

## प्रधान मंत्री Prime Minister

## **MESSAGE**

I am happy to learn about the organisation of the '15<sup>th</sup> GRIHA Summit' by GRIHA Council. The theme of the Summit, 'Empowering sustainable and resilient communities' is highly relevant. The initiative to release the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the annual magazine – 'Shashwat – Let nature be' is timely.

India, a nation blessed with a diversity of natural resources, has a long-standing tradition of living in harmony with nature. Building upon our traditions, every aspect of life, including culture, daily practices and festivals, reiterates our strong connection with nature.

As a strong advocate of the principle of climate justice, we have embraced sustainable, innovative, and eco-friendly practices. Given that India is a megadiverse country, it is our responsibility to safeguard the environment. For centuries, the mantra of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle has been deeply ingrained in our cultural ethos and daily routine.

India's growth story is characterised by its achievement of becoming the fastest growing economy while also being perhaps the only country that is on track in achieving the goals set in the Paris Accord. Further, through Mission LiFE, a mass movement has been initiated, shifting focus towards conscious and purposeful utilisation to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of its people, rather than unchecked and harmful consumption.

The period leading up to 2047, when India celebrates 100 years of independence, presents a unique opportunity to establish a strong, sustainable and self-sufficient nation. In this regard, adopting environment-friendly practices is crucial for achieving this vision through both individual and collective efforts.

May the Summit lead to productive discussions. I am sure that the magazine will capture and reflect the spirit and essence of the occasion.

Best wishes for success of the 15th GRIHA Summit.

(Narendra Modi)

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