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"Poverty reduction and Economic growth can be sustained only if natural resources are managed on a sustainable basis. Greening rural development can stimulate rural economies, create jobs and help maintain critical ecosystem services and strengthen climate resilience of rural poor."

- The Executive summary of 'Greening Rural Development in India' by MoRD & UNDP

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# The Concept of Green Village

Nearly eighty years ago, Mahatma Gandhiji proclaimed that the soul of India lies in its villages. This sentiment still holds true today, with 6.4 million villages and 83.3 million people living in them, making up 65% of the population. Despite the noticeable migration to urban areas, the rural population has increased by 32% over the last two decades (1991–2011), necessitating the inclusion of rural areas in sustainable development efforts.

Today, major challenges faced in our villages are open defecation, drinking water scarcity, lack of adequate health care, access to basic amenities & school and power shortage. In the above context, converting existing villages to green and self-sustainable is of paramount importance to the Nation. IGBC Green Village rating is designed to address many of the rural challenges. The green concepts and techniques in the villages can help address National concerns like water availability, energy availability, reduction in fossil fuel use, handling of waste and conserving natural resources. Most importantly, these concepts can enhance health and wellbeing in villages, which is assuming greater importance.



### VISION OF IGBC GREEN VILLAGE INITIATIVE Facilitate & support the development of 1000 Green Villages in India by 2025

So far, 28 villages have been green certified by IGBC in 10 states which include, Mawlynnong (Meghalaya), Punsari & Surpur (Gujarat), Tilpat & Bhond (Haryana), Baligaon (Assam), Mori Moripodu, Puttamraju Kandriga, Burripalem and 10 villages in Denduluru Constituency (Andhra Pradesh), Ralegan Siddhi, Nanded Gaothan & ISKCON Govardhan (Maharashtra), Uttaramundamunha (Odisha), Railthal (Rajasthan), Narmetta & Gangadevipally (Telangana), Sollepura & Kuthamballam (Tamil Nadu).

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## Bharat Forge CSR Team's Visit to IGBC Green Village Gangadevipally

#### GANGADEVIPALLY WARANGAL DISTRICT

Telangana (IGBC Green Village Platinum)

#### Key Features of Green Village

RO Plant & 2 Lakh Ltrs drinking water storage: Any Time Water (ATW)

100% Street Network with Stormwater drain & streetlights

100% Literacy (Age 15-50), Mid day meal, health facility at School

100% Rainwater Harvesting: Stormwater diverted to village lake

Composting pit at household level and 100% organic manure

CFL, LED lights in houses. 50kW Solar PV installation in progress

100% Houses have toilets with soakpit, handling waste at source

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

THE MODEL REINFORCES THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION & GOOD GOVERNANCE

Village Development Committee, along with subcommittees on drinking water, sanitation, plastic waste management, school development, women empowerment, work in co-ordination & involve villagers in debating public policies & choices 33

- Mr Rajamouli President Village Development Committee









Gangadevipalli is a village located 12 km from Warangal headquarters in Geesukonda Mandal, Warangal Rural district, Telangana. It has a population of 1352 people living in 287 houses. Gangadevipally did not have basic amenities including clean water, hospitals, schools, and work possibilities before 1993. There was only one well in the entire village, making it tough for the residents to have a decent living. In 1993, people came together with the help of Balavikasa and showcased a collective strength to demonstrate innovative approaches that were developed step-by-step in line with Gandhi's concept of Gram Swarajya, or a self-reliant village. IGBC Green Village certification with highest rating level 'Platinum' was offered to this village by IGBC after all the initiatives were assessed at Gangadevipally by IGBC Technical Committe. **The village has been visited by Bharat Forge team led by Dr Leena Deshpande, Head, Corporate Social Responsibility.** 

### Bharat Forge CSR Team's Visit to CII-IGBC Headquarters Hyderabad, India

Bharat Forge Ltd. strongly believe that the spirit behind CSR Act of 2013 is inclusive growth. Every last person in the village has to be included in the growth process of our nation. After getting insight into the processes and methodology by understanding human engineering and connect, the team started working in villages focusing on indicators – water, internal roads, livelihood, education and health. In this journey of inclusive growth, Bharat Forge Ltd has set a target of developing 100 villages in Maharashtra.

IGBC in its efforts to make the built environment green, has launched several green building standards for residential, commercial, industrial, educational and infrastructure sector. The development of IGBC Rating system for Green Villages is an important step in the direction of greening the Rural India. **IGBC Green Village rating is developed to convert existing villages to green & selfsustainable villages, ultimately resulting in enhanced health and well-being.** 



Bharat Forge Team had a detailed discussion on green roadmap for the villages and uplifting the rural communities through sustainable development. The team shared that Bharat Forge intent to strengthen the fundamental building blocks of the nation, our villages. The team has been given a guided tour of IGBC Headquarters – India's First Platinum rated Green Building (2003) and Net Zero Energy Platinum (2019).

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## IGBC Green Village Initiative 5 Pilot Villages by Bharat Forge Ltd.

Bharat Forge Ltd. has identified 5 villages in Koregaon Taluka, Satara District, Maharashtra to develop as model Green Villages. The green villages will adopt a holistic approach to sustainability and will set an example for the villages in the country to adopt green principles. The conversion of existing villages to green villages would result in multifold benefits. The sustainable aspects of green village are addressed in the IGBC Green Village rating system under 5 modules



#### Bharat Forge Visit to IGBC rated Green Village Press Coverage



Cll encourages corporates to transform existing villages into sustainable, innovative, replicable and scalable models of Green Villages through CSR



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