

Grand Chola, ITC Hotels Limited

 Location
 : Chennai

 Site Area
 : 32330 SqM

 Total Built up Area
 : 132598 SqM

 Air- conditioned Area
 : 132598 SqM

Non Air- conditioned Area : NA

Energy Consumption Reduction :41.5% reduction from GRIHA benchmark
Water consumption reduction :50.7% reduction from GRIHA benchmark

EPI : 186 kWh/SqM/year
Occupancy hours : 24 hours/day (24x7)
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GRIHA rating : 5 Stars

The following strategies were adopted to reduce the impact of the proposed building on natural environment:

Sustainable Site Planning:

- Existing trees were preserved and transplanted along the periphery of the site
- Excavation and construction started after the monsoon season to prevent soil erosion and soil run off from the site
- Top soil was preserved and re-used to raise the ground level along the periphery
- Service corridors are planned to cause minimum damage to the site and natural topography
- Orientation of the building is east west but zoning of the building has been appropriately done to reduce negative impact of bad orientation

Reduction in water consumption (compared to GRIHA benchmark):

- Reduction in building water consumption by use of low-flow fixtures: 50.7%
- Water recycled and reused within the complex : 90%
- Reduction in landscape water consumption by planting native species of trees and shrubs and by using
 efficient irrigation systems: 62.3%

Passive architectural design strategies adopted in the building:

- Thick stone and AAC block walls to reduce solar heat gain
- Recessed windows to cut direct sun rays and glare inside the building.
- 99% of living areas are day-lit and window to wall ratio restricted to 25% to reduce solar heat gain inside the building

Reduction in energy consumption (compared to GRIHA benchmark) while maintaining occupant comfort:

- For achieving visual comfort
- Energy efficient artificial lighting design is compliant with ECBC recommendations
- Occupancy sensors in rooms to reduce energy consumption
- All electrical fixtures (lights, space conditioners, appliances) controlled by i-pad to reduce energy consumption
- External shading and efficient glazing to reduce solar heat gain and have glare-free daylight have been installed.
- For achieving thermal comfort
 - Building envelope is ECBC compliant, which helps reduce cooling loads in AC spaces and meets thermal comfort levels in non AC spaces.
 - Centralized air conditioning through variable refrigerant flow technology is installed. Facility of controlling each indoor unit centrally as well as individually based on occupancy censor is provided.

Renewable energy technologies installed on site:

- Installed capacity of wind energy: 12600 KWp
- Units of electricity generated annually: 27900000 KWh

Use of low-energy/green materials:

- Use of Plywood and MDF boards manufactured by Uniply, Greenply and Centuryply certified by SGS and recyclable fabric.
- Use of high density composite wood panels
- Use of AAC blocks in the infill wall system.

Integrated Team:

Project Owner : M/S ITC LTD

Project Coordinator : M/S Larsen & Toubro

Principal Architect : M/S Smallwood Reynold Stewart Stewart, Singapore

Landscape Architect : M/S Belt Collins, Singapore

Project Management Consultant : M/S ITC LTD

Civil Contractors : M/S Larsen & Toubro

Structural Consultant : M/S Sterling Engineering Consultants

Electrical Consultant : M/S Spectral Consultants
Green Facilitation : Green Dimensions

Green Building Design and Energy Consultant : The Energy and Resources Institute