



**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Andhra Pradesh committed to inclusive and sustainable development**

*CII- Indian Green Building Council adopts partnership led approach as it envisions Green Communities for all by 2025*

**Hyderabad, October 30, 2012:** IGBC (Indian Green Building Council) of CII organized the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of its flagship event, Green Building Congress 2012. While delivering the inaugural address on the occasion, Mr. B. Sam Bob, IAS, Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh said, “The Government of Andhra Pradesh always had sustainable economic development high on its agenda. With initiatives such as Integrated Novel Development in Rural Areas and Model Municipal Areas, Jala Yagnam, Rajiv Gruha Kalpa, Solar Policy and Solar Villages, State Action Plan on Climate Change for Andhra Pradesh, organising COP 11, etc, the State is committed to inclusive and sustainable development to protect vulnerable sections of society from adverse affects of climate change.”

Green Building Congress, over the years, has played a pivotal role in driving the Green Building momentum in India for the last ten years. The current footprint of 1.26 billion square feet of green building space in India is testimony to the concerted efforts of IGBC. India is now well-poised to play a leadership role in the global green building arena.

The next chapter should focus on expanding the green building in footprint to rural areas, truly embarking on the journey of Green Communities for all by 2025. In line with this vision, Mr. Jamshyd N Godrej, Chairman, CII-Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre, said, “There is a growing need to integrate the demand for rural electrification with the growing energy needs to mobile tower operators through decentralized renewable energy solutions. This would call for industry and state partnerships.”

He added, “The CII- Green Business Centre is working on another project aimed at providing recommendations to the state governments on West Bengal, Odisha and Tamil Nadu for fiscal instruments to facilitate low carbon development in these three states for long term sustainable growth.”

As one of the spear leaders of the Green Building Movement in India, Dr. Prem C Jain, Chairman, Indian Green Building Council, announced, “India stands one amongst the top 5 countries in the world, in pursuing the Green path. Today, we have a variety of Green Buildings coming up in the country- airports, banks, convention centres, educational institutions, factories, hospitals, hotels, IT Parks, offices, residential, schools, SEZs, townships and many other building types. All this has been possible because of the collaborative efforts of stakeholders, government, architects, builders, developers, consultants, manufacturers etc.”The event also witnessed the launch of the Indo-

Swedish Cleantech Innovation Platform. The Indo- Swedish Cleantech Innovation Platform is a partnership between Swedish Energy Agency, the representatives of the National Innovation Council and the Confederation of Indian Industry- Green Business Centre.

Ms. Marita Ljung, State Secretary, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communication, Sweden, announced, "I am very honoured to be here today to inaugurate the Indo Swedish Cleantech Innovation Platform. This marks the beginning of many new joint initiatives and innovations."

Technological development and Innovation has been a key area for Indo-Swedish partnerships. Fossil Fuels are limited resources. India-like the rest of the world is growing in terms of urban populations and as consequence there is a surge in demands on energy intensive industries and services. In times like these, decentralized systems for energy become attractive to increase the total supply. Following on rapid urbanization, centralized systems have an important role to play. The Indo-Swedish Partnership will aim at leveraging the technological expertise of Swedish companies for developing innovative solutions that Indian companies could potentially benefit from for sustainable growth.

On this occasion, the winners of the Green Design contest were announced by Mr. S Raghupathy, Executive Director-CII Godrej GBC. The first prize was awarded to two participants- Mr. Ranjith Kumar KN and Mr. Cibi. V, School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, Chennai and also Mr. Subhodeep Maji and Mr. Anirman Maiti, Bengal Engineering and Science University, Howrah. The winners received a prize money of Rs. 20,000 each for their innovative design on the theme 'Green Cities'.

Vasant Valley School from Delhi was awarded the winning trophy and a grant of Rs.7.5 lakhs from Carrier Aircon at the inaugural ceremony of the Green Building Congress 2012. The Green-I Contest for school children is a joint national level initiative of the IGBC and Young Indians (Yi).

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