





Training Program on Innovative Construction Technologies & Thermal Comfort in Affordable Housing



RACHNA for Practitioners on 06-07 July 2022, Wed-Thu

Venue: Online

Time: 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM

'RACHNA for Officers' training program delivered in-depth knowledge on thermal comfort, its nuances, and its relationship with building physics. Moreover, it discussed design strategies, construction techniques, policy documents, building codes, international practices, and other aspects relevant to thermal comfort in affordable housing through a suite of case studies. Additionally, it familiarized participants with the evaluation process of thermal comfort, the statistics, and indicators involved as well as affordable cooling technologies and their applicability in various climates.

Session proceedings

Day 1- July 6 th , 2022 (Wednesday) *all names of the presenters/faculty are placeholders		
10h00 - 10h05	Welcome Address and Introduction to PMAY-U	MoHUA
10h05 - 10h10	Introduction to Climate Smart Buildings Programme (IGEN – CSB) and overview of workshop	GIZ
10h10 - 10h15	Session 1: Overview of the workshop, the introduction of the project, and introduction of the trainers.	Bhavya Pathak

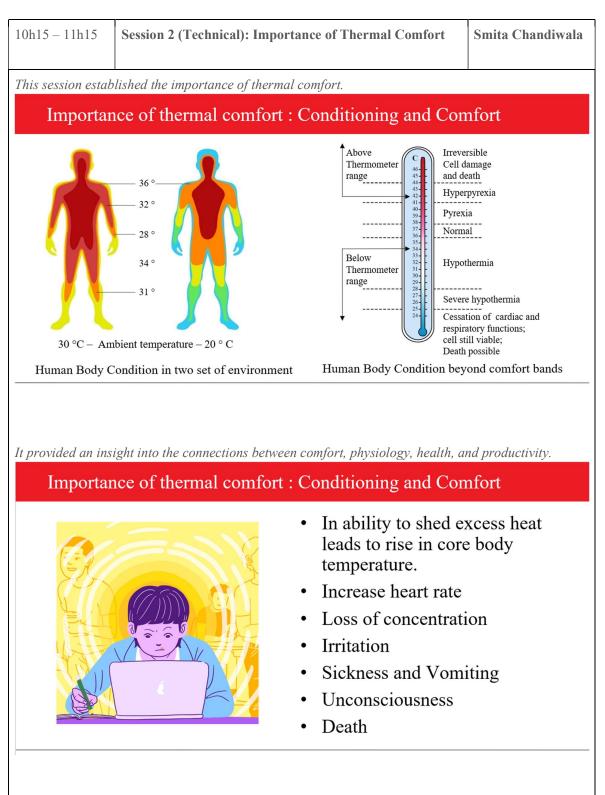












It briefly exposed the audience to the connection between buildings and comfort.











ECO NIWAS Samhita: ECBC Residential



To limit the heat gain/loss from the building envelope, the code specifies:

Maximum value of thermal transmittance of roof (U_{roof} = 1.2 W/m².K) for all climate zones

Maximum value of Residential Envelope Transmittance Value (RETV) for building envelope (except roof)

It provided overarching guidance about the ways and means to achieve comfort in buildings.

Importance of thermal comfort : Ways to achieve it





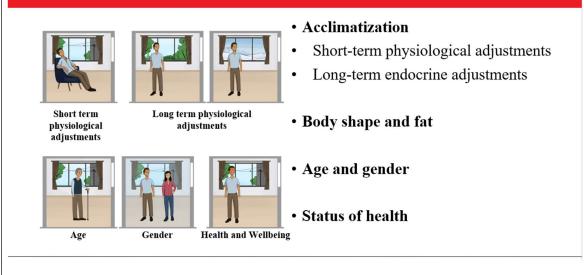




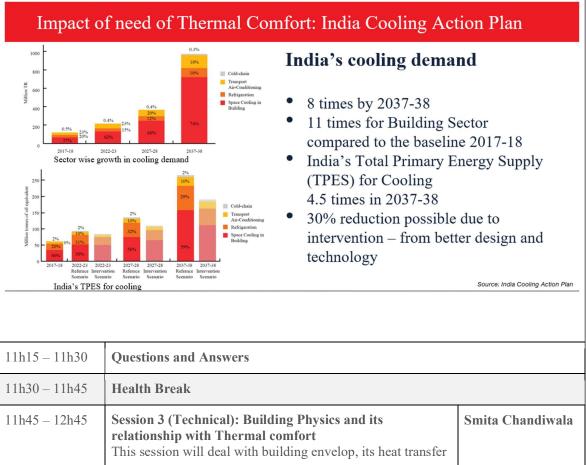




Factors Affecting Thermal Comfort: Others



The session ended with establishing a relation between comfort and associated energy consumption through cooling needs.















mechanism and its effect on the thermal comfort. Each heat transfer mode will be discussed in detail with its associated building elements. The session also will discuss climate context in detail and the impact of building elements on the comfort. The session will also provide selected case studies that demonstrates the correlation between envelop thermal performance, HVAC energy consumption and thermal comfort.

Heat Transfer in Buildings: Influencing Factors

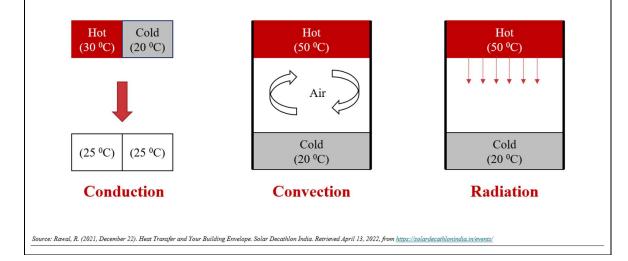
Spatial Design

- Geometry Massing
- Orientation of bldg. mass
- External Surface to Building Volume Ratio
- Extent of fenestration and characteristics of it
- Internal Volume
 - Stack Ventilation
- Location of Fenestration
 - Pressure Driven Ventilation

Materials and Methods

- Thermal properties of the material
- Optical properties of the material
- Surface Characteristics
- Construction Method
- Assembly formation

Heat Transfer in Buildings: Principles













Heat Transfer in Buildings: Design Strategies - Heat Transfer WH: Warm Humid HD: Hot-Dry TE: Temperate CM: Composite CO: Cold Convection Radiation Conduction Geometry - Massing WH All Climates HD Orientation WH All Climates V. Low External Surface to Building Volume WH HD HD Low Ratio Extent of Fenestration and Thermal HD WH All Climates Neutral Characteristics Internal Volume - Stake Ventilation Х Х HD High Location of Fenestration - Pressure Х Х WH Driven Ventilation V. High ource: Rawal, R. (2021, December 22). Heat Transfer and Your Building Envelope. Solar Decathlon India. Retrieved April 13, 2022, from https://solardecathlonindia.in/events/

12h45 - 13h00	Questions and Answers		
13h00 - 14h00	Lunch Break		
14h00 - 14h45	Session 4 (Technical): Fundamentals of Thermal Comfort This session will provide an insight into the connections between comfort and human behavior, physiology, and psychology in detail. The session will further provide advanced understanding about local discomfort, thermal asymmetry. It will discuss various theories of thermal comfort, thermal comfort induced behavior and emerging trends in thermo-physiology. It will provide overarching guidance about the ways and means to measure thermal comfort among occupants along with explanation of the metrics involved.	Bhavya Pathak	

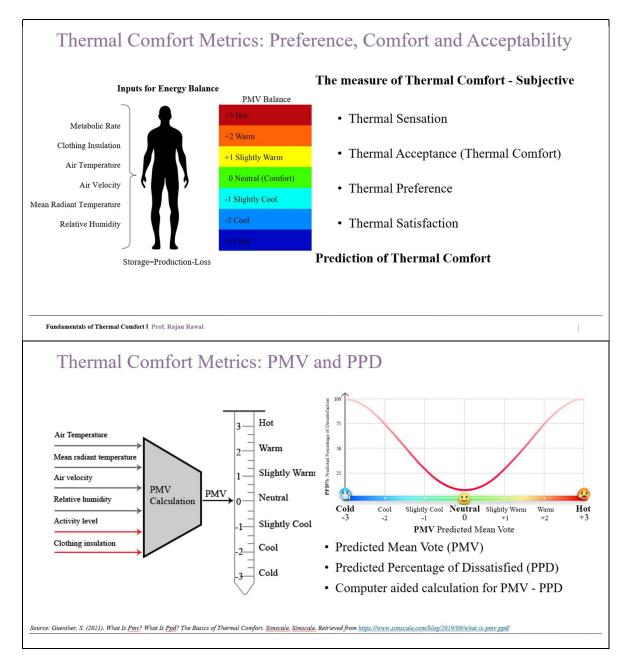






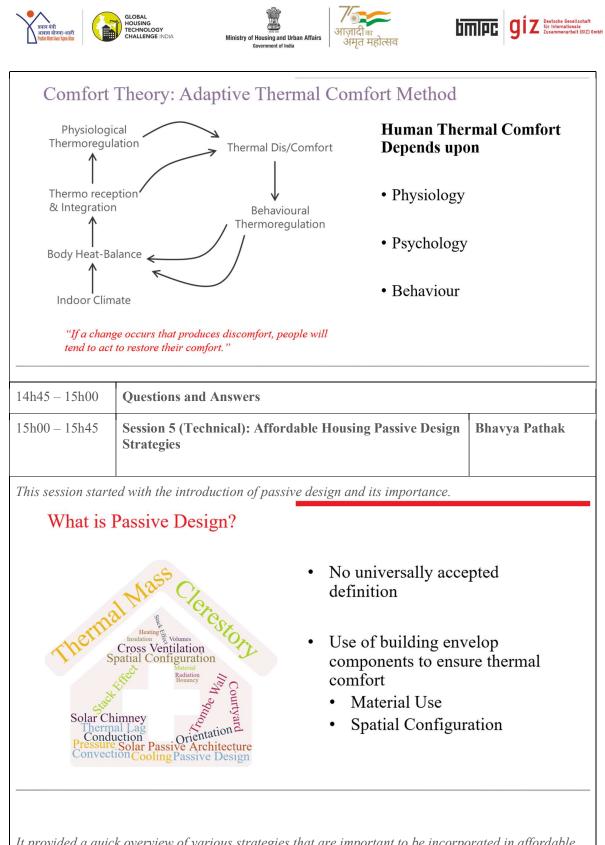












It provided a quick overview of various strategies that are important to be incorporated in affordable housing.





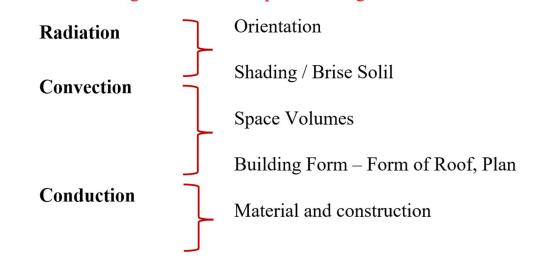








Passive Design Parameters : Spatial Configuration & Construction



The session provided insights into the site level design decisions as well as building-level design decisions.

Other Passive Design Strategies: Spatial Configuration



Orientation: Positive, Negative and Neutral

Optimizing Radiation

Wind Direction and Speed

Rectangular Plan Less 'tight' buildings

It further provided a comparative understanding of appropriate orientation & use of building mass to reduce radiative heat gains in warm climates









Passive Design : Residential Envelop Transmittance Value (RETV) T **RETV 15.0 W/m² RETV 18.0 W/m² RETV 21.0 W/m²** Business As Usual Building Envelop Better Insulation on wall and roof (U value) Better Windows (U Value, SHGC, VLT) Higher Solar Reflectance On the roof (SRI)

It will guide fenestration design, location, and shading design appropriate for affordable housing. The use of appropriate ventilation for comfort and well-being was also covered in this session.

Other Passive Design Strategies: Spatial Configuration



The session also provided selected case studies that have adopted best practice approaches at the site and at the building level to implement passive design strategies.



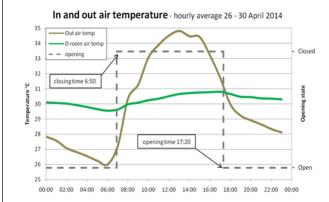








Blessings House: Auroville



- Balancing Thermal Mass and Insulation
- NV operation with controlled Ventilation
- Warm Humid Climate

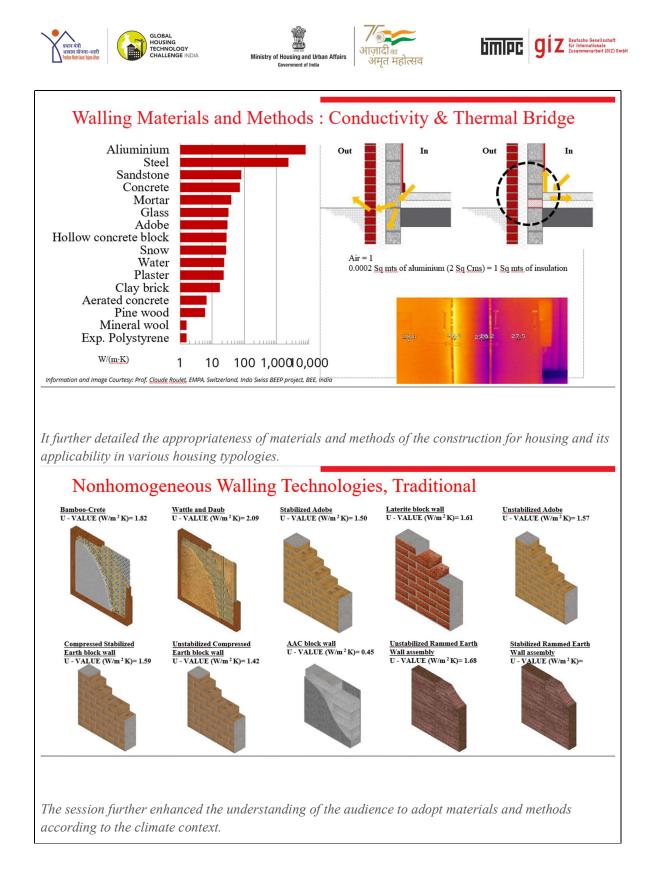
Day shutting and nighttime comfort strategy show good results in preventing excessive temperature rise in the building

15h45 - 16h00	Questions and Answers	
16h00 - 16h15	Health Break	
16h15 – 17h15	Session 6 (Technical): Building Materials and Methods of Construction for Affordable Housing This session will start with the overview of affordable walling, roofing and fenestration materials and technologies. It will further detail the appropriateness of materials and methods of the construction for housing and its applicability in various housing typologies. The session further enhances the understanding of the reader to adopt materials and methods according to the climate context. The focus would also be given to alternative construction technologies, low embodied carbon materials, availability of material locally and economics of it. The session will also provide selected case studies that have adopted best practice approaches at the building level with construction technologies and materials.	Dr. Rajan Rawa

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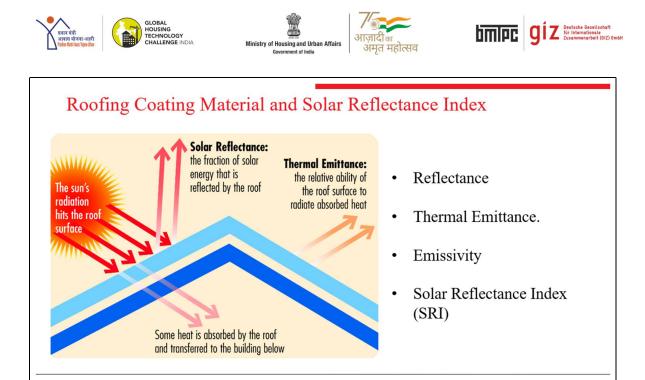




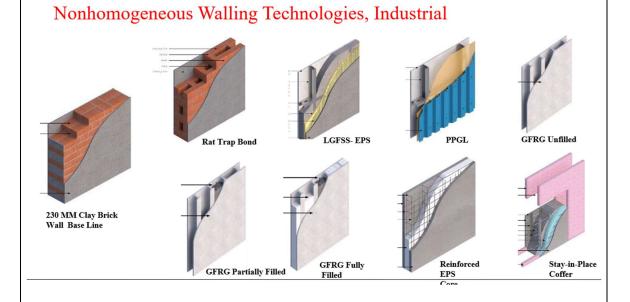








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The session also provided selected case studies of construction technologies that have been adopted in LHPs.

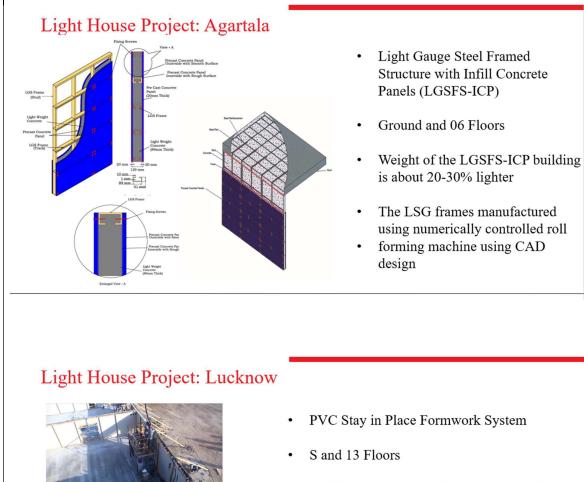














- Rigid poly-vinyl chloride (PVC) based form work system serve as a permanent stay-inplace durable finished form-work for concrete walls
- The PVC extrusions consist of the substrate (inner) and Modifier (outer). The two layers are co- extruded during the manufacturing process to create a solid profile.

17h15 – 17h25	Questions and Answers	
17h25 - 17h30	Session 7: Day 1 concluding remarks	Palak Patel







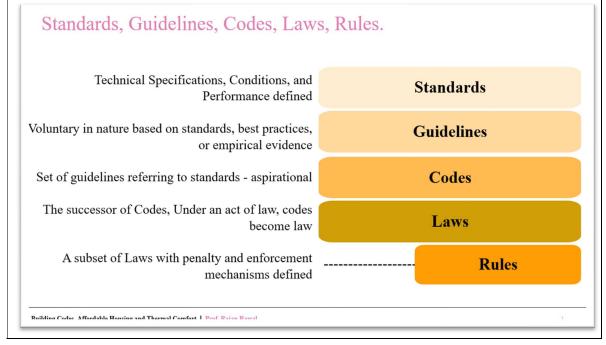




Day 2- 7th July, 2022 (Thursday)

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10h00 - 10h15	Session 8: Day 1 Recap	Smita Chandiwala
10h15 - 11h15	Session 9 (Technical): Building Codes, Affordable Housing and Thermal Comfort Understanding of the provision of various thermal comfort- related clauses in the National Building Code, Eco Niwas Samhita, various guidelines provided by the government. It also will provide insights into the implementation of policy. The reader will be able to comprehend the process of implementing the code at the local level. It will discuss the programming of code implementation, the economics of it as well as the benefits of the codes. Further, this section will outline the codes implemented internationally through the voluntary market based systems, government byelaw, provisions in ISO, and ASHRAE standards.	Smita Chandiwala



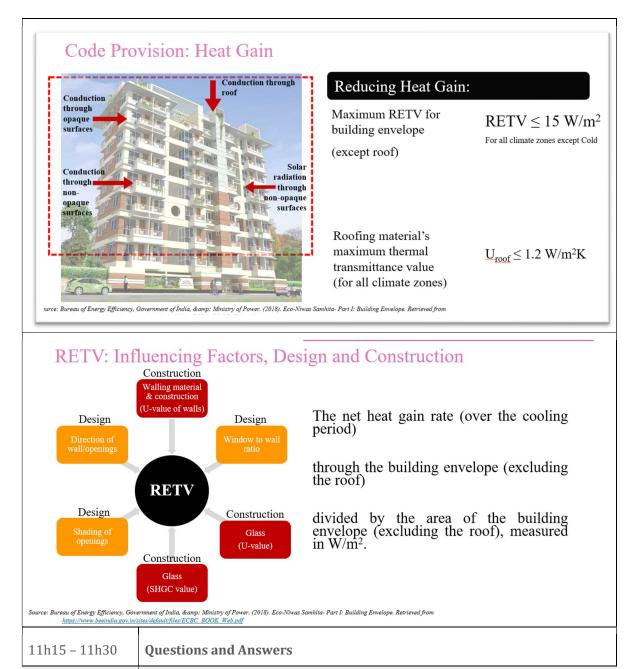












Health Break



11h30 - 11h45









11h45 - 12h30Session 10 (Technical): Application of Thermal Comfort in Affordable Housing- A Suite of Case Studies This session will bring salient features of the projects that have demonstrated approaches to achieve thermal comfort in affordable housing. This session will include the projects that were conceived using integrated design practices. The case studies in this session will highlight more than one aspect of the project that meets the objective of affordability and comfort. The on-site performance of the housing also will be included to help the participants understand the methods of field performances.	Smita Chandiwala
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Thermal and Comfort Performance of NE India vernacular house





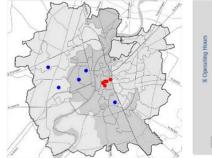


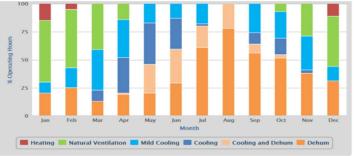
Case studies : Vernacular: Imphal

Case studies : Vernacular: Tejpur



Thermal and Comfort Performance of Pol vernacular house





City map of Ahmedabad showing the location of PH (red) and CH (blue)

Estimated operation modes for a typical building in Ahmedabad

Source: Singh, M. K., Mahapatra, S., & amp: <u>Atreya</u>, S. K. (2010). Thermal performance study and evaluation of comfort temperatures in vernacular buildings of northeast india. Building and Environment, 45(2), 320–329. <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.buildenv.2009.06.009</u>

Application of Thermal Comfort in Affordable Housing- A Suite of Case Studies | Prof. Rajan Rawal











Rajkot Smart Ghar 3





- Indo Swiss Building Energy Efficiency Project Bureau of Energy Efficiency
- 1176 Units of 33.6 m²/each
- U value of 0.8 W/m² achieved using AAC Blocks, South sidewall with 50mm air cavity leading to 0.3 W/m²
- Roof with PU foam 0.56 W/ m^2
- Window shutter glazing area reduced to 30%
- Improved ventilation through common service shaft

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12h30 - 12h45	Questions and Answers		
12h45 - 13h00	Discussions on quiz-questionnaires		
13h00 - 14h00	Lunch Break		
14h00 - 15h00	Session 11 (Technical): Thermal Comfort Study Methods This session will outline the field-based methods, theorybased method and laboratory-based methods adopted in the past and in the contemporary world to understand the thermal comfort. It will demonstrate the applicability of various methods. The session also will introduce some handheld tools and research protocols that can help derive thermal comfort studies. The session further will help to develop an understanding of the analytical approach for data collection and data analysis using appropriate methods of statistics.	Bhavya Pathak	

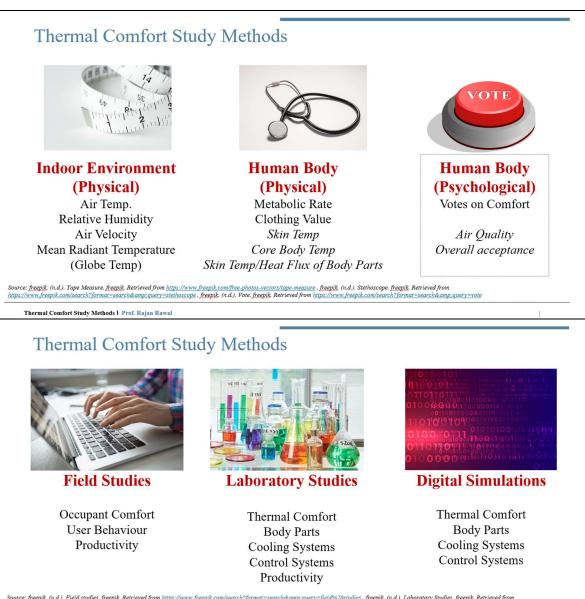












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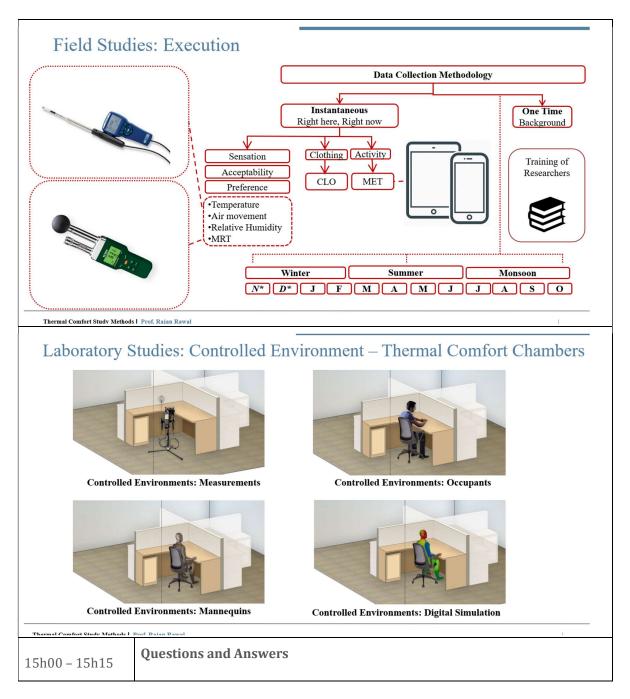
















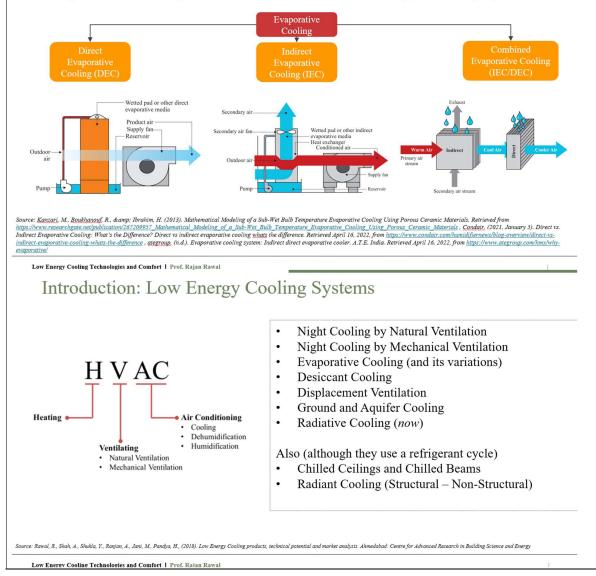






15h15 - 16h15	Session 12 (Technical): Low Energy Cooling Technologies and Comfort This session will familiarize the participants with low energy cooling systems and technologies in gaining comfort. It will provide climate specific guidance as well as insights into their benefits and challenges. The participants will be able to comprehend the design and operation aspects of the low energy cooling system that can work in sync with building envelop. The session also will discuss spatial configuration of the building envelop to accommodate some of the low energy cooling systems.	Bhavya Pathak
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Evaporative Cooling (and its variations): Low Energy Cooling Systems





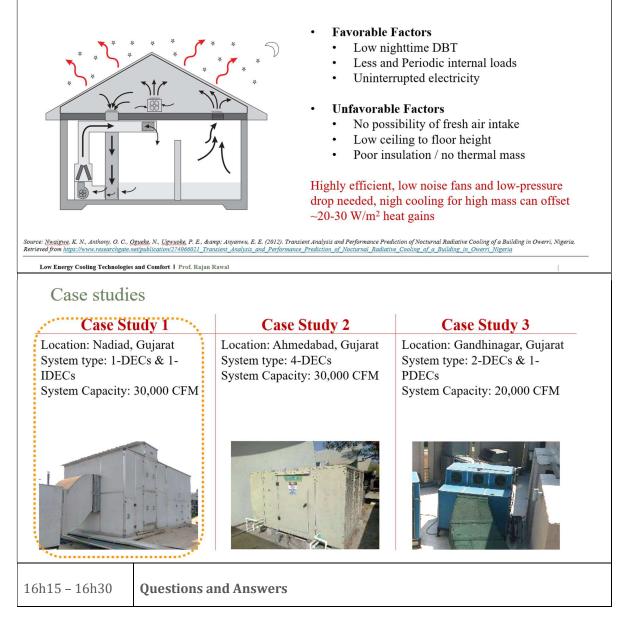








Night Cooling by Mechanical Ventilation: Low Energy Cooling Systems













16h30 – 17h00	Overview of Innovative construction technologies implemented in Light House Projects (LHPs)* This session will highlight the following innovative technologies being implemented in six LHPs:	ВМТРС
	 Chennai: Industrialized '3-S' Prefab Technology Rajkot: Tunnel Formwork Lucknow: Stay-in-Place Formwork System Indore: Prefabricated Sandwich Panel System Ranchi: Precast Concrete Construction – 3D Volumetric Agartala: Light Gauge Steel Structural System & Pre-engineered Steel Structural System 	
17h00 - 17h15	Session 13: Discussions on quiz-questionnaires	
17h15 - 17h30	Session 14: Feedback from Participants and Concluding Remarks	Palak Patel



