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LEED 2011 Green Building Rating Launched CII Meet focuses on Energy-Efficient Buildings

The upgraded (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) 2011-'LEED 2011 for India' Rating System for Green Buildings was launched by Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Dr. Farooq Abdullah at the Green Building Congress 2011 at Pragati Maidan here today. The new rating comes into effect immediately, and marks a milestone in the green building movement in the country seeking to ensure energy efficiency and sustainable buildings.

Inaugurating the event, organised by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Dr Abdullah urged the delegates from all over India and abroad to work together and develop new technologies and materials at lower prices so that green homes become accessible for the common man. "The MNRE will be glad to cooperate with CII in further accelerating the green building movement in India," he added.

Noting that there is international acceptance of the work being done in India, Dr Prem C Jain, Chairman, IGBC, stressed that much more needed to be done. "Projected build for the year 2030 is 100 Billion sq.ft, up from 20 Billion sq. ft in 2005. We must do it the green way right from start."

In his address, Mr George Sandy Diehl, Chairman, American Architectural Foundation, said that new solutions were coming out every day but energy consumption in buildings could be reduced by 50% by simply using known technologies.

Mr Jamshyd N Godrej, Past President, CII and Chairman, CII-Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre, said the green building movement needs to be seen in the context of the overall response to climate change and the challenges in energy security. Advocating the need for the co-existence of different Rating Systems, he said "the aim should be to enhance building efficiency and make every building a Green Building".

Earlier, welcoming the delegates, Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director-General, CII, asserted that the Green Building movement was a very important mission for CII.

Winners of the Green I -Contest for school children, in which 2000 schools took part, and the Architectural Design Competition for Students, with over 300 design entries for a sustainable school, drew wide applause as the awards were given away by Dr Abdullah.

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Lt. Gov for 'Greening' Delhi's Buildings Retrofit buildings for Greener Delhi: Lt.Gov

The Lt. Governor of Delhi, Mr Tejendra Khanna, today said that the Delhi Government might consider incentives for Green Buildings so as to encourage more and more energy-efficient buildings and homes.

“The suggestion on extra FAR (Floor Area Ratio) for Green Buildings is a timely suggestion as the mid-term review of the 2021 Delhi Master plan is currently underway, and we shall certainly consider it,” he said. He was speaking at the ongoing 9th edition of Green Building Congress 2011, organised by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Pragati Maidan.

The Lt. Governor, however, said that IGBC and all stakeholders to also focus on ways and means of “Retrofitting the many existing buildings”, adding that there was tremendous work to be done in this area. Any little bit would be an improvement, he said, especially referring to public buildings like hospitals and schools.

Dr Prem C Jain, Chairman, IGBC, Mr Kamal Meattle, CEO, Paharpur Business Centre and Ar Vidur Bharadwaj, Chairman, IGBC-Delhi Chapter also spoke on the occasion.

The second day of the event also saw the signing of two MoUs – one between IGBC and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) relating to green campuses and the other between IGBC, Indian Plumbing Association (IPA) and International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) on plumbing standards and certifications.

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MoU on Green Building initiatives between Salford University & CII

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today between University of Salford, United Kingdom and Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for a joint partnership to promote cooperation in the fields of training, research and enterprise in Green Building initiatives.

The MoU was signed during the last day of the 9th edition of Green Building Congress 2011 organised by IGBC of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at New Delhi.

Under this Partnership, both the institutions will seek to encourage direct contact and cooperation between their faculty and administrative staff, including those of relevant internet schools and the Universities' Research Institutes.

They will also conduct joint research activities and explore areas for display of Green Building Materials that industry in India and UK can offer, apart from joint teaching and the development of new Degree and training programmes in the field of Green construction.

Prof Michail Kagioglou, Dean, University of Salford, said that they are looking forward to the "twinning of Energy Hub in Salford University and the IGBC headquarters in Hyderabad" to further this Partnership. "India is well-positioned to lead the way in Green Building norms and hoped that the initiative will help in better B2B interactions on Green Products in India and United Kingdom" he added.

Dr Kath Williams, Past President, World Green Building Council, said "Sustainability is like a three-legged stool standing on environmental, social and economic considerations. "All three facets need to be developed to get a workable sustainable model, she added.

"We need a change in individual thinking if we are to make any headway in this direction," Dr Kath Williams said. "Like Corporate Social Responsibility, we now need to think in terms of Individual Social Responsibility," she added.

Mr Koh Lin Ji, Director, International Development, BCA, Singapore, shared the experience of developing a Green City. Taking Singapore as an example, he spoke about the various approaches taken to make Singapore an 80 per cent Green City by 2030, as envisioned in the Sustainable Singapore Blueprint 2030.

Dr Prem C Jain, Chairman, IGBC, said “With 100 new townships coming up between Delhi and Mumbai, the need of the hour is to start building sustainable and green cities right at the inception”. “We cannot afford to waste even a day to start planning and working towards building Green homes and Green cities”, he added.

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