

CII-Indian Green Building Council launches Bhubaneswar Chapter, calls for incentivizing 'green buildings'

BHUBANESWAR, 24 May 2018: In what is envisioned and designed to help Bhubaneswar become a lot more environment friendly, waste-free, livable and sustainable, the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), a wing of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), launched its Bhubaneswar Chapter here today. Bhubaneswar becomes the 24th local chapter of CII- IGBC.

"A green building does not essentially mean how many trees you plant in it. For IGBC, the core vision is to build a sustainably built environment in Bhubaneswar. We are strongly in favour of incentivizing healthier buildings which can serve as resource-efficient models of construction, renovation, operation, maintenance, and even demolition," said Mr J B Pany, Past Chairman, CII Odisha State Council & MD - Radiant Telematics who formally launched the IGBC Bhubaneswar Chapter, at a ceremony held here today.

"Green buildings will go a long way in protecting people's health from hazardous wastes," added Mr Pany, who is also the Past Chairman of CII Odisha and MD of Radiant Telesystems Pvt Ltd.

In his view, more than installing solar panels on rooftops of a building, greater care must be taken to make sure wastes generated at construction sites are minimal. "We must also design a building in a manner which will help reduce the use of construction materials, energy and water requirements," Mr Pany explained.

"I call upon all stakeholders, specially the Government, to join hands with IGBC, and work collaboratively towards making offices, hospitals, educational campuses, including universities, colleges, schools, ITIs, even the homes under affordable housing projects, go green by adopting IGBC Green Building Rating System," he added. "We firmly believe that use of the technologies which protect natural resources need to be made mandatory. IGBC Bhubaneswar Chapter would also like to call upon the State as well as local government to incentivize green buildings through IGBC ratings," Mr Pany said, adding that the IGBC Bhubaneswar Chapter will work closely with the PWD Department so that upcoming government buildings opt for IGBC ratings.

"We also back the idea of developing the Smart City project in Bhubaneswar as per IGBC green building rating standards. The local IGBC chapter through CII GreenPro certification can introduce certified green building products and technologies, aside from promoting the uptake of IGBC Accredited Professional Exam among the students of architectural and engineering institutes in the city," Mr Pany said.

"IGBC Bhubaneswar will handhold and provide soft support to local stakeholders to carry out designs, constructions, operations and certification of an IGBC-rated green building project," he said, adding that the overriding objective of the IGBC Bhubaneswar Chapter is to have a strong green building culture and eco-system in place in Odisha, especially in the state capital.

Mr K S Venkatagiri, Executive Director, CII-Godrej GBC highlighted that, IGBC with the support of all the stakeholders has facilitated India become the second country in the world in terms of largest registered green building footprint. IGBC aspires to enable a sustainable built environment for all and facilitate India to be one of the global leaders in sustainable built environment by 2025, he added.

Dr Chandrasekhar Hariharan, Co-chair, IGBC Bangalore Chapter; Mr Monaj Kar, Chairman, CII IGBC Bhubaneswar Chapter & Director- SJ Developers, and Ms Sofia Firdos, Co-Chairperson, CII IGBC Bhubaneswar Chapter & Executive Director- Metro Builders Pvt Ltd also spoke at the IGBC Bhubaneswar launch ceremony which was attended by 80 real estate developers and architects.



L-R: **Mr. J B Pany**, Past Chairman, CII Odisha State Council & MD: Radiant Telematics; **Mr. KS Venkatgiri**, Executive Director, CII IGBC; **Dr. Chandrasekhar Hariharan**, Co-Chair, IGBC Bangalore Chapter & CMD, Biodiversity Conservation India Ltd; **Mr. Manoj Kar**, Chairperson, IGBC Bhubaneswar Chapter & Director, SJ Developers Pvt Ltd; **Mr. Kamal Agarwal**, MD: PGL Honda; and **Ms. Suparna Nanda**, Head, CII Odisha State Offices, at the launch of the IGBC Bhubaneswar Chapter in Bhubaneswar on 24 May 2018