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### Green homes and cities: An imperative for better quality of life

While delivering the special address at the inaugural session of the conference on “Green cities, Green Homes and Green Data centres & CBERD” on the third day of IGBC’s Green Building Congress 2012 here, **Mr Arvind Jadhav**, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka and Chairman, KUIDFC, discussed case studies from his work in the State of Karnataka. He spoke about how continuous water supply was achieved for four regions in the State.

Mr. Jadhav stressed the need to take up challenging projects that push the boundaries of the green building movement. He added that nature is a great teacher and the fact that nothing is wasted in nature should be emulated for our green cities.

**Dr Mark Ginsberg**, Senior Fellow, US Green Building Council, said that India’s unique cultural sensibilities and way of life have given the country a chance to provide the world a green future. During his presentation titled “Successful Cities of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be Green,” Dr. Ginsberg emphasized that cities have been the centre of creativity for centuries and more and more people will be moving to cities in the future. He said that for cities to be competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, they must be efficient, affordable and resilient.

**Mr Koh Lin Ji**, Group Director, International Development Group, Building & Construction Authority discussed the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Project in detail and shared the plans for the eco-city. He said the governments of China and Singapore are surging towards sustainable urbanization.

During his welcome address at the inaugural session of the conference, **Dr Prem C Jain**, Chairman, Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) said green homes are not just for the urban population or the affluent, but should be accessible to all strata of the society.

Dr. Jain also pointed that IGBC has 350,000 green homes in various stages of construction. India has about 1.27 Billion sq. ft. of green spaces registered with the IGBC of which 555 Million is from the residential sector.

In closing, **Mr S Raghupathy**, Executive Director, CII-Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre, said 30% of every city should be green spaces. According to him, the sole reason for creating green homes and cities should be to enable a better and healthier life for people.

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