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Studies on sites of Amravati city with special references to role of people in Green Building Development

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ABSTRACT

Green building is also known as green construction or sustainable building. Refers to a structure and using process that is the environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout a building life cycle: from sitting to design, construction, operation, maintenance, renovation and demolition. Green building is the foundation of the sustainable construction development. Construction industry with the high contributes with gross domestic product, has undeniable impacts on the economy. Although green buildings provide a wide range of benefits for the society, green building development suffers from different kinds of market barriers in developing countries including India. In order to meet green building development in Amravati city. This practice expands and compliments the classical building design concern of economy, utility, durability and comfort. This study aims to investigate the level of developing green building in the current situation, to find important key players and to identify, and to eliminate the important obstacles to green building development.

Keywords: Green building, Construction, Development, Amravati City.

INTRODUCTION

"Indian country" generally refers to land within an Indian reservation or land in federal trust (land technically owned by the federal government but held in trust for a tribe or tribal member). Several examples of commercial and residential facilities that have incorporated green building and sustainable design can be found in Indian Country and this area has much potential for growth. There are approximately 400 existing hotels, motels, and resorts, as well as 200 casinos and bingo halls located on tribal lands in the U.S. (EPA, 2000).

Recently, climate-change, energy crisis and increasing environmental pollution have made the sustainable development issue receive a great attention from the world (EPA, 2008). With growing concern of community about negative effect of human life on the environment, United Nation (1992) lunched the sustainable development document in Rio de Janerio in order to protect the environment (Parkin, 2000). Sustainable development tries to improve a quality of life for current people and future generation (Bossel, 1999). Many definitions of sustainable development are represented in the different contexts and scopes.

Sustainable development can be defined “as growing natural and industrial resources which meet the energy need for the present times without settling the ability of next generations for meeting their needs in the same manner” (Hill, 2003). In addition, the United Nations (1987) explains that “sustainable development is a collection of methods in order to relieve poverty, create the equitable standards of living, satisfy the basic needs of all peoples, and set up sustainable political practices all while taking the steps essential to avoid irreversible damages to be natural environment in the long-term”. One of the enormous and most important industries known as the largest polluters on the environment is the construction industry (Horvath, 1999).

Green Development, Environmental Design, Green Buildings, Sustainable Development, High-Performance buildings, these terms refer to the same fundamental concept: improving the built environment while minimizing the impact on the natural environment.

Green Building

Green building is an important area where cities can implement sustainability objectives. Green buildings are designed to reduce negative impacts on the environment while increasing the occupant health, by addressing these five categories:

- Sustainable site planning
- Safeguarding water and water efficiency
- Energy efficiency, renewable energy and lower greenhouse gas emissions
- Conservation and the reuse of materials and resources, and
- Improved health and indoor environmental quality

The environmental impact of buildings is often underestimated, while the perceived costs of green buildings are overestimated. Kats et al. (2003) comprehensively examined the costs and benefits of green buildings.

Governmental bodies can use lessons learned from pilot projects to determine what should become standard City practices. This helps address sustainability in urban and suburban environments, as municipalities may own and operate many properties. But perhaps equally importantly, building sustainability into City and State practices shows the governmental body “walks the walk” and does not just “talk the talk.” This then gives the public sector organization more credibility when requiring or encouraging others to implement green development practices.

Many developers and property owners may feel there are higher costs or increased risks associated with green development practices, (a sense there could be increased risks may be due to a lack of familiarity or a lack of certainty as to how the green features will perform, or how durable they will be over time). Financial incentives may help reduce the sense of risk and overcome market barriers associated with new practices. The need for incentives may dissipate over time, as costs for green features come down and confidence in green features goes up.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area

Amravati city is in the state of the Maharashtra India. Amravati is located at 20°56'N 77°07.75' E is an average elevation of 343 meters. It lies 156 Km west of Nagpur and serve as administrative center of Amravati district and of Amravati division. The population of Amravati is about 6, 46,801(2011). It is also a premier education place for the people of the region.

Methodology

To study the role of people in green building development, for the present research work three sites were selected, these are Houses, School and Commercial building. The Method of analysis is survey method. For survey one questioner with 20 questions was prepared.

Fifty sites each of houses, schools and commercial building were selected. Survey was carried out by using questioner at respected houses, schools and commercial building. Results obtained are given in table below.

Questioner for the survey report of Green building project (House/ School/ Commercial Building).

1. Do You Know benefit of Green building?
2. Have you installed low energy lighting bulb in your building?
3. Have you installed Solar cell as power supply for the ventilation fan?
4. Have you installed a solar heater for the domestic hot water?
5. Have you installed water saving toilet with low flush?
6. Have you installed rain Water harvesting system in your Building?

7. Have you installed rain water collection system for garden irrigation?
8. Have you install fresh air ventilation?
9. Have you Installed glass door and windows for natural lighting in your building?
10. Do you have curbside recycling?
11. Have you planted trees in your Courtyard?
12. Have you done native landscaping for the trees in your garden?
13. A nature playing ground is available in your house?
14. Space for composting Container is Included in your garden Place?
15. Have you any barrier to build or renovate green?
16. Would you like to convert or renovate your building?
17. Have you applied wood, natural stone, pre-ceramic tiles as flooring material?
18. Have you installed energy efficiency appliances (Ex. Freeze)?
19. Have you Placed Light color tiles in your building?
20. Have you placed white color paint for roof, gate and outer wall?

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

People now days are more concerned about the environment, since they know the effect of pollution on environment and human’s health. Green building development awareness in people depends on education, economic status and proper knowledge which help to understand the basic concept of green building.

The site wise data and its percentage of all 20 questions were completed and represented in table. Survey report shows that the windows for fresh air ventilation are placed in building and that has effect on temperature control and it also enhance mood, reduces stress. It was studied that the natural features like trees and light are beneficial for human health. It was observed that 80% and 100% tree plantation were done in houses and Schools respectively.60% people knows the benefit of green building and rest 40% needs the awareness about green building development. It was observed that only few people know and applied rain water harvesting.

Table 1: Survey result of green building benefits from respective sites:

Question No.	Houses		Schools		Building	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	60%	40%	70%	30%	40%	60%
2	80%	20%	40%	60%	60%	40%
3	20%	80%	30%	70%	60%	40%
4	70%	30%	20%	80%	10%	90%
5	70%	30%	20%	80%	10%	90%
6	30%	70%	20%	80%	20%	80%
7	60%	40%	60%	40%	30%	70%
8	80%	20%	80%	20%	80%	20%
9	90%	10%	100%	-	100%	-
10	30%	70%	20%	80%	20%	80%
11	80%	20%	10%	90%	30%	70%
12	80%	20%	60%	40%	30%	70%
13	80%	20%	100%	-	-	100%
14	30%	70%	20%	80%	-	100%
15	60%	40%	50%	50%	50%	50%
16	70%	30%	60%	40%	70%	30%
17	10%	90%	-	100%	-	100%
18	60%	40%	30%	70%	60%	40%
19	80%	20%	60%	40%	40%	60%
20	80%	20%	60%	40%	70%	30%

CONCLUSION

The research has highlighted the concept, designs and management of green building in study area. The finding reveals the uncertainty on people awareness towards the green building. It is noticed that maximum people are ready and like to convert or renovate their building into green building. If people are suggested and educated through different media about green building benefit for human being and environment, they will start adapting concept of green building.

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