



## CSE Media Briefing Workshop

# **Build Them 'Green'** Deconstructing the Building Sector in India

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### **Session 1: Why 'green' buildings?**

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Deepak Bhavsar is the managing director for strategic consulting in India's leading real estate research and consultancy organisation Jones Lang la Salle. Mr Bhavsar has over 19 years of experience in urban development including real estate. He has hands on experience in the fields of architecture, urban development and planning and real estate. Over the past decade he has been working specifically in the real estate sector spanning all the major markets in India and in the sectors covering retail, residential, industrial, SEZs, office and airports.  
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## Session 2: The regulatory realm

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## Session 3: Energising efficiency in buildings

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#### **Session 4: Economics of Affordable Housing**

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 B. R Balakrishnan is chairperson of Alchemy Urban Systems Pvt. Ltd. in Bengaluru. He is an architect and planner with over two decades of professional and academic experience in architecture and urban planning. Earlier, as an executive director of Environmental Planning Collaborative (EPC), Ahmedabad, Mr Balakrishnan led a team that planned the reconstruction of the town of Bhuj. He was the land use and physical planning expert in an international team commissioned by the World Bank to prepare a post disaster housing reconstruction handbook. He is currently providing guidance to a low income housing effort by a group of 5 NGOs in Bhuj.  
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