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## ADaRSH

(ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH OF SUSTAINABLE HABITATS)

**ADaRSH, Association for Development and Research of Sustainable Habitats, is an independent platform (registered as a society) for the interaction on scientific and administrative issues related to sustainable habitats in the Indian context. It was founded jointly by MNRE (Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India) and TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi) alongwith experts in the fields related to sustainability of built environment from across the country. ADaRSH promotes GRIHA—The National Rating System (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) as a design and evaluation tool for Green Buildings and Habitats.**

### GRIHA and its variations

All activities related to issuance of GRIHA rating are carried out by ADaRSH.

**GRIHA:** GRIHA rating system was initially developed by TERI for new commercial, institutional, and residential buildings. The rating was further modified when it was adopted by MNRE as the National Rating System.

*Applicable to projects with built-up area ranging from 2,500 sq. m. to 150,000 sq. m.*

**GRIHA Pre-certification:** Pre-certification is also awarded to upcoming projects based on their commitment to comply with GRIHA. In accordance with the office memorandum by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), GRIHA pre-certified projects are eligible to fast track environmental clearance.

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**SVA GRIHA:** As a variation of GRIHA, ADaRSH has developed SVA (Simple Versatile Affordable) GRIHA for rating of smaller projects. Three projects have been awarded the SVA GRIHA Rating.

*Applicable to projects with built-up area ranging from 100 sq. m. to 2,500 sq.m.*


**GRIHA LD (Large Developments):** ADaRSH is launching GRIHA LD rating system for planning green large developments like green campuses, townships, and special economic zones. ADaRSH is accepting pilot projects to test the draft guidelines in various contexts.


*Applicable to projects with total built-up area greater than or equal to 150,000 sq. m. And/or projects with total site area greater than or equal to 50 hectares.*



# GRIHA


## Capacity-building initiatives for operationalizing the rating system

 ADaRSH conducts awareness workshops on Green Buildings and GRIHA rating system to all the registered project teams. The one-day workshops are occasions for project teams to draw up roadmaps for getting the highest possible GRIHA rating for their projects.


 Training of trainers and evaluators: Design and development of Green Infrastructure necessitates large pool of qualified professionals in all parts of the country. To enable this ADaRSH organizes a series of open registration workshops across the country aimed at practicing professionals who are working on Green


Building projects and are interested in GRIHA certification.

*Over 450 trainers and evaluators are already identified through this process.*

 ADaRSH also conducts need-based in-house awareness/training sessions for Government and Private organizations. ADaRSH has already started a nation-wide capacity-building exercise with Central Public Works Department (CPWD) to equip the professionals in building GRIHA compliant projects. With the support of MNRE, ADaRSH is now pursuing various other government departments for conducting similar sessions.

## Additional services

 **GRIHA product catalogue:** In order to provide green building designers and clients with all necessary information on green building products that may be used to make buildings GRIHA compliant, ADaRSH has developed an online product catalogue. The intent of this catalogue is to provide information about products which meet GRIHA parameters, to the architects, engineers, builders, and other building professionals for use in their Green Building Projects.

 **ADaRSH Associate Membership:** In addition to the various efforts, ADaRSH consistently works in partnerships with a number of private organizations under this programme that help in the green development of the nation. This relationship with various stakeholders gives the support and knowledge required to implement sustainable practices in numerous communities.

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