

SVAGRIHA Rating

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IWAI's INTER MODAL TERMINAL AT KALUGHAT in Bihar gets five star rating from GRIHA Council



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About SVAGRIHA Rating:

- SVAGRIHA rating that stands for **Simple Versatile Affordable GRIHA** – supports the concept of green buildings and sustainability under **Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA)**.
- It is a **guidance-cum-rating system** being developed for small stand alone buildings like residences, commercial offices, motels, dispensaries, schools etc.
- It has been developed in order to help reduce the environmental impact of these small developments.
- **Rating system**
 - It will be **applicable only for projects** which are **less than 2500 sq.m. built-up area**.
 - The rating system **has 14 criteria**.
 - **Criteria:** The **criteria** are divided into **5 broad sub-groups** namely: **architecture & energy, water & waste, materials, landscape and lifestyle**.
 - It will be mandatory to attempt certain points under each sub-group. The total points that a project can **achieve are 50**
 - The rating will be done on a **1-5 star scale**.
- It has been designed as a simple online tool with guiding parameters which will evaluate the performance of the project with respect to SVAGRIHA in a simple, easy to understand manner.

Key facts about Kalughat Intermodal Terminal

- It is one among several infrastructural interventions made by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for capacity augmentation of **National Waterway 1 – River Ganga**.
- It has **received five star rating** for its efforts to ensure environmental sustainability by ensuring usage of recyclable materials like fibre, recyclable glasses, paint, sanitary fixtures etc during the building of the terminal.

Q1: What is the GRIHA Rating system?

It is an acronym for Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment. GRIHA is a Sanskrit word meaning – ‘Abode’. It is a rating tool that helps people assess the performance of their building against certain nationally acceptable benchmarks.

News: IWAI’s Kalughat IMT gets recognition for sustainable infrastructure project

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