



Pan-India GRIHA rated commercial, residential projects felicitated at GRIHA Summit

Chairman of TERI Governing Council, Ashok Chawla awarded three projects with 5-star ratings and two others with 4-star ratings; and three IITs

New Delhi, February 19, 2016: GRIHA Council and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) awarded different levels of certification to projects today that have maintained the standard for sustainable habitat according to GRIHA norms. A total of seven projects were felicitated, including three 5-star ratings, two 4-star ratings and two 3-star ratings.

Chairing the ceremony, **Mr. Ashok Chawla, Chairman, TERI Governing Council** said, “In the last decade or so, there has been growing appreciation of the fact that green is not just a colour, but something that is at the core of sustainable development and improvement of quality of human life. Green buildings play an important role here and TERI has been the vanguard of this movement with GRIHA being adopted as the country’s own rating system by the government.”

Projects with 5-star ratings were Manipal University, Jaipur; Infosys Pocharam, SDB 4 & 5, Hyderabad and Institute of Public Enterprise, Shamirpet, Hyderabad. Chandigarh Airport and AJC Bose Road Residential Project, ITC, Kolkata were recognised as 4-star rated projects. Ansal Esencia, Gurgaon and Ganga Cypress, Pune were recognised as being 3-star rated.

During the session, GRIHA Council also awarded three SVA GRIHA rated projects. IIT Gandhinagar and IIT Ropar were felicitated as GRIHA LD (Large Developments) rated projects.

The Council recognised projects from diverse fields of building and construction for their compliance with GRIHA. The nomination categories were health & safety, site management, passive design, energy, materials and water management. The projects included IIT Hyderabad and High Court, Goa.

Speaking about the success of 7th GRIHA Summit, **Ms. Mili Majumdar, Secretary cum Treasurer, GRIHA Council**, said, “The annual Summit reflects TERI and GRIHA Council’s continued commitment to the cause and mission of sustainable habitats. As India’s own

green building rating system, GRIHA is committed to contribute India's INDC goals and shall ensure that sustainability as a concept touches all strata of our society and reaches all homes and habitats in the country."

The two-day Summit hosted eminent speakers comprising representatives from the government, architecture, construction and education sectors. It was a splendid knowledge exchange platform that enabled experts to share their vision to drive India towards a greener future by narrating thoughts and experiences.

About GRIHA Council

TERI-GRIHA (developed by TERI) was launched in 2005, which was subsequently adopted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India in 2007. GRIHA Council was established jointly by TERI, MNRE and other stakeholders as an independent body for further development and operationalisation of GRIHA in 2009. GRIHA is a tool developed by TERI, with an objective to ensure energy-efficient building construction. It is a tool that combines initiatives essential for mainstreaming sustainable habitats in India. It helps to design, build, operate and maintain a resource-efficient built environment.

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