

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



RACHNA for Practitioners

Date: 03-04 Jan 2023.

Venue: Online

Thermal Comfort Training Modules in Affordable Housing

‘RACHNA for practitioners’ training program will deliver in-depth knowledge on thermal comfort, its nuances, and its relationship with building physics. Moreover, it will discuss 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 will familiarize 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 plan is as follows:

Day 1 – 03 Jan 2023, Tuesday

Thermal Comfort Training Module (Two-Day) <i>*all names of the presenters/faculty are placeholders</i>		
10h00 – 10h05	Welcome address and Introduction to Climate Smart Buildings programme (IGENCSB)	GIZ Representative
10h05 – 10h10	Session 1: Overview of the workshop, introduction of the project and introduction of the trainers.	Shivani S
10h10 – 11h10	Session 2 (Technical): Importance of Thermal Comfort <i>This session will establish the importance of thermal comfort. It will provide an insight into the connections between comfort, physiology, health, and productivity. It will very briefly expose the readers to the connection between buildings and comfort. It will provide overarching guidance about the ways and means to achieve comfort in buildings. With the help of examples, the section</i>	Anand Achari

	<p><i>on the factors affecting thermal comfort will help the reader understand the factors affecting thermal comfort. The session will end with establishing a relation between comfort and associated energy consumption through cooling needs. – smita</i></p>	
11h10 – 11h25	Questions and Answers	
11h25 – 11h45	Health Break	
11h45 – 12h45	<p>Session 3 (Technical): Building Physics and its relationship with Thermal comfort</p> <p><i>This session will deal with building envelop, its heat transfer 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.</i></p>	Anand Achari
12h45 – 13h00	Questions and Answers	
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch Break	

14h00 – 14h45	<p>Session 4 (Technical): Fundamentals of Thermal Comfort</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	Bhavya Pathak
14h45 – 15h00	Questions and Answers	

15h00-15h45	<p>Session 5 (Technical): Affordable Housing Passive Design Strategies</p> <p><i>This session will start with the introduction of passive design and its importance. It will provide a quick overview of various strategies before detailing out few strategies that are important to be incorporated in affordable housing. The session will provide insights into the site level design decisions as well as building-level design decisions. It will further provide a comparative understanding of appropriate orientation, use of building mass to reduce radiative heat gains in warm climates, it will guide fenestration design, location, and shading design appropriate for affordable housing. The use of appropriate ventilation for comfort and well-being also will be covered in this session. The session will also provide selected case studies that have adopted best practice approaches at the site and at the building level to implement passive design strategies.</i></p>	Bhavya Pathak
15h45-16h00	Questions and Answers	
16h00 - 16h15	Health Break	

16h15 – 17h15	<p>Session 6 (Technical): Building Materials and Methods of Construction for Affordable Housing</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	Bhavya Pathak
17h15 – 17h25	Questions and Answers	
17h25 – 17h30	Session 7: Day 1 Concluding Remarks	Bhavya Pathak

Day 2 – 4 Jan 2023, Wednesday

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10h00 – 10h15	Session 8: Day 1 Recap	Shivani S
10h15 – 11h15	Session 9 (Technical): Building Codes, Affordable Housing and Thermal Comfort <i>This session will provide an 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.</i>	Bhavya Pathak
11h15 – 11h30	Questions and Answers	
11h30 – 11h45	Health Break	
11h45 – 12h30	Session 10 (Technical): Application of Thermal Comfort in Affordable Housing- A Suite of Case Studies <i>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.</i>	Bhavya Pathak
12h30 – 12h45	Questions and Answers	
12h45 – 13h00	Discussions on quiz - questionnaires	Bhavya Pathak
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch Break	

14h00 – 15h00	<p>Session 11 (Technical): Thermal Comfort Study Methods</p> <p><i>This session will outline the field-based methods, theory-based 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.</i></p>	Anand Achari
15h00 – 15h15	Questions and Answers	
15h15 – 16h15	<p>Session 12 (Technical): Low Energy Cooling Technologies and Comfort</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	Anand Achari
16h15 – 16h30	Questions and Answers	
16h30 – 17h15	Session 13: Discussions on quiz-questionnaires	Anand Achari
17h15 – 17h30	Session 14: Feedback from Participants and Concluding Remarks	Shivani S

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