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'1,000 Green Schools by 2017': Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) *~Inspiring young minds to take leadership role in building a greener & healthier India~*

- *Recognizes & awards innovative and futuristic green ideas of budding thought leaders*
- *Affordable Green housing will soon be the order of the day*
- *Green Building Congress 2015 underlines the need for building green, smart and healthy cities as a way of life*
- *Focuses on technological innovations to develop future ready green buildings*
- *IGBC aspires to facilitate 10 billion sq ft of registered green building footprint by 2022.*

Gandhinagar, November 21, 2015: The third and the final day of IGBCs International Green Building Congress 2015 came to a promising end today, which focused on the need and importance of inspiring and encouraging young minds to go the green way. Awards were presented to school & architectural students from different parts of the country for showcasing their green & futuristic innovations.

IGBC in its efforts to reach young minds would work closely with the stakeholders in facilitating 1,000 green schools by 2017 under IGBC green schools rating system. Green Schools not only saves energy & water but will also sensitise children to be environmentally responsible and become sensitive to Planet Earth.

Dr. K U Mistry, Chairman, Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) highlighted that; Government of Gujarat will extend all the support to the promotion of green buildings. GPCB office in Gandhinagar runs on 100% solar power and is IGBC gold rated green building, he added. Dr Mistry also called on the need to focus more on safety aspects of the buildings and also on the welfare of the construction workforce. Safety and health aspects should also be considered when designing green buildings, he added.

Dr. Prem C Jain, Chairman, IGBC said, "As we grow as a nation, one of our primary objectives is to protect our Mother Earth and also ensure affordable & green housing for the cross section of the society and in the process make the Green Building movement all-inclusive. In days to come, whatever India builds will be a Green building, he highlighted.

IGBC with the support of all the stakeholders has facilitated over 3.14 Billion Sq.ft of registered green building footprint and is world No. 2, informed Dr Jain. He called on the young minds to play a catalytic role in facilitating 10 Billion Sq.ft by 2022 and consolidate India's leadership role

in green buildings. Young minds are our future Ambassadors and we should encourage & inspire them to be rooted to Mother Earth, he added.

Mr. Sameer Sinha, Chairman, IGBC – Ahmedabad Chapter highlighted that as a result of concerted efforts, IGBC could create demand for green buildings. In days to come, the demand for green buildings will be manifold. This indeed is a step in the right direction, he added.

While thanking all the stakeholders for the successful conclusion of Green Building Congress 2015, Mr. Sinha underlined that various Departments of the Government have extended excellent support & cooperation and thanked them. He also appreciated the active role played by the student community in the event.

Mr Jayesh Hariyani, Co-Chair, IGBC Ahmedabad Chapter delivered the concluding remarks.

Post Script

Inaugurated three days back, Green Building Congress 2015 served as an excellent forum for scientific & technical updates on all aspects of green buildings, green architecture and green designing & engineering networking & exploring new growth opportunities. This has enabled many experts, researchers and practitioners to share their expertise for promoting green buildings and leveraging technological innovation to enhance the development of sustainable built-environment.

The three day International Conference on Green Building & Built Environment by IGBC saw active participation of various national and international stakeholders including – policy makers, green building developers, academicians, consultants, engineers and designers. The sessions helped in creating greater awareness about green buildings and their advantages and its positive impact on the environment.

It also was an opportunity to understand from other countries, both developed and developing, about their approach to sustainable living through green building and also to strategize on collaborating for further development of green buildings.
