



Concept Note

“The GRIHA Event”

Theme – ‘Restoring Green Economy’

Friday, 10th December, 2021

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 rating. GRIHA has been acknowledged as India’s own green building rating system. The tool evaluates reductions in emission intensity through habitats. GRIHA is a part of mitigation strategy for combating climate change in India's “Nationally Determined Contributions” submitted to UNFCCC by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India.

Over the years, GRIHA Council has been hosting its annual summits in association with entities of national and international repute such as Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs; Ministry of Power; Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; UNSW Sydney, Australia; Royal Danish Embassy; GIZ; Bureau of Energy Efficiency to deliberate on issues which are of national discourse and is attended by various stakeholders and general masses.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, a half a day event is being organized this year conforming to COVID appropriate protocol. The theme of this year’s event - **“Restoring Green Economy”** will aim to generate a dialogue about taking decisive steps to go beyond the conventional GDP and measure it inclusive of green development.

While climate is a fantastically complex system, the negative impacts of anthropogenic activities have been exceedingly apparent in recent years with the root causes of climate change also identified as factors that increase the risk of pandemics. In 2020, global carbon-dioxide emissions plummeted in the wake of COVID-19. While the pain of economic disruption was felt around the world, the crash served as an eye-opener for climate-conscious businesses - more voices are now calling for the recovery to be based around sustainability, and for the need to use the new normals we have been forced to define to account for the climate emergency. A greener recovery can significantly enhance the resilience of economies and societies in the face of severe recession and accelerating environmental challenges. Expressed simply, a green economy is resource efficient, low carbon and socially inclusive. Within this type of economy, income growth and employment would be driven by both public and private investments that reduce carbon emissions, enhance resource efficiency and prevent the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The overall aim of the transition would be ensuring economic growth and investment while preserving environmental quality and ensuring social inclusivity. The focus must be on directing our efforts toward leveraging technology to rebuild sustainably.

The GRIHA Event, scheduled to take place on the **10th December, 2021** aims to serve as a platform for our distinguished guests to inspire the green building fraternity and the wider community to work toward restoring a green economy and “building back better”.

Day of Event: Friday, December 10, 2021

1700 hrs to 1915 hrs

Venue: Margosa Lawn, India Habitat Center, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Timing	Programme
1700 to 1705 hrs	Lighting the Lamp Ceremony
1705 to 1710 hrs	Welcome Address: Dr. Vibha Dhawan , President, GRIHA Council and Director General, TERI
1710 to 1715 hrs	Introductory Remarks: Mr. Sanjay Seth , Chief Executive Officer, GRIHA Council & Senior Director – TERI
1715 to 1725 hrs	Special Address : Mr. Atul Bagai , Head of Country Office, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), India
1725 to 1730 hrs	Launch of GRIHA Publications and Dashboard by the Hon'ble Minister of MoEFCC and; Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. GRIHA Product Catalogue Dashboard2. SVAGRIHA Version 3 Manual3. Shashwat Magazine

<p>1730 to 1745 hrs</p>	<p>Keynote Address: Shri. Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India</p>
<p>1745 to 1755 hrs</p>	<p>GRIHA Rating Award to 5 Star Rated Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRIHA Provisional rating 2. GRIHA Final rating 3. GRIHA EB (Existing Buildings) rating 4. SVAGRIHA (Simple Versatile Affordable GRIHA) rating
<p>1755 to 1805hrs</p>	<p>Special Remarks: H.E. Mr. Hans Jacob Frydenlund, Ambassador, Royal Norwegian Embassy in India</p>
<p>1805 to 1815 hrs</p>	<p>Special Remarks: H.E. Mr. Freddy Svane, Ambassador, Royal Danish Embassy in India</p>
<p>1815 to 1820 hrs</p>	<p>Signing of MoU between Govardhan EcoVillage and GRIHA Council</p>
<p>1820 to 1825 hrs</p>	<p>Special Remarks: Mr. Anand Santhanam, National Head – Sales and Marketing, Saint-Gobain India Private Limited</p>
<p>1825 to 1845 hrs</p>	<p>GRIHA Rating Award to 4 Star Rated Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRIHA Provisional rating 2. GRIHA Final rating 3. GRIHA LD (Large Developments) rating 4. SVAGRIHA (Simple Versatile Affordable GRIHA) rating

1845 to 1905 hrs	GRIHA Exemplary Performance Awards
1905 to 1907 hrs	Social Media Contest Award
1907 to 1912 hrs	Announcement of GRIHA Rating Awards - 3 and 2 Star Rated Projects
1912 to 1915 hrs	Vote of Thanks Ms. Shabnam Bassi, Secretary and Treasurer, GRIHA Council
End of Programme Cocktails followed by Dinner	

COVID Protocol Guidelines:

In order to ensure your maximum safety and comfort in the context of COVID-19, the following public health measures will be ensured:

- Strict safety protocol as per the latest SOPs released by the Government of NCT of Delhi as on 10th December 2021.
- Wearing N95 masks during the event would be mandatory for all. GRIHA Council will provide N95, if needed.
- The event will be conducted in a large open venue to ensure significant distancing.
- Seating will be distanced as per the prevailing norms. All participants would be required to remain seated during the event.
- All GRIHA officials and volunteers are fully vaccinated.
- The vaccination status of each participants, invitees and dignitaries would be notified to the GRIHA Council before the event.
- Proper Sanitation and Social Distancing measures will be adopted at the event premises.