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### **Gujarat to have 10 Million Sq.ft of Green Building footprint in the next three years *IGBC and GIHED Pledge jointly to promote Green buildings in Gujarat 13th edition of IGBC International Green Building Conference inaugurated***

- **By the year 2025, market potential for green building products & technologies is estimated to be about USD 300 Billion**
- **IGBC Green Rating Systems for Green Cities, Green Metros-Ver 1.0 and Green Residential Society launched**
- **IGBC to facilitate 10 Billion Sq.ft by 2022**

Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), part of CII and The Gujarat Institute of Housing & Estate Developers (GIHED) pledged to promote Green Buildings in Gujarat at the inaugural session of the 13<sup>th</sup> Edition of IGBC International Green Building Conference in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. As part of the pledge IGBC & GIHED aspires to facilitate construction of 10 Million sq.ft. of Green Building footprint in next 3 years.

Addressing at the inaugural session, **Mr Punamchand Parmar, IAS**, Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Government of Gujarat, said that, with rapid urbanization, there is increased stress on resources. We should be more sensitive to our fellow citizens and work together to create designs that in a way contribute towards creating a Green City. Green is about improving the quality of life”, he underlined.

**Ms D Thara, IAS**, Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation said “Ahmedabad is one of the few cities that abide by a master plan. The city has opted for more vertical and very little horizontal space. AMC is working towards having a sustainable & efficient power and water management system without compromising on city’s growth. The implementation of proper planning leads to the development of a smart green city, she added.

**Mr Hari Sankaran**, Vice Chairman & MD, IL&FS, highlighted that a Green city has to a Smart City. The need of the hour is to focus on various aspects of green and in the process address ecological issues & concerns, he added.

Green Cities will offer new employment opportunities and enable employees appreciate the value of finite resources, he said. He added that GIFT City will create about 80,000 direct employment opportunities and similar number of indirect employment opportunities.

In his keynote speech, **Dr. Prem C Jain**, Chairman, IGBC underlined that “IGBC envisions to facilitate 10 Billion sq.ft of registered green building footprint by the year 2022. Green Building Movement has achieved significant milestone. With 3400 projects, amounting to registered green building footprint of over 3.14 Billion sq.ft, today, India is the second country in the world with largest registered green building footprint, he highlighted. “We have 19 local chapters to promote Green Building concepts all over India”, he informed.

**Mr. Sameer Sinha**, Chairman, IGBC Ahmedabad Chapter, underlined Green Building Conference is one of the key initiative of IGBC to promote sustainable best practice and infrastructure development in the country and in the process facilitate India emerge as one of the global leaders in green buildings.”

“The State of Gujarat, with over 60 Million Sq.ft of green building footprint is doing well in the Green Building movement and in days to come will witness more green buildings and green cities. IGBC Ahmedabad Chapter will work closely with the stakeholders in taking forward the green building movement in the State, he added”.

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

Green Building Congress 2015 will provide a knowledge sharing platform about optimal utilization of smart building strategies to encourage reduced environmental impact, ensuring occupant satisfaction, and driving better business outcome and maximize asset value.

The event was also marked by inaugural of international exhibition, where over 100 innovative & futuristic Green technologies will be displayed. The Exhibition is open to public from 1000 hrs to 1730 hrs on 20-21 November

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