

## **BANDEKAR BATS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ALONG WITH SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT**

Stresses on sustainable procedures to reduce impact on environment

Shri Dipak Bandekar, Director, Information and Publicity underlined the need for sustainable development with sustainable environment highlighted the use of renewable and recyclable materials on building projects and more so decreasing the industrial impact on the environment by utilisation sustainable construction procedures practising energy efficiency and harnessing Green Technology.

Shri Bandekar speaking at the installation ceremony the Executive Committee of Association for Sustainability in Building & Environment in the City on [October 14, 2022](#) said technological advancement have paved the way for a new generation of more robust lighter and renewable building materials assisting the push of traditional practices to be more environment friendly. These ecological materials also help to promote cleaner earth by reducing the carbon footprints that utilise these elements, he added.

Speaking further, Shri Bandekar said many construction firms recognising the importance of sustainability green friendly methods with the increase in percentage of sustainability and energy conservation have employed new advanced technology, materials and practices over the past decade to enable and promote overall efficiency. He said, "Economy construction isn't just using renewable materials but also implementing methods that enhance sustainable efforts. One of the method is limiting the material use to reduce waste, controlling waste management by segregating recyclable waste, constructing green buildings, adaptive use of projects that transforms world buildings managing construction sites to improve conservation efforts, conserving energy using sustainable and recyclable materials".

Construction sustainability isn't just beneficial for the environment but it also supports the wellbeing of individual and communities. There are many human benefits of adopting the green initiatives in a building industry - promoting healthier living and reducing waste, boost the economy promotes cost efficiency, decreases material costs and enables carbon footprints reductions Shri Bandekar said and pointed out that the construction industry has already caused damage to the environment due to increased construction activity and urbanisation as per reports of UNDP.

Congratulating Yatin Kandolkar and his team he said the 2020 agenda of sustainable development adopted by all United Nation's Member States in 2015 provides fair blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet now and in the future. As per the 17 sustainable developmental global goals which are for actions for urgent call by all countries - Developed and as well as developing in a global partnership, ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand in hand with strategy that improve health and education, Reduce inequality and spur economic growth, World-wide tackling of climate change and working to preserve our ocean and forest, he pointed. He pointed that sustainability maintains the health and bio-capacity of environment. Sustainability supports the well-being of individuals and communities. Sustainability promotes a better economy where there is little waste, fewer emission, more jobs and better distribution of wealth, he added.

Association for Sustainability in Building and Environment (ASBE) has been envisaged as a non-profit association of stakeholders from government line departments, educational institutions, professionals, supplier and manufacturers who have come together with the aim of synergizing efforts in the mutual endeavor of achieving the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) committed by India Inc. in response to the Paris Agreement of 2015.

The National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC) outlines a number of steps to simultaneously advance India's development and climate change related objectives of adaptation and mitigation. The following Eight Missions have been identified as the way forward in the NAPCC formulated by the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change: National Solar Mission, National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency, National Mission on Sustainable Habitat, National Water Mission, National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem, National Mission for a "Green India", National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture, National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change.

ASBE has taken up the responsibility of establishing a rapport between the formally educated students and rest of the stakeholders connected with the domain.

Principal, Goa College of Architecture, Dr. Ashish Rege, President, Ar. Yatin Kandolkar & others were present on the occasion.

A MoU between Association for Sustainability in Building & Environment and Goa College of Architecture was also signed.

General Secretary, ABSE, Eng. Thomas D'Costa proposed a vote of thanks.

Ar. Varsha compered the function.

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