

LEED-India Ratings System Launched 2007 IGBC Green Design Competition Winners

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'As we go along the LEED-India would be evolved based on the market feed back and experiences', said Mr. ParasuRaman R, Chairman IGBC and Vice Chairman WGBC.

The Indian Green Building Council has been adopting the LEED rating for the past 5 years. Today more than 40 buildings are directly applying the LEED US rating system. Almost 95% of the credits are applicable in the Indian context. To indigenize few of the points, IGBC formed the **LEED-India** Core committee above two years back, under the chairmanship of **Mr C N Raghavendran, CRN Architects.**

IGBC Green Design Awards

Mr. Madhavan Nair, Chairman ISRO presented the awards to winners. The winning team was from **MEASI Academy, Chennai - Sandeep Vasanth and Janani A.** The team that came in close second was from **NIT Trichy, Thanikvel and Ilayaraja.** The team in the third position was **Soumya Chakraborty and Florina Dutt from Jadavpur University, Kolkata.**

The **IGBC Green Design Competition** was planned to motivate and educate students of design on sustainable solutions for our built environment; to evolve an architectural vocabulary that helps maintain ecological balance. The objective was also to familiarize them with these concepts and inspire students to make them a part of their intrinsic design philosophy.

The topic chosen for the **IGBC Green Design Competition** was a green home for a family of five, comprising a couple their two children and a grand parent. The maximum size that was stipulated was 3500 sft. The students were free to locate their home anywhere. This location would determine their other constraints of climate and context. They were to participate as teams of two members each. Around 315 teams registered for the competition. The competition was ably coordinated by **Ethos, Kolkata** an organization that works towards motivating students across India.

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