

## **ISA\_EVINFO / IGBC Awareness Session**

### **Event Information**

Event Name: IGBC Awareness Session on Green Buildings and Green Built Environment

Institution: ICFAI School of Architecture, IFHE Hyderabad

Speakers: Ms. Priadarshni P. and Ms. Asha Devadas, IGBC Green Education counsellors

Date: 9 October 2026 (Friday)

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Event Duration: 1 hour

Mode: In person

Participants: Architecture students and faculty

### **Presentation Overview**

The IGBC Awareness Session was held at ICFAI School of Architecture, IFHE Hyderabad, on 9 October 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Ms. Priadarshni P. and Ms. Asha Devadas, IGBC Green Education counsellors, introduced green buildings and the green built environment through the Indian green building movement, resource conservation, rating areas and traditional architectural principles.

## **Presentation Highlights**

### **1. Green Building Movement and IGBC Activities**

The presentation compared photographs of the CII-Godrej Green Business Centre site in 2003 and 2014 and introduced the growth of the green building movement in India. These examples framed the discussion of the development of a greener built environment.

IGBC activities presented included green building certification, development of rating systems, policy advocacy, local chapters, memberships, green education and the Green Building Congress.

### **2. Sustainable Development and Indian Traditional Architecture**

The Indian context of sustainable development was discussed in relation to urbanisation, infrastructure and housing demand, and pressure on natural resources, water and green cover. Traditional Indian architecture was used to illustrate the continuity of green building principles, with examples of courtyards, water bodies, local materials, views and daylighting.

### **3. Green Building Definition and Key Rating Areas**

A green building was described as conserving natural resources, using less water, optimising energy efficiency, generating less waste and providing healthier spaces. The five key rating areas presented were site selection and planning, water conservation, energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, and building materials and resources.

The five elements of nature (Pancha Bhutas) were linked to design considerations: Prithvi (Earth) to site selection and planning; Jal (Water) to water conservation; Agni (Fire) to energy efficiency; Vayu (Air) to indoor environmental quality; and Akash (Sky) to daylight and night sky pollution. Student attendance was recorded, and student feedback was collected at the end of the session.

## Photographs



Group photograph of students, faculty and speakers



Faculty group with the IGBC speakers



Felicitation of an IGBC speaker



Students attending the awareness session



IGBC speaker addressing the session