Children are our greatest resource for the future and schools are the facilitators for inculcating knowledge and values in them. Schools, therefore, present a great opportunity for driving change towards sustainability in our communities, sensitizing young minds and presenting models for transformation. The values and lessons learnt at school become the foundation for students’ outlook in life.

In the recently concluded COP26, UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore called that "COP26 must be the COP for children". This is because children are the primary basis for all aspects of sustainable development. It is important to invest in our children to let dream and think about the kind of future they wish to have for themselves.

TERI is a pioneer in promoting Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). It is a key for the next generation to become self-reliant global citizens who are aware of the urgency of environmental responsibility. It gives practical knowledge to the students to make the planet more sustainable.

**About GRIHA Council**

Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) Council, is an autonomous, not for profit society jointly set up by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India to promote and administer the development of sustainable buildings and habitats in India through GRIHA. GRIHA is the indigenous rating system developed by TERI, which was adopted as the National Rating System of India by MNRE. GRIHA, acknowledged as India’s own green building rating system, is a tool to evaluate 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 (MOEF&CC).

GRIHA Council has developed GRIHA for Existing Day Schools as a framework to evaluate and rate the environmental performance of existing schools across India. The rating intends to develop a proactive attitude amongst the students and teachers to reduce their environmental footprint and adopt a greener lifestyle.

**GRIHA Summit**

Over the years, GRIHA Council has been hosting its Annual Summits to deliberate on issues which are of national discourse in association with entities of national and international repute such as Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs; Ministry of Power; UNSW Sydney, Australia; Royal Danish Embassy; GIZ; Bureau of Energy Efficiency. 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”, “Transforming Habitats”, and “Restoring Green Economy”. The 14th GRIHA Summit scheduled on **December 15th -16th, 2022** shall be conducted at India Habitat Center, New Delhi and has been themed around **Towards Net Positive**
Habitats”. Additionally, every year since 2018 during the summit GRIHA Council conducts “Exemplary Performance Awards for Existing Dayschools”, to recognize the efforts of the schools that have met sustainability goals. In the year 2021, the winner for this category was St Joseph's Sr. Sec. School, Chandigarh and 1st runner up was Delhi Public School, Ranipur.

Introduction to the Prelude Event

In 2022, GRIHA Council is organizing a prelude event “Paryavaran Rakshak Programme” as part of its flagship event, GRIHA Summit 2022 to highlight the need of involvement of students in sustainable development. This platform will provide opportunity to students to showcase their understanding on the concept of sustainability. This event will consist of a Nukkad Natak competition based on the theme “Earth ko Anarth se Bachaye”. We invite participation from schools across the country to present their thoughts on sustainability through a skit competition.

Guidelines for Paryavaran Rashak – Nukkad Natak Competition

Eligibility:
1. All schools (standard 5\textsuperscript{th} to 9\textsuperscript{th}) are eligible to participate in the Nukkad Natak (skit competition).

Terms & Conditions:
1. Each school is encouraged to participate with one team with a maximum of 10 participants only.
2. Schools can nominate only one team.
3. The language for the skit performance can be either Hindi or English or both.
4. The duration of the skit performance should not be more than 10-12 minutes.
5. Participants will use their own costumes, props, any other special effects required for the skit. No cost will be reimbursed for putting together the skit.
6. Travel cost and stay arrangements will be borne by the respective school.
7. For the event, teachers/parents have to accompany the students taking part in the competition.

Awards & Recognition:
- Best three performances will get trophy along with cash prizes worth 50,000 INR
- Participation certificates will be given to all the participants.

Registration Process:
1. To register for the competition - [click here]
2. The registration fee of 1,000 INR is to be paid at the time of registration.
3. Last date to register – 26\textsuperscript{th} August, 2022

Guidelines to participate in the competition:
1. Schools have to submit the conceptual note (consisting of 150-200 words) of the skit to be performed at the event.
2. Additionally, presentation (including video clipping and/or photographs) of previous performance / any other co-curricular activity / present proposal activity performed by the school has to be submitted.
3. Teams will be shortlisted by a panel of judges. Their decisions will be final and irrevocable.
4. After shortlisting, the final round will be held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 18th November 2022.
5. Shortlisted entries will be informed prior to the competition.

For any queries, you may reach out to us at aakriti.sachdeva@grihaindia.org

**Exemplary Awards for Existing Day Schools**

GRIHA Council is also organizing its "Exemplary Performance Awards", on 15-16th December, 2022 to recognize the efforts of the schools that have met sustainability goals and acknowledges their commitment to the cause of sustainable development. We invite you to submit your entries under the following categories:

1. **Waste management – (25% weightage)**
The project team needs to demonstrate that waste is handled sensibly on site such that stress on landfill is reduced.

2. **Energy management – (25% weightage)**
The project team needs to demonstrate optimization of energy consumption through efficiency and the use of renewable energy.

3. **Integrated water management – (25% weightage)**
The project team needs to demonstrate water consumption reduction, recycling and re-use on site (toward a net zero/net positive outcome).

4. **Well-being and Social aspects – (25% weightage)**
The project team must ensure sustainable practices toward maintaining health and hygiene and/or launch social initiatives as a step towards sustainability.

For more details, refer to our website link: [https://www.grihaindia.org/exemplary-performance](https://www.grihaindia.org/exemplary-performance)