Release of GRIHA Publications

During the conclave the following set of guidelines were officially launched in the regional language Gujarati

- **Sustainable Guidelines for Design Implementation**
- **Sustainable Guidelines for Construction Management**
- **Sustainable Guidelines for Operation and Maintenance**

These manuals provide comprehensive strategies for designing, constructing, and maintaining green buildings, thereby covering the entire building lifecycle.



Recognizing the need for accessibility and regional inclusivity, these manuals are also being translated into local languages. The localized edition, in Gujarati, was unveiled during the Conclave, marking a significant step towards spreading sustainability at the grassroots level. More language launches are planned in the near future, ensuring that sustainable practices reach diverse communities across India.



A GRIHA Council Publication – Set of Manuals on Sustainable Guidelines for Design Implementation, Construction Management and Operation & Maintenance was released during the Inaugural session of GRIHA Regional Conclave, Gandhinagar.

Signing of Memorandums of Understanding

At the GRIHA Regional Conclave in Gandhinagar, significant Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed with Carbon Registry-India and CREDAI Ahmedabad GIHED, in the presence of Shri. Pravin Gordhanji Mali, Hon'ble Minister of State, Forests and Environment, Climate Change, Transport, Government of Gujarat. The MoU with Carbon Registry-India aims to embed emissions accounting and carbon credit mechanisms into buildings from the outset, aligning the built sector with India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme and ensuring sustainability is integrated from inception rather than retrofitted as an afterthought. The partnership with CREDAI Ahmedabad GIHED reflects the Gujarat real estate industry's genuine commitment to green building standards, with both organizations sharing a vision of climate-resilient urban growth and responsible infrastructure development. Together, these collaborations will extend green building practices beyond landmark government projects to the homes, offices, and commercial spaces that shape everyday lives. The MoUs mark a strategic step toward mainstreaming sustainable construction and carbon accountability in the built environment, reinforcing Ahmedabad's position as a leading benchmark for sustainable urban development in India.



Signing of MOU between GRIHA Council and CREDAI Ahmedabad GIHED



Signing of MOU between GRIHA Council and Carbon Registry-India by NCCF



GRIHA Felicitation Ceremony

S. No.	School Name	Rating
1	PM Shri School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Bharuch, Gujarat	5 Star
2	PM Shri School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Jamnagar, Gujarat	5 Star
3	Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Panchmahal, Gujarat	5 Star
4	Construction of Passenger Terminal Building & Allied Works for New Greenfield Airport at Hirasar, Rajkot, Gujarat	4 Star
5	Terminal Building at Surat Airport, Surat, Gujarat	4 Star
6	Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dahod-1, Gujarat	4 Star
7	PM Shri School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Patan, Gujarat	4 Star



Plenary Session



Plenary: Designing for All – Advancing Inclusivity, Accessibility and Equity in the Built Environment

The Plenary Session on "Designing for All – Advancing Inclusivity, Accessibility and Equity in the Built Environment" at the GRIHA Regional Conclave, Gandhinagar opened with a fundamental question: Sustainable for whom? Accessible to whom? Designed with whose needs in mind?



Ms. Shabnam Bassi, Ar. Madhavi Desai, Mr. Keyur Sarda, Prof. Namrata Chindarkar, Ms. Mittal Patel, Ms. Shivna Majmudar, Dr. Rutul Joshi (L-R)

Key Statements

Moderator



Ms. Shabnam Bassi

Deputy CEO & Secretary, GRIHA Council and Director, Sustainable Buildings, TERI

Ms. Shabnam Bassi moderated the session and highlighted Gujarat's rapid growth, driven by landmarks like GIFT City, Dholera and the upcoming Commonwealth Games 2030, offers an opportunity to embed inclusion from the start, since rapid growth left unguided can deepen inequities for the differently abled, the elderly, women and marginalised communities. She highlighted GRIHA initiatives such as JAN GRIHA for self-built homes and GRIHA AH for affordable housing under PMAY that weave social dimensions into rating frameworks, while acknowledging the distance still to travel in extending green building standards to the informal neighbourhoods where most of India lives.

Closing the session, she drew its thread together and observed that the built environment is not neutral: every building, street and public space either opens a door or closes one. She left the panel with a clear direction: frameworks must evolve to measure not only what buildings consume, but who they include, protect and empower.

Speakers

Ar. Madhavi Desai

Partner, ARCHICRAFTS

“Spatial discrimination often remains invisible because it is subtle”

Architect Madhavi Desai discussed gender-sensitive planning and highlighted how spatial experiences within cities often differ across genders. The discussion focused on issues relating to mobility, public safety, accessibility, public transport systems, public amenities, and participatory planning processes. The session also examined the need to move beyond gender-neutral planning approaches and incorporate lived experiences into urban design and policy-making.



Mr. Keyur Sarda

Founder, Kesarjan Building Centre Pvt. Ltd

“Affordable housing cannot become an excuse for compromised living conditions”

Mr. Keyur Sarda focused on affordable housing and climate-responsive construction practices. Discussions highlighted the importance of balancing affordability with thermal comfort, material quality, and long-term habitability. The session also reflected on the relevance of localized and climate-responsive construction systems within rapidly expanding housing developments.

Prof. Namrata Chindarkar

Chairperson - Faculty Development Programme (FDP) and Associate Professor - JSW School of Public Policy (JSW-SPP), Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA)

“Access does not automatically translate into equity”

Prof. Namrata Chindarkar discussed the relationship between infrastructure, governance, and equity. She emphasized that infrastructure provision alone does not guarantee equitable outcomes and highlighted the importance of context-sensitive and citizen-centered policy approaches. The discussion also reflected on unintended environmental and social consequences of infrastructure and policy interventions when broader systems thinking is absent.



Ms. Mittal Patel

Founder, Vicharta Samuday Samarthan Manch (VSSM)

“A very large population still remains invisible within formal planning systems”

Ms. Mittal Patel brought attention to the housing insecurity faced by nomadic and denotified communities and highlighted their continued exclusion from formal ownership systems, welfare mechanisms, and housing schemes. The discussion emphasized the relationship between housing, dignity, safety, and social inclusion, particularly for vulnerable groups and women.



Ms. Shivna Majmudar

Consultant – Livelihood Recovery & Resilience Fund, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)

“Climate shocks disproportionately affect women in the informal economy”

Ms. Shivna Majmudar highlighted the intersections between climate vulnerability, livelihoods, and housing for women working in the informal economy. The session emphasized that resilient housing must support both shelter and livelihoods, particularly for home-based workers and economically vulnerable communities affected by climate-related disruptions.



The plenary session focused on broadening sustainability beyond environmental performance to include inclusivity, accessibility, equity, livelihoods, and social well-being within the built environment. It brought together perspectives from architecture, urban planning, policy, housing, grassroots organizations, and community development to examine how cities and infrastructure can become more people-centric. The audience interaction further explored the affordability of green buildings, lifecycle costing, and the relevance of traditional climate-responsive construction practices.

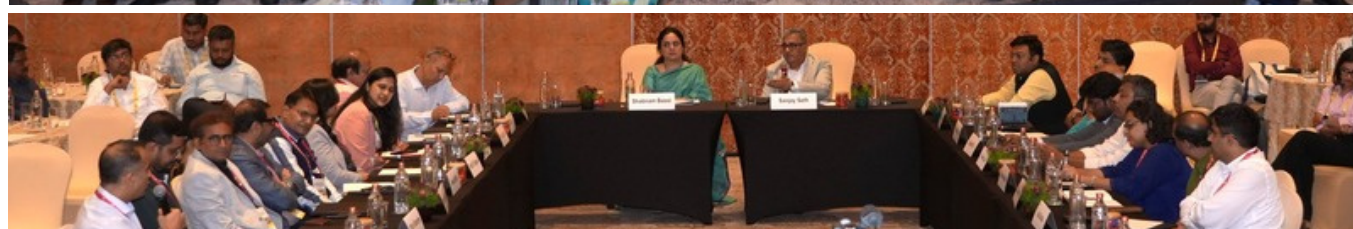
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Key Statements

1. Sustainability must not become a compliance exercise. As green certifications and performance metrics scale up, the risk of losing human experience, cultural sensitivity, and design quality is real.
2. The performance gap is the sector's most urgent problem. Buildings are designed to perform one way and operate another. Closing this gap demands tighter commissioning, post-occupancy monitoring and accountability across the full project lifecycle, from structural decisions that lock in embodied carbon to MEP systems that determine operational energy use for decades.
3. Sustainable buildings will remain the exception until the system changes. Certification, financing, planning approvals and procurement need to be aligned, not siloed.
4. The Indian building materials industry needs to move faster on transparency. Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) and embodied carbon data are becoming non-negotiable in global markets.
5. Extreme heat is rewriting the design brief. With heat events intensifying across Indian cities, building systems can no longer default to conventional air conditioning. Passive design strategies, hybrid cooling and grid-responsive systems must be integrated from the earliest design stage.
6. Circular economy principles need to move from pilot to mainstream. Construction waste, material reuse and deconstruction practices remain marginal, especially in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
7. Blue-green infrastructure must be treated as core urban infrastructure rather than a landscape afterthought.
8. Academia and industry are not speaking the same language, yet. Sustainability is still taught at the margins in many architecture and engineering programmes. Bridging this gap and integrating AI and data-driven tools for climate-resilient design into curricula, is an imperative.
9. The financial case for sustainable infrastructure in Gujarat is being made, but the pace is slow. GRIHA ratings and sustainability credentials are beginning to influence capital allocation decisions.

Way Forward

Action Points:

- Make sustainability a starting condition, not a final checkbox by embedding interventions at various stages of how projects are conceived, financed, and approved from day one.
- Judge infrastructure by how it performs over decades, not how fast it is built, with accountability extending well beyond handover.
- May look at a demonstrated government-backed flagship project which could be a visible, replicable proof of concept that sets the benchmark and is scaled across departments covering buildings, highways, ports, energy and urban services.
- Deploy digital tools to assess projects at every stage; starting from the approvals process by making pre-certification a prerequisite, with no project sanctioned until it is pre-certified, so sustainability is locked in at the gate rather than checked at the end.
- GRIHA Council may aid evaluation of performance of existing building standard designs and BOQs, documenting current practice against green building benchmarks to flag the missing aspects, and offer a clear roadmap for closing those gaps.
- Align the system that shapes buildings spanning finance, approvals, procurement, certification to make sustainable choice an easy default.
- Design for the climate that is coming, i.e. for resilience; not the one that was, treating extreme heat, water stress, and flooding as core design inputs.
- Make data the currency of credibility with metrics like embodied carbon, material declarations and operational performance, openly measured and shared.
- Measure buildings by who they include, not just what they consume, so growth widens access rather than deepening inequity.
- Turn commitments into delivery through sustained collaboration across government, industry, academia, and communities; and close the gap between how sustainability is taught and how it is practised.

GRIHA Regional Conclave in News

GRIHA Council, Credai join hands to boost green buildings: GRIHA Council and Credai Ahmedabad signed an MoU to accelerate green building standards in real estate. Credai Ahmedabad chief Rajesh Vaswani said the partnership will promote adoption through awareness and training. GRIHA CEO Sanjay Seth said extending sustainable practices to homes and offices, ensuring that eco-friendly construction influences everyday urban life beyond just landmark projects.

Source: The Times of India

GRIHA કાઉન્સિલનું કોન્કલેવ આયોજન
ભારતની નેશનલ ગ્રીન બિલ્ડિંગ રેટિંગ ગણાતી GRIHA કાઉન્સિલે 'Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World' થીમ હેઠળ 11મી GRIHA રિજનલ કોન્કલેવનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. આમાં કોમનવેલ્થ ગેમ્સ 2030, સમાવેશક ડિઝાઇન અને ગુજરાતના વિશાળ ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર એજન્ડાને આબોહવા-પ્રતિરોધક વિકાસના મુખ્ય આધારસ્તંભ તરીકે ઉજાગર કરવામાં આવ્યા.

Source: Navgujarat Samay

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Source: Gujarat Pranam

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Source: Gandhinagar Today

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ભારતની નેશનલ ગ્રીન બિલ્ડિંગ રેટિંગ ગણાતી GRIHA કાઉન્સિલે આજે ગાંધીનગર સ્થિત ૫ લીલા ખાતે 'Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World' થીમ હેઠળ ૧૧મી GRIHA રિજનલ કોન્કલેવનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. કોન્કલેવની સિરીઝમાં આ ૧૧મી કોન્કલેવ હતી જેનો હેતુ નવીનતમ અને અમલમાં મૂકી શકાય તેવી એ પ્રકારની વ્યૂહરચનાઓ માટે એક પ્લેટફોર્મ પૂરું પાડવાનો હતો, જે આબોહવા સંબંધિત મહત્વાકાંક્ષાઓને વાસ્તવિક પરિણામોમાં ફેરવી શકે. આ કોન્કલેવમાં સરકાર, ઉદ્યોગ, આર્કિટેક્ટ્સ, એન્જિનિયરિંગ, શિક્ષણક્ષેત્ર અને શહેરી આયોજન સાથે સંકળાયેલા પ્રતિનિધિઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો, જેથી ગુજરાતમાં ટકાઉ અને આબોહવા-પ્રતિરોધક ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર માટે પ્રદેશ-કેન્દ્રિત એજન્ડાને આગળ વધારી શકાય. કોન્કલેવનું ઉદ્ઘાટન ગુજરાત સરકારના વન અને પર્યાવરણ, આબોહવા પરિવર્તન અને પરિવહન રાજ્યપ્રધાન શ્રી પ્રવીણ ગોરખનજી માલીએ કર્યું હતું. તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, "ગુજરાતે ક્ષારેય ટકાઉપણાને વિકાસ આડેના અવરોધ તરીકે જોયું નથી, પરંતુ તેને લાંબા ગાળાના વિકાસના પાયા તરીકે જોયું છે. એક રાજ્ય તરીકે અમે લાંબા સમયથી એ સમજ્યા છે કે શાસન એ પડકારની પાછળ નહીં પરંતુ તેનાથી આગળ હોવું જોઈએ."

Source: Divya Gujarat

GRIHA Council, Credai Ahmedabad join hands to boost green buildings

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Ahmedabad: GRIHA Council, India's national green building rating agency, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Credai Ahmedabad to accelerate the adoption of green building standards in the real estate sector.

Rajesh Vaswani, chairman of Credai Ahmedabad, said the MoU will promote wider adoption through awareness initiatives, training programmes, and deeper industry engagement.

Sanjay Seth, vice president and CEO of GRIHA Council, said the partnership will extend sustainable building practices beyond landmark projects to homes, offices, and commercial developments that influence everyday urban life across growing cities.

Source: Times of India (Online)

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રાજ્ય મંત્રી પ્રવીણભાઈ માળી ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યાં : કોફલેવમાં કોમનવેલ્થ ગેમ્સ ૨૦૩૦, સમાવેશક ડિઝાઇન અને ગુજરાતના વિશાળ ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર એજન્ડાને આગોહવા-પ્રતિરોધક વિકાસના મુખ્ય આધારસ્તંભ તરીકે ઉજાગર કરવામાં આવ્યા

गौरीनाथ समाचार गौरीनाथ, ता. १३ भारत-नी नरेश्वर जीन अभिज्ञन रेडिओ ग्राहिका GRIPA कठिनिमे पुरोहितन सिमिन वीरदा	जेहन-नी आगहन धवरी साक्ष्य कोईवेवन्तु ठंडाउन करत जुहरातर सरदारान वरना पथवसर, आभोवावा परिवर्तन अपरिहारत राख्य मंथी मीया	राख्य तिकी ओर लोवा मयधुपी जे लमखवा जे क शासन पफादरनी पाछण न्हापी परंतु तेनापी आगहन होवु जैमि. जुहरातर कोमनदवह न्हंर २०३०ना	करवु पुरोहित केआपुने जेपण पुरोहित अनवासीने ते आपुणी आभोवाव प्रतिभदनाओन् प्रतिबिम्बि पाडे. अविम्याम कोम संधर जे: जुहरातर विकास करो ओर जुहरातर
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માટે કાંઈક કરવું, બીજાનાં બાંધેલાં સિસાણાં અને સોંટી ઓપોળાં સાથે સંકળવાળા પ્રતિનિધિઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો, જેની ગુજરાતમાં ૨૬૩૦ અને અંધાલપદ્મ-પ્રતિરોધી ૨૬૩૦ અને આદિ પંથક-વિદિત

Source: Gandhinagar Samachar

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શિક્ષણક્ષેત્ર અને શહેરી આયોજન સાથે સંકળાયેલા પ્રતિનિધિઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો, જેથી ગુજરાતમાં ટકાઉ અને આબોહવા-પ્રતિરોધક ઈન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર માટે પ્રદેશ-કેન્દ્રિત એજન્ડાને આગળ વધારી શકાય.

કોફલેવનું ઉદઘાટન ગુજરાત સરકારના નાન અને રૂપાંતરણ, આખો હવા પરિવહન અને પરિવહન રાજ્યપાલના શ્રી પ્રવીણ ગોપાલજી માલીએ કર્યું હતું. તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, “ગુજરાતે ક્યારેય ઉદઘાટનના વિકાસ આંદોને અવરોધ તરીકે જોયું નથી, પરંતુ તેને લાંબા ગાળાના વિકાસના પાયા તરીકે જોયું છે. એક રાજ્ય તરીકે અમે લાંબા સમયથી એ સમજાયા છે કે શાસન એ પકારની પાછળ નહીં પરંતુ તેનાથી આગળ હોવું જોઈએ.

ગાંધીનગર, ૧૧ મે ૨૦૨૪ઃ
ભારતની નેશનલ ઓન બિલ્ડિંગ
રેટિંગ ગણતરી GRIHA કાઉન્સિલે
આજે ગાંધીનગર સ્થિત ધ લીલા ખાતે
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કોફેલેન્સ આયોજન કર્યું હતું.
કોફેલેન્સની સીરિઝમાં આ

Source: Satellite Samachar

GRIHA રિજનલ કોન્કલેવના આયોજન સાથે
ગુજરાતે ટકાઉ ભવિષ્ય માટે પ્રતિબદ્ધતા દર્શાવી
 ગાંધીનગર । ભારતની નેશનલ ગ્રીન બિલ્ડિંગ રેટિંગ
 ગણાતી GRIHA કાઉન્સિલે ગાંધીનગરમાં ઈનોવેટ ટુ
 એક્ટ ફોર અ ક્લાઈમેટ રેસિલિયન્ટ વર્લ્ડ થીમ હેઠળ
 11મી GRIHA રિજનલ કોન્કલેવનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું.
 હેતુ નવીનતમ અને અમલમાં મૂકી શકાય તેવા પ્રકારની
 વ્યૂહરચના માટે પ્લેટફોર્મ પૂરું પાડવાનો હતો, આબોહવા
 સંબંધિત મહત્વાકાંક્ષાઓને વાસ્તવિક પરિણામોમાં
 ફેરવી શકે. સરકાર, ઉદ્યોગ, આર્કિટેક્ચર, એન્જિ. સાથે
 સંકળાયેલા પ્રતિનિધિઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો.

Source: Divya Bhaskar

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કોફલેવમાં કોમનવેલ્થ ગેમ્સ ૨૦૩૦, સમાવેશક ડિગ્રાઇન અને ગુજરાતના વિશાળ ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર એજન્ડાને આબોહવા-પ્રતિરોધક વિકાસના મુખ્ય આધારસ્તંભ તરીકે ઉજાગર કરવામાં આવ્યા

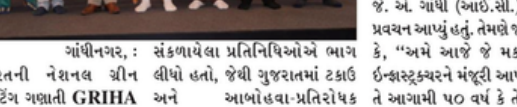
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રહ્યું છે અને ભારતના સૌથી મહત્વાકાંક્ષી ઈન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર કાર્યક્રમો પૈકીના કેટલાક કાર્યક્રમોમાં આગળ વધી રહ્યું છે ત્યારે આપણે એ સુનિશ્ચિત કરવું પડશે કે આપણે જે પણ પ્રોજેક્ટ બનાવીએ કે આપણી આબોહવા પ્રતિબદ્ધતાઓનું પ્રતિબિંબ પાડે. ભવિષ્યનો માર્ગ સ્પષ્ટ છે: ગુજરાત વિકાસ કરશે અને ગુજરાત હરિયાળો વિકાસ કરશે.”



ગાંધીનગર, : સંકળાયેલા પ્રતિનિધિઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો, જેથી ગુજરાતમાં ટકાઈ અને આબોહવા-પ્રતિરોધક ઈન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર માટે પ્રદેશ કેન્દ્રિત એજન્ડાને આગળ વધારી શકાય.

કોફલેવનું ઉદઘાટન ગુજરાત સરકારના વાન અને પર્યાવરણ, આબોહવા પરિવહન અને પરિવહન રાજ્યપ્રધાન શ્રી પ્રવીણ ગોરધનજી માલીએ કર્યું હતું. તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, “ગુજરાતે ક્યારેય ટકાઉવપણાને વિકાસ આડેના અવરોધ તરીકે જોયું નથી, પરંતુ તેને લાંબા ગાળાના વિકાસના પાયા તરીકે જોયું છે. એક રાજ્ય તરીકે અને લાંબા સમયથી એ સમજાયું છે કે શાશન અને પડકારની પાછળ નહીં પરંતુ તેનાથી આગળ હોવું જોઈએ. ગુજરાત કોમનવેલ્થ ગેમ્સ ૨૦૨૩ના આયોજન માટે ગુમારી હતી પરિસ્થિતિ છે.”

ગુજરાત સરકારના માર્ગ અને મકાન વિભાગના વિશેષ સચિવ શ્રી જે. એ. ગાંધી (આઈ.સી.) એ મુખ્ય પ્રવચન કર્યું હતું. તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, “અમે આજે જે મકાનો અને ઈન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચરને મંજૂરી આપીએ છીએ તે આગામી ૫૦ વર્ષ કે તેનાથી પણ વધુ સમય માટે ટકી રહેશે. તેથી આપણે ગ્રીન સ્ટાન્ડર્ડ્સને મહત્વાકાંક્ષી ઉમેરા તરીકે જ જોઈ શકીએ નહીં. તે આપણી દેખરેખ હેઠળના દરેક પ્રોજેક્ટની મુખ્યભૂત ભાગા બનવી જોઈએ. માર્ગ અને મકાન વિભાગ એ સુનિશ્ચિત કરવા પ્રતિબદ્ધ છે કે કોમનવેલ્થ ગેમ્સ ૨૦૨૩માં ગુજરાત જે ઈન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર ઊભું કરી રહ્યું છે તે કેવળ કાયમીક્ષમતાના ધોરણો જ નહીં પરંતુ પર્યાવરણના ધોરણોને પણ પૂરા કરે. કોઈપણ રાજ્યના સૌથી મોટા નિર્માતા તરીકે સરકારે આ મામલે ઉદાહરણ પૂરું પાડવું જોઈએ અને ગુજરાતે આ દિશામાં કામ કરવા માટે પડિશ્વર છે.”

Source: Nirmal Gujarat

ગાંધીનગરમાં GRIHA રિજનલ કોફલેવના આયોજન

ગાંધીનગર, ભારતની નેશનલ ગ્રીન બિલ્ડિંગ રેટિંગ ગણતરી GRIHA કાઉન્સિલે આજે ગાંધીનગર સ્થિત ધ લીલા ખાતે 'Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World' થીમ હેઠળ ૧૧મી GRIHA રિજનલ કોફલેવનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. કોફલેવનની સિરીઝમાં આ ૧૧મી કોફલેવન હતી જેનો હેતુ નવીનતા અને અમલમાં મુકી શકાય તેવી એ પ્રકારની વ્યૂહરચનાઓ માટે એક પ્લેટફોર્મ પૂરું પાડવાનો હતો, જે આબોહવા સંબંધિત મહત્વાકાંક્ષાઓને વાસ્તવિક પરિણામોમાં ફેરવી શકે. આ કોફલેવનમાં સરકાર, ઉદ્યોગ, આર્કિટેક્ટ્સ, એન્જિનિયરિંગ, શિક્ષણ અને શહેરી આયોજન સાથે સંકળાયેલા પ્રતિનિધિઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો, જેથી ગુજરાતમાં ટકાઉ અને આબોહવા-પ્રતિરોધક ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર માટે પ્રદેશ-કેન્દ્રિત એજન્ડાને આગળ વધારી શકાય. કોફલેવન ઉદ્ઘાટન ગજરાત સરકારના વન અને પર્યાવરણ, આબોહવા પરિવર્તન અને પરિવહન રાજ્યપ્રધાન શ્રી પ્રવીણ ગોરખનજી માલીએ કર્યું હતું. તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, “ગુજરાતે ક્યારેય ટકાઉપણાનું વિકાસ આડેના અવરોધ તરીકે જોયું નથી, પરંતુ તેને લાંબા ગાળાના વિકાસના પાયા તરીકે જોયું છે. એક રાજ્ય તરીકે અમે લાંબા સમયથી એ સમજ્યા છે કે શાસન એ પડકારની પાછળ નહીં પરંતુ તેનાથી આગળ હોવું જોઈએ. ગુજરાત કોમનવેલ્થ ગેમ્સ ૨૦૩૦ના આયોજન માટે તૈયારી કરી રહ્યું છે અને ભારતના સૌથી મહત્વાકાંક્ષી ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર કાર્યક્રમો, પૈકીના કેટલાક કાર્યક્રમોમાં આગળ વધી રહ્યું છે ત્યારે આપણે એ સુનિશ્ચિત કરવું પડશે કે આપણે જે પછા પ્રોજેક્ટ બનાવીએ તે આપણી આબોહવા પ્રતિબદ્ધતાઓનું પ્રતિબિંબ પાડે. ભવિષ્યનો માર્ગ સ્પષ્ટ છે: ગુજરાત વિકાસ કરશે અને ગુજરાત હરિયાળો વિકાસ કરશે.”

Source: Standard Herald



કોન્ફેરન્સમાં કોમનવેલ્થ ગેમ્સ ૨૦૩૦, સમાવેશક ડિઝાઇન અને ગુજરાતના વિશાળ ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર એજન્ડાને આબોહવા-પ્રતિરોધક વિકાસના મુખ્ય આધારસ્તંભ તરીકે ઉજાગર કરવામાં આવ્યા.

ગાંધીનગર: ભારતની નેશનલ ગ્રીન બિલ્ડિંગ રેટિંગ ગણતરી GRIHA કાઉન્સિલે આજે ગાંધીનગર સ્થિત ધ લીલા ખાતે 'Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World' થીમ હેઠળ ૧૧મી GRIHA રિજનલ કોફલેવનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું.

કોન્ફેરન્સની સિરીઝમાં આ ૧૧મી કોફલેવન હતી જેનો હેતુ નવીનતા અને અમલમાં મુકી શકાય તેવી એ પ્રકારની વ્યૂહરચનાઓ માટે એક પ્લેટફોર્મ પૂરું પાડવાનો હતો, જે આબોહવા સંબંધિત મહત્વાકાંક્ષાઓને વાસ્તવિક પરિણામોમાં ફેરવી શકે.

Source: Samachar Gujarat(Online)



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ગાંધીનગરમાં GRIHA રિજનલ કોફલેવના આયોજન સાથે ગુજરાતે ટકાઉ ભવિષ્ય માટે પ્રતિબદ્ધતા દર્શાવી

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Source: Capital Darpan

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ભારતની નેશનલ ગ્રીન બિલ્ડિંગ રેટિંગ ગણતરી કોફલેવન આજે ગાંધીનગર સ્થિત ધ લીલા ખાતે 'Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World' થીમ હેઠળ ૧૧મી GRIHA રિજનલ કોફલેવનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. કોફલેવનની સિરીઝમાં આ ૧૧મી કોફલેવન હતી જેનો હેતુ નવીનતા અને અમલમાં મુકી શકાય તેવી એ પ્રકારની વ્યૂહરચનાઓ માટે એક પ્લેટફોર્મ પૂરું પાડવાનો હતો, જે આબોહવા સંબંધિત મહત્વાકાંક્ષાઓને વાસ્તવિક પરિણામોમાં ફેરવી શકે. આ કોફલેવનમાં સરકાર, ઉદ્યોગ, આર્કિટેક્ટ્સ, એન્જિનિયરિંગ, શિક્ષણ અને શહેરી આયોજન સાથે સંકળાયેલા પ્રતિનિધિઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો, જેથી ગુજરાતમાં ટકાઉ અને આબોહવા-પ્રતિરોધક ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર માટે પ્રદેશ-કેન્દ્રિત એજન્ડાને આગળ વધારી શકાય. કોફલેવન ઉદ્ઘાટન ગજરાત સરકારના વન અને પર્યાવરણ, આબોહવા પરિવર્તન અને પરિવહન રાજ્યપ્રધાન શ્રી પ્રવીણ ગોરખનજી માલીએ કર્યું હતું. તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, “ગુજરાતે ક્યારેય ટકાઉપણાનું વિકાસ આડેના અવરોધ તરીકે જોયું નથી, પરંતુ તેને લાંબા ગાળાના વિકાસના પાયા તરીકે જોયું છે. એક રાજ્ય તરીકે અમે લાંબા સમયથી એ સમજ્યા છે કે શાસન એ પડકારની પાછળ નહીં પરંતુ તેનાથી આગળ હોવું જોઈએ. ગુજરાત કોમનવેલ્થ ગેમ્સ ૨૦૩૦ના આયોજન માટે તૈયારી કરી રહ્યું છે અને ભારતના સૌથી મહત્વાકાંક્ષી ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર કાર્યક્રમો, પૈકીના કેટલાક કાર્યક્રમોમાં આગળ વધી રહ્યું છે ત્યારે આપણે એ સુનિશ્ચિત કરવું પડશે કે આપણે જે પછા પ્રોજેક્ટ બનાવીએ તે આપણી આબોહવા પ્રતિબદ્ધતાઓનું પ્રતિબિંબ પાડે. ભવિષ્યનો માર્ગ સ્પષ્ટ છે: ગુજરાત વિકાસ કરશે અને ગુજરાત હરિયાળો વિકાસ કરશે.”

Source: Prabhat

Gujarat Commits to Sustainable Future as GRIHA Regional Conclave Convenes in Gandhinagar

Gandhinagar, GRIHA Council, India's national green building rating, convened the 11th GRIHA Regional Conclave at The Leela, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, under the theme 'Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World'. It was the 11th in a series of conclaves that intends to serve as a platform to deliberate innovative and actionable strategies that can transform climate ambitions into tangible outcomes. It brought together delegates from across government, industry, architecture, engineering, academia and urban planning to advance a region-specific agenda for sustainable and climate-resilient infrastructure in Gujarat.

The conclave was inaugurated by Shri Pravin Gordhanji Mali, Hon'ble Minister of State, Forests and Environment, Climate Change, Transport, Government of Gujarat, highlighted "Gujarat has never seen sustainability as a constraint on growth, but it is looked at as the foundation of enduring growth. As a state, we have long understood that governance must be ahead of the challenge, not behind it. As Gujarat advances some of India's most ambitious infrastructure programmes, we must ensure that every project we build becomes a statement of our climate commitment. This conclave should serve as a catalyst, igniting decisive and urgent action to set things in motion toward the goals set forth." He further interacted with the audience seeking inputs from the delegates and attendees, which set off many discussions addressing shared challenges and fostering collaborative solutions.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Shri J. A. Gandhi (I.C.), Special Secretary, Roads & Buildings Department, Government of Gujarat. He stated "As much we focus on new buildings, we give same weightage to maintenance to ensure sustainability. Moreover, the Government of Gujarat has approved construction of all non-residential buildings at Taluka and District level to be green buildings through R&B department."

Mr. Sanjay Sethi, Vice President & CEO, GRIHA Council, summed up the day's deliberations: "Amidst the undeniable reality of climate change, it is now more than ever that we need to respond effectively, adapt proactively, recover swiftly and thrive sustainably. In this pursuit, Gujarat has emerged as one of India's leading growth engines, demonstrating how development, sustainability and climate-responsive planning can co-exist. The state is showcasing a future-ready model of development that aligns economic ambition with climate responsibility. Through this Conclave, we have sought to advance tangible, inclusive solutions that reflect local realities and to inspire the collaboration that building resilient communities demands."

Mr. Tarak Jani, Founder, Vivat Design Studio stated "GRIHA Council's conclave has brought together professionals who already have many ideas and working knowledge of how sustainability can be implemented in Gujarat. Being a Gujarat, it is their fundamental know-how about the viability of any innovative ideas into mainstream."

Delivering the closing address and vote of thanks, Ms. Shabnam Bansi noted that the Gandhinagar conclave had demonstrated the depth of intent and expertise available within Gujarat to drive a new era of responsible infrastructure development.

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KhabarPatri GRIHA Regional Conclave 2026 in Gandhinagar Highlight...

Gandhinagar: The 11th Regional Conclave of the GRIHA Council, India's premier green building rating and sustainability assessment body, was successfully convened at The Leela, Gandhinagar, under the theme "Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World." The event brought together policymakers, urban planners, architects, developers, industry leaders, academicians, and sustainability experts to deliberate on actionable solutions for climate-responsive infrastructure development in Gujarat.

The conclave highlighted Gujarat's growing role as a national leader in balancing rapid economic growth with environmental responsibility. Discussions focused on sustainable urbanisation, low-carbon infrastructure, green building standards, and climate-resilient development models aligned with the state's ambitious infrastructure roadmap.

The conclave was inaugurated by Shri Pravin Gordhanji Mali, Hon'ble Minister of State for Forests & Environment, Climate Change and Transport, Government of Gujarat. Addressing the gathering, he emphasised that sustainability must remain the foundation of long-term growth and governance in Gujarat. He also called for stronger collaboration among stakeholders to accelerate climate-conscious infrastructure initiatives.

Delivering the keynote address, Shri J. A. Gandhi (I.C.), Special Secretary, Roads & Buildings Department Government of Gujarat, reiterated the state government's focus on green construction practices. He noted that all non-residential buildings at district and taluka levels approved through the Roads & Buildings Department are being developed as green buildings, while equal importance is being placed on maintenance and operational sustainability.

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