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Green Building: The Impact of Humanity on the Environment

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ABSTRACT

In 2008, National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC) was launched outlining the multi-pronged, long term strategies to address climate change and its impacts. Green structure, also known as sustainable or eco-friendly structure incorporates various principles and strategies such as energy effectiveness, water conservation, use of sustainable supplies, waste reduction, and better-quality indoor air with an objective to minimize negative environmental impacts while maximizing the health and well-being of inhabitants. It not only provide the advantage to the environment but also offer long-term cost savings through reduced energy and conservation expenditures. Overall, green structure plays a vital role in recommending a more sustainable and resilient built environment, addressing climate change, and creating healthier and more livable communities. Objective of the study is to assess & estimate awareness, perception, knowledge, barriers and challenges of green building, the impact on energy consumption reduction, water conservation, the indoor air quality and cost saving along with understanding of features and certifications and advance practices. Methodology: This study is descriptive and the finding will be based on the evidence gathered from Questionnaire (Google form). It is a mix of Qualitative and quantitative data. The majority of the respondents are the Architects and engineers. The study will include secondary data also.

Key Words: Green Building, sustainable development, energy efficiency, water conservation, innovative practices.

1. INTRODUCTION

Since several decades India has witnessed a rapid urbanization. As per to Census 2011, people living in metropolitan region are about 37.7 crore covering approximately 31% of the total population. The city population is estimated to raise to about 60 crores by 2031. Metropolises which are considered as growth engines are the major contributors India's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

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As a part of National Action Plan for Climate Change, National Mission on Sustainable Habitat aims at:

(i) Promoting low-carbon urban growth towards reducing GHG emanations intensity for achieving India's NDC, and
(ii) Construction resistance of cities to climate change impacts and strengthening their capacities to 'bounce back better' from climate related extreme events and disaster threats.

The reviewed NMSH has recognized five thematic areas, namely

(i) Energy and Green Building,
(ii) Urban Planning, Green Cover and Biodiversity,
(iii) Mobility and Air Quality,
(iv) Water Management, and
(v) Waste Management.

This study will emphasis on the first thematic area i.e. Green Building which will fulfill the idea of "Sustainable Habitat".

Sustainable Habitat" is defined in NMSH 2.0 as "an approach towards a balanced and sustainable development of the ecosystem of habitat which offers adequate shelter with basic services, infrastructure, and livelihood opportunities along with environmental and socio-economic safety including equality, inclusiveness and disaster-resilience".

Housing and buildings that are considered as India's economy and growth escalators has direct impact on the quality of life. According to India Habitat III National Report 2016, 8% of GDP is employed through the construction sector of India with 12% of the total labor force (Source: India Habitat III National Report, 2016).

It is very crucial to mainstream and implement retrofitting of climate adaptation measures in the building sector after the rise in the occurrence of life-threatening events, such as floods, coastal flooding, storm surges, etc. Various guidelines and regulations has been drafted to promote sustainability and address climate change impacts still there is a great need to structure various approaches and mechanisms in

the existing city-level frameworks with regards of implementation, monitoring, and verification protocols. Moreover, the knowledge gaps at various levels, issues related to enforcement and implementation, high upfront cost of green technology, and limited technological development are some challenges prevailing in the sector.

1.1 Green buildings:

Green buildings are those structures that are designed to escalation energy effectiveness and to improve eco-friendly excellence. It also gives a healthier environment for the inhabitants and the community.

Green building includes features such as:

1. Energy-efficient plan and projects
2. Recycled ingredients and supplies
3. Reduced embodied energy and emissions through energy conservation measures.

Green buildings can help in reducing energy consumption, water usage, waste generation through widespread reprocessing and reusing. Green Building practices not only help in protection of the ecosystem and biodiversity, but also lead to better air quality, enhanced daylight, leading to lower electricity consumption, superior health and well-being, and enriched productivity in comparison to commercial buildings.

1.2 Benefits of Green Buildings:

- The green building helps in reducing the carbon footprint i.e. CO2 emissions by decreasing energy consumption and waste generation.
- The green building helps in reducing water consumption by using rainwater harvesting or even distillation technology if necessary.
- The green building helps in reducing waste generation.
- Green buildings are provided discounts through the State Government, The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Government of India. They offers advanced environmental approval for green building projects which are pre-certified or conditionally certified by The Indian Green Building Council.

1.3 Green Building requirements:

- LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is the most popular green construction and rating system in the world. It provides standards and guidelines to encourage the adoption of sustainable construction methods.
- BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method)
- GRIHA (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) is a system for assessing green buildings. It was adopted in 2007 as a national standard for green structures by the Government of India.

1.4 Green building practices have a significant impact on India in several ways:

1. Environmental Impact
2. Energy Savings
3. Health and Well-being
4. Economic Benefits
5. Policy and Regulatory Influence
6. Climate Change Mitigation

Overall, green building practices have a transformative impact on India by promoting sustainable development, conserving resources, improving occupant health and well-being, fostering economic growth, and contributing to the country's climate change mitigation efforts. They are instrumental in creating a more sustainable and resilient built environment and shaping India's path towards a greener future.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

In recent years, Green building practices have gained considerable attention owing to the capability of addressing environmental challenges and promoting sustainability in the building industry. This review of literature provides an overview of key studies, research papers, and scholarly articles related to green building, focusing on various aspects such as design strategies, energy efficiency, certifications, occupant well-being, and environmental impact.

Joseph G. Allen et al (2015) compared the indoor environmental air quality and human health of green building verses conventional buildings and found that green buildings

provides better indoor environmental quality which directly has an impact on human health for the residents of those buildings.

Singh A. MS (2010) investigated the people who worked in conventional building and was moved to green office premises. He tried to investigate the effects of improved indoor environmental quality (IEQ) on perceived health and productivity and found that there was reductions in perceived absenteeism and work hours affected by asthma, respiratory allergies, depression, and stress. He also suggested that Green buildings offer improved living and working environment thus leading to enhanced productivity.

Ries, Et al (2006) suggested that the productivity increases about 25%, and energy use decreased about 30% in a green precast concrete manufacturing facility certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Buildings (LEED) green rating system.

Smith (2015) suggested a potential solution to face the issues of urban growth that India faces. According to his study there should be the creation of sustainable urban development. He also highlighted the role of policy decisions in encouraging certain green rating systems in specific topographies. In his study, LEED-India and GRIHA showed a local variation in regards of the role of incentives and government mandates. The study also witnessed that there is a need for a more uniform policy as there is a lack of green developments in certain parts in India.

Chaturvedi (2015) concluded that the cost of green building is the main obstacle of the green building development in India. He also recommended a better incentive mechanisms or policies, to achieve better energy efficiency and lower levels of emission.

According to Bartlett and Howard, (2000) also emphasized on the economic viability in development of green building from the perspective of developers. They further revealed that has weakened the developer's initiative to "Go Green". Another challenge was the scarcity of suppliers of green materials and equipment.

Chen, L. et al. (2019) analyzed bioclimatic design principles suitable for tropical regions, considering aspects such as shading, natural ventilation, and site planning. The study emphasizes the importance of contextual design strategies for energy-efficient and comfortable green buildings in tropical climates.

Zhang, Y. et al. (2020) discussed various energy-efficient technologies, such as smart

building systems, advanced insulation materials, efficient HVAC systems, and renewable energy integration, highlighting their potential to improve energy performance and reduce operational costs in green buildings.

Yudelson, J. (2016) examined the energy performance of LEED-certified commercial buildings and assesses the effectiveness of LEED certification in promoting energy efficiency. The study finds that there was seen an improved energy performance in a LEED-certified buildings in comparison to non-certified buildings.

De Medeiros, J. et al. (2017) assessed the effectiveness of various green building certification programs like LEED, BREEAM, and GRIHA. The study analyzes empirical evidence related to the impact of certifications on energy savings, occupant satisfaction, and overall environmental performance.

Osmani, M. et al. (2019) critically evaluated different green building standards and certification schemes, examining their strengths, limitations, and regional applicability. The review provides insights into the complexities and challenges associated with implementing and assessing green building certifications.

Lee, S. et al. (2018) examined the impact of green building features, such as daylighting, indoor plants, and thermal comfort, on occupant satisfaction, productivity, and well-being. The study emphasizes the importance of considering human-centric design elements in green buildings.

Shahzad, M. et al. (2019) suggested energy-efficient retrofit strategies and technologies for existing buildings, highlighting their potential for reducing energy consumption and improving sustainability. The study emphasizes the importance of retrofitting strategies in transforming conventional buildings into green buildings.

These papers contribute to the understanding of various aspects of green building, including sustainable design strategies, energy efficiency, certifications, occupant well-being, Barriers and challenges, environmental impact assessment, retrofitting, economic analysis, and policy frameworks. They provide valuable insights into the current trends, challenges, and opportunities in the field of green building.

3. OBJECTIVE OF STUDY

a. To assess awareness and perception of the importance of green building practices.
b. To understand the knowledge of Green Building Features and Certifications.
c. To Identify the Barriers and Challenges in implementing green building practices
d. To evaluate the Impact of Green Buildings on energy consumption reduction and on water conservation
e. To assess Health and Comfort Benefits regarding the indoor air quality benefits of green buildings
f. To investigate Economic Considerations
g. To explore Personal Experience with living or working in green buildings

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study is descriptive in nature.

The study was conducted using the secondary data as to obtain the basis for review of literature and conceptual framework of the current topic.

The primary data was conducted using Questionnaire method (Google form). The questionnaire consisted of 4 demographic questions: Age, Gender, Occupation and Educational Qualification. There were 12 questions framed to accomplish the objectives of the study. The questionnaire was filled in by 50 respondents. The sample contained 25 architects, 11 Engineers, 6 Architect students, 2 doctorates and 6 others.

Data Analysis was done using Descriptive Data Statistics and Relative frequency Method such as Mean, Median, Mode, Standard Deviation, Skewness and percentage method. These measures helped the researcher in understanding the distribution and central tendency of the data, as well as its variability and shape. The percentage method provide more informative view, as it shows the distribution of categories as percentages.

5. DATA ANALYSIS

Table 5.1: Frequency Distribution of Key features, Awareness of Green building certification and Barriers and Challenges

Key Features of Green Buildings	
Water-saving fixtures and appliances	76%
Use of renewable energy sources (e.g., solar panels)	88%
Efficient insulation and windows for better thermal performance	66%
Indoor plants and green spaces	46%
Waste management and recycling practices	74%
Awareness of any green building certifications or rating systems	
LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)	74%
BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method)	32%
GRIHA (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment)	62%
Unaware	18%
The main barriers or challenges in implementing green building practices	
Higher upfront costs	50%
Lack of Awareness & education	76%
Limited availability of green building materials and technologies	38%
Resistance to change in traditional construction practices	48%
Insufficient government incentives and policies	52%

Source: Researcher's primary data

Table 5.2: Descriptive Data Statistics

Parameters	Mean	Median	Mode	Standard Deviation	Kurtosis	Skewness
Age	38.08	37.5	45	12.72	Min-19	Max-67
How familiar are you with the concept of green building?	4.48	5	5	0.89	8.07	-2.59
In your opinion, how important are green building practices for environmental sustainability?	4.82	5	5	0.48	7.18	-2.77
How important do you think green buildings are in reducing energy consumption?	4.54	5	5	1.03	6.58	-2.65
In your opinion, do green buildings have a significant impact on water conservation?	4.56	5	5	0.70	12.12	
Do you believe green buildings provide better indoor air quality compared to conventional buildings?	4.38	5	5	1.03	5.14	
Are you aware of any cost savings associated with green buildings (e.g., reduced energy bills, lower maintenance costs)?	4.42	5	5	0.95	5.77	
Do you feel Green Building practices will become more widespread in the future?	4.54	5	5	0.81	6.40	

Sources: Researcher's primary data

6. FINDINGS

6.1 Demographic analysis: The average mean in the dataset is 38.08 years suggests that the respondents generally fall within the middle-aged range indicating the typical age value of the data. The fact that the median and mode are close to the mean indicates a roughly symmetrical distribution. The mode of 45 suggests that the age value maximum respondents are of the age 45 years. The standard deviation of 12.72 indicates that the age value exhibits variability or dispersion around the mean age. In other words, it indicates a relatively wide range of ages among the respondents. The minimum age of respondent is 19 and the maximum age of respondents is 67 years. Out of 50 respondents 33 were male and 17 were females. The sample was generated for this study were 25 architects, 11 Engineers, 6 Architect students, 2 doctorates and 6 others. In the present study 60% of the respondents have either lived or worked in the green building.

6.2 Familiarity with green building: The average rating of 4.48 indicates a moderate level of familiarity with the concept of green building among the respondents. With a median and mode of 5, it suggests that a substantial number of participants are familiar with green building practices. The relatively low standard deviation of 0.89 indicates that most respondents' ratings were relatively close to the average, showing a moderate level of agreement. The negative skewness (-2.59) indicates that the distribution may be slightly skewed to the left and indicates that there is higher concentration of response towards the higher end of familiarity scale.

6.3 Importance of green building practices for environmental sustainability: The average rating of 4.82 suggests that the respondents generally consider green building practices as important for environmental sustainability. The fact that the median and mode are 5 indicates a high level of agreement among the respondents regarding the importance of green building practices. The low standard deviation of 0.48 suggests that the majority of participants shared similar opinions i.e. Relatively high level of agreement about the significance of green building practices for sustainability. The negative skewness (-2.77) indicates that the distribution may be slightly skewed to the left showing higher concentration of response towards the higher end of sustainability.

6.4 The key features of green buildings: With 88% of respondents identifying the use of renewable energy sources as a key feature of green building, it indicates a high level of recognition and support for clean and sustainable energy solution. Water-saving fixtures and appliances i.e 76% and Waste management and recycling practices i.e 74% also shows a strong and significant aspect of sustainable construction. 66%

suggest a notable recognition of the role of insulation & windows in reducing energy consumption, enhancing comfort, and minimizing heat loss or gain. Indoor plants and green spaces with 46 % is relatively low as compared to the other features, it still signifies a considerable proportion of respondents who appreciate the value of biophile design and positive indoor environments.

6.5 Awareness of any green building certifications or rating systems: The above results suggests that the most known certification or rating systems of green building is LEED with 74% , GRIHA is recognized by 62 % suggesting a relatively high level of awareness. BREEAM another well-known certification system is recognized by 32% showing a lower level of awareness. 18% of respondents were unaware of any certification or rating system.

6.6 The main barriers or challenges in implementing green building practices: The most commonly identified challenge is the Lack of awareness and education with 76% of the respondents. This highlights the need for increased awareness and education initiatives to improve understanding and knowledge about green building practices among different stakeholders, including homeowners, professionals, and policymakers. Insufficient government incentives and policies are considered a challenge by 52% of the respondents. This indicates a need for stronger governmental support in the form of incentives, regulations, and policies that encourage and facilitate the adoption of green building practices. Higher upfront costs associated with green building, with 50% of the respondents recognizing this as a barrier. This suggests that the initial investment required for implementing sustainable building practices is a significant concern for many stakeholders.

Resistance to change in traditional construction practices is recognized by 48% of the respondents as a barrier. This suggests that there may be reluctance or resistance from stakeholders to deviate from conventional construction methods and adopt sustainable practices.

Limited availability of green building materials and technologies is seen as a barrier by 38% of the respondents. This indicates a perceived challenge in accessing sustainable and eco-friendly construction materials, as well as advanced technologies required for green building implementation.

6.7 Importance of green buildings in reducing energy consumption: The average rating of 4.54 suggests that the respondents believe green buildings play a significant role in reducing energy consumption. The median and mode of 5 further support the notion that most participants perceive green buildings as important for energy

conservation. The standard deviation of 1.03 indicates some variability in the responses, suggesting differing levels of emphasis placed on energy reduction among the respondents. The negative skewness (-2.65) suggests a slight left skew in the distribution indicating a positive perception or belief in reducing energy consumption.

6.8 Impact of green buildings on water conservation: The average rating of 4.56 indicates that respondents generally believe green buildings have a notable impact on water conservation. The median and mode of 5 reflect a high level of agreement among the participants. The standard deviation of 0.70 suggests relatively consistent views among the respondents, with most recognizing the positive influence of green buildings on water conservation. The high positive kurtosis (12.12) suggests a relatively higher peaked distribution indicating potential variations in the responses and the presence of the outliers.

6.9 Indoor air quality in green buildings compared to conventional buildings: With an average rating of 4.38, respondents perceive green buildings as providing better indoor air quality compared to conventional buildings. The median and mode of 5 indicate that the majority of participants share this viewpoint. The standard deviation of 1.03 suggests some variation in the responses, reflecting differing opinions or levels of knowledge among the respondents.

Awareness of cost savings associated with green buildings: The average rating of 4.42 suggests that respondents have a moderate level of awareness regarding the cost savings associated with green buildings. The median and mode of 5 indicate that many participants are aware of the potential financial benefits. The standard deviation of 0.95 implies some variability in the responses, indicating differing levels of familiarity with the cost-saving aspects of green buildings.

6.10 Future prevalence of green building practices: Respondents generally believe that green building practices will become more widespread in the future, as indicated by the average rating of 4.54. The median and mode of 5 demonstrate a high level of agreement among the participants regarding the future prevalence of green building practices. The standard deviation of 0.81 suggests some variability in the responses, reflecting differing expectations or viewpoints among the respondents.

6.11 The key areas for further improvement or innovation in green building practices are suggested by 35 respondents.
The summary is as follows:

To make further improvements and innovations in green building practices , it is needed to first inculcate in society the importance of how green buildings function and how they are exponential better than other conventional building in saving energy and resources only then there will be seen a movement towards people accepting to build green buildings.

Awareness of the benefits should be inculcated to build the mind set of people so as to change their way of life. Knowledge and awareness is main key for improvement in green building practices. Awareness can be provided through newspaper advertisement, Seminars and conferences.
The designs of the building should be climate responsive.

Government laws, regulations, incentives and policies shall be modified or reconstruct making the green building system as mandatory rather than a choice. Transparency, vernacularism in certification criteria and necessity for better education systems should be made available. All buildings should be green irrespective of the certification

Government subsidy will encourage green building practices. Government should motivate population for architect's approvals for certification. Propaganda through government can also boost the concept of building green buildings.
Few factors should get compulsory through government body to implement on every built form like water conservation, use solar energy etc. which are cost effective and friendly to construct. Government should come with some policies based on construction and already constructed structure to implement basic factors with their support.

Manufacturing Companies can help to encourage green building practices by selling the raw materials in affordable prices and right material should be used. Introducing materials and practices at a more local level and by making it a main stream practice for smaller projects will have a greater impact on the improvement of green building. It should be made more accessible and affordable to all. Research can be the key driving force in the innovation of material. Precast/Rapid construction methods, terrace gardens, green construction material and mass production should be used.

More renewable energy sources, recycling system, waste management system, energy management system should be innovated and used further reducing waste, pollution and degradation. Such as Using small windmills so we can generate electricity at night also with no batteries required and flexible solar panels to be used with solar tracking

during day time .Also solar pump to fill water tanks during day time or peak solar power can be taken. Also during cloudy climate the number of mono-crystalline panels to be increased to have same output. Parking shed in buildings can be made of solar panels and small electric vehicle charging station can be developed and we can get charges from same to buy new batteries and maintenance cost will be zero for buildings. Also solar water heater can be used as human safety is highest priority.

Promoters, clients are required to be self-motivated to implement green practices.
The local skill that is the traditional building crafts should be developed. There is still a throw back of the mainstream availability of traditional, regional specific knowledge systems, hence creating a niche and high cost market for it.

Green building should be the part of core academics, not only theoretically but should teach to implement on ground level.

Overall, the data suggests that the respondents have a positive perception of green building practices. They express familiarity with the concept, believe in its importance for environmental sustainability, energy conservation, water conservation, indoor air quality, and anticipate its future growth. However, there are some variations in the responses, indicating differing levels of familiarity, awareness, or opinions among the participants.

7. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the research provides valuable insights into various aspects of green building practices and the perceptions of respondents. Here are the key findings and takeaways from the entire research:

7.1 Positive Perception: The respondents generally have a positive attitudes and perception of green building practices, recognizing their importance for environmental sustainability, energy conservation, water conservation, indoor air quality, and cost savings. Furthermore, the respondents strongly believe in the importance of green building practices for environmental sustainability. This indicates that they recognize the role of sustainable construction in mitigating environmental impacts and addressing climate change. The high level of agreement among the respondents regarding the importance of green building practices emphasizes a shared understanding and consensus on this matter.

7.2 Familiarity and Awareness: The respondents demonstrate a moderate level of familiarity with green building concepts, indicating that they possess a certain level of knowledge and understanding in this area. However, there is a need for further awareness and education to enhance understanding and knowledge about green building practices.

7.3 Key Features: The key features such as renewable energy sources, Water-saving fixtures and appliances, Waste management and recycling practices, Efficient insulation and windows for better thermal performance and Indoor plants and green spaces indicates strong emphasis on water conservation, importance of clean and sustainable energy generation, energy efficiency and reducing heating and cooling demands, reducing waste and promoting a circular economy and benefits of nature in indoor environment. Implementing these can contribute to the overall sustainability and environmental performance of the buildings.

7.4 Certification: There are number of respondents who are aware of each certification. Among them LEED is a widely recognized and established green building certification system, which may itself explain awareness level among the respondents. GRIHA, a green building rating system developed specifically for the Indian context suggest a relatively high level of awareness. The responses indicates a relatively high level of awareness indicating familiarity that aligns with the regional sustainability consideration. It is worth noting that few respondents reported unawareness highlighting an opportunity for further education and awareness building initiatives to enhance knowledge about these systems and their benefits.

7.5 Barriers and Challenges: The research identifies several barriers and challenges in implementing green building practices, including higher upfront costs, lack of awareness and education, limited availability of green building materials and technologies, resistance to change in traditional construction practices, and insufficient government incentives and policies. Addressing these challenges is crucial for the wider adoption of green building practices but not impossible. It can be done through targeted initiatives such as education and awareness campaigns, availability of sustainable materials, policy advocacy, and financial incentives, the adoption of green building practices can be further encouraged and facilitated.

7.6 Policy and Incentives: The research highlights the importance of supportive policies, incentives, and regulations to facilitate the implementation of green building practices. Governments and policymakers play a vital role in creating an enabling environment for sustainable construction.

The data also highlights the perceived benefits of green buildings in terms of energy conservation, water conservation, and indoor air quality. Respondents generally believe that green buildings have a significant positive impact in these areas, indicating that they recognize the potential of sustainable construction to address critical environmental challenges. This awareness is crucial in promoting sustainable development and ensuring the long-term well-being of both people and the planet.

Additionally, respondents demonstrate some level of awareness regarding the cost savings associated with green buildings. This suggests that they recognize the potential economic advantages, such as reduced energy bills and lower maintenance costs, which can contribute to the financial viability and attractiveness of green building projects.

Overall, the data suggests a promising level of recognition, acceptance and appreciation for green building practices. However, it is important to note that there are variations in responses, indicating that there is still room for further education and awareness-building initiatives. Continued efforts to promote the benefits of green building practices and address any knowledge gaps can further accelerate the adoption of sustainable construction methods and contribute to a more sustainable and resilient built environment. While there are challenges to overcome, such as cost barriers and the need for increased awareness, there is a strong foundation for promoting sustainable construction and achieving environmental goals. By addressing the identified challenges and leveraging the positive perceptions, green building practices can continue to gain momentum and contribute to become more prevalent in the construction industry. This anticipation reflects a belief in the potential of sustainable construction to drive positive change and contribute to a more sustainable and resilient built environment.

8. SUGGESTIONS

8.1. Educational Campaigns: Develop educational campaigns targeting various audiences, such as homeowners, architects, contractors, and policymakers. These campaigns can include workshops, webinars, and informational materials that explain the benefits of green building practices and provide practical guidance on their implementation.

8.2. Partnerships and Collaborations: Forge partnerships with local governments, industry associations, and educational institutions to jointly promote and support green building practices. Collaborate on awareness campaigns, training programs, and policy advocacy to create a unified approach towards sustainability in the built environment.

8.3. Certification and Rating Systems: the Government should inspire the adoption and recognition of green building certification systems. The authorities should also inspire building owners and developers to pursue green building certifications to exhibit their commitment to sustainability and gain market recognition.

8.4. Demonstration Projects: Support and showcase green building demonstration projects that serve as real-life examples of sustainable construction. These projects can be open to the public, allowing individuals to experience the benefits firsthand and understand the practical aspects of green building practices.

8.5. Incentives and Rebate Programs: Advocate for the implementation of financial incentives, tax breaks, or rebate programs that inspires the acceptance and implementation of green building practices. These incentives can offset the initial costs associated with sustainable construction and provide tangible benefits to individuals and organizations choosing to go green.

8.6. Training and Professional Development: Offer training programs and professional development opportunities for architects, engineers, contractors, and other building professionals. These programs can focus on building design, energy-efficient technologies, sustainable materials, and construction techniques, enabling professionals to enhance their knowledge and skills in green building practices.

8.7. Public-Private Partnerships: Foster collaborations between public and private entities to implement sustainable construction projects. These partnerships can involve joint investments, knowledge sharing, and leveraging each other's potentials to accelerate the implementation of green building practices and achieve mutual sustainability goals.

8.8. Research and Innovation: Allocate resources to research and innovation in green building technologies and materials. Support research institutions and industry partnerships to develop new solutions, improve existing technologies, and advance the overall sustainability performance of buildings.

8.9. Awareness through Media: Utilize various media platforms, including social media, websites, and traditional media channels, to disseminate information and raise awareness about green building practices. Engage with the public through informative articles, case studies, success stories, and interviews with industry experts to inspire and inform individuals about the benefits and importance of sustainable construction.

8.10. Policy Advocacy: Advocate the development and execution of supportive strategies, policies and regulations that encourage green building practices. Engage with policymakers, legislators, and industry associations to influence building codes, zoning ordinances, and financial frameworks in favor of sustainable construction.

By implementing these initiatives and strategies, it is possible to create a more sustainable built environment, raise awareness about green building practices, and drive the widespread adoption of sustainable construction methods

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