

# **Laurie Baker Centenary Celebrations**

*National Workshop on*  
**“Sustainable Rural Housing”**  
(23 - 24 September, 2016)  
(Sponsored by MoRD)



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The concerns of affordability, quality and sustainability will have to be addressed in order to achieve the goal of dignified living for all. Given the broad framework of shelter for all and the flexibility of the programme guidelines of Pradhan Manthri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), several state governments could come out with state specific schemes on rural housing during the recent past. In spite of the increase in unit of assistance by Govt. of India, top up financial support extended by different state governments, the construction and completion of rural houses remain a major challenge in the implementation of rural housing programmes. Further, the poverty levels of the poor and increase in cost of construction pushed the beneficiaries of rural housing programmes into the debt trap in order to complete the construction of houses. Adoption of cost-effective housing technologies is considered as one of the strategies for effective implementation of IAY as well as ensures the concept of Green Building in the emerging scenario of Sustainable Development. MoRD-UNDP project on Greening Rural Housing is one such intervention apart from the series of workshops on the adoption of cost-effective building technologies as part convergence under MGNREGS. Greening rural housing project has been initiated in Bihar, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Tripura and Orissa with the help of a few selected consultancy agencies, who have lot of experience in this field. The MoRD has identified A.P., Bihar, Odisha, U.P and West Bengal as IAY focused states for effective implementation of the programme and adoption of region specific cost effective housing technologies. Considering the experience of UNDP states and the need to adopt the same in IAY focused states, it is proposed to organize the present workshop. Further, the proposed workshop is expected to identify the possible strategies that can be adopted for effective usage of local resources and the building material.

### **Context**

The promotion of energy efficient and cost effective technologies is the need of the hour in the context of both achieving the National Mission of “ Shelter for All by 2022” and Sustainable Development goals. There are wide range of institutions such as scientific, government and non- government organizations actively involved in not only developing various appropriate technologies but associated with the transfer of the same in the larger context of people’s wellbeing. There are a few individuals who have dedicated their entire life in promoting these technologies. Laurie Baker’s is one such person, who has not only dedicated but also making these technologies as people’s architecture. Since, 2016 has coincided with his Birth Centenary Year and several institutions who are associated with sustainable housing technologies are organizing wide range of events to remember his contributions and provide value addition to facilitate the transfer of these technologies. NIRDPR also proposes to organize a National Workshop on “Sustainable Housing Technologies” to recollect his approaches and contributions to the people’s housing and rededicate our involvement in promoting them with a new set of strategies to integrate them with national state specific housing programmes.

The primary objective of the workshop is not only to remember the contributions of Laurie Baker but also to share and discuss to come out with suitable strategies for promoting these technologies in the context of PMAY-G and MGNREGS. The workshop will be held at NIRDPR, Hyderabad during 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The workshop will be attended by the representatives of all those institutions both government and non-government apart from several scientific institutions and individuals.

## Objectives

- To sensitize the participants on the life of Laurie Baker and his contributions to sustainable housing in India;
- To discuss various sustainable housing practices and the approaches fall in line with the Laurie Baker Technology / Architecture;
- To draw up the strategies for popularization of sustainable housing technologies.

## Content of the programme:

1. Laurie Baker philosophy / ideology
2. Laurie Baker and sustainable housing in India
3. Contributions of Laurie Baker to Indian architecture
4. Good practices of sustainable housing in India
5. Challenges of sustainable housing technologies
6. Way forward towards sustainable housing and development

## Workshop Methodology:

- Keynote address
- Presentation of Good practices
- Video presentations
- Interaction with good practitioners
- Visit to National Rural Building Centre at Rural Technology Park (RTP)
- Preparation of Action points

## Cientele:

Senior level Officials of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj departments, State Housing Boards and Housing Corporation, CEOs of Zilla Parishads, MGNREGS / PMAY-G officials of MoRD, representatives of HUDCO, NHB, BMTPC, CBRI, reputed NGOs and other Technology Institutions dealing with housing.

Shri. SM Vijayanand, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala and Shri. Amarjeet Sinha, Secretary, Rural Development, MoRD, GoI, New Delhi have agreed to participate the same.

## Venue

The workshop will be conducted at **NIRD&PR-Hyderabad**. The participants will be provided free board and lodging during the workshop period at NIRD&PR guesthouses. **The participation of Spouses** is not allowed as per NIRD&PR norms.

**Duration:** Two Days (23-24 September, 2016)

## **Nominations**

Nominations are expected to reach on or before 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 to:

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