



## 17<sup>th</sup> GRIHA SUMMIT

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

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

#### 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. It must be coupled with *resilience*- the ability to respond, adapt, recover, and thrive in the face of shocks. Together, *innovation* and *resilience* form the bedrock for building a sustainable future.

In our drive towards creating inclusive and climate-resilient infrastructure, GRIHA Council is hosting its annual **17<sup>th</sup> GRIHA Summit** centred around the theme “**Innovate to Act for a Climate Resilient World**”, which is scheduled for **3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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.