

STUDY ON 100% ENERGY EFFICIENT SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS

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Abstract

This paper addresses the approach to minimize the Energy consumption and the cost of house and it gives the comfort to the people living within. This can be achieved by proper design of the structure and use of renewable resources. Energy can be harnessed on site by use of solar for energy production which can be further stored for consumption in absence of daylight.

For achieving zero energy houses first we need to conserve energy at the time of construction and the execution then create energy by renewable resources. Hence the amount of energy required for proper working is created on site hence there is no need for any external source of energy. A zero energy home guarantees long term energy and cost stability for the homeowner. The aim of the present study is to develop an open-access, consistent database of both personified energy and carbon for construction materials.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The economic growth of the country or the state is generally due to the construction industry. This development generally consists of, infrastructure, residential, commercial, recreational and etc. the mostly used method of construction, is the conventional type. These are also called as concrete jungles which have many disadvantages such as deforestation, cutting the road side trees, air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution, etc. For curing the concrete a lot of water is wasted. The cement which is used in construction causes pollution at the time of its production it releases CO² and Greenhouse gases which further enhance the global warming.

The power generation which is eco-friendly by hydro-power plant but other plants such as thermal power plant and nuclear which create a lot of air pollution. The dumping of the waste pollutes the dumping land and the treatment of sewage generally pollutes the river.

Nowadays the cities are suffering from the shortage of water supply and the air pollution is increased. Delhi is said to be a dead air city where the pollution has gone beyond the safe limits. This directly affects the humans and they suffer from such serious health problems. Due to an increase in the global warming and the greenhouse effect there are seasonal shifts or climatic changes occur.

To overcome from such a problem the method of the construction should be changed by keeping in view that any activity would not affect the nature. To reduce the emission, carbon footprints the newly introduced technique is to make the house or building to produce the required energy and other means on site only. The air pollution can be reduced, No wastage of water, no waste product, etc. these types of house or building can help in saving the environment.

The building can produce electricity by the PV cell; during the rainy season the building can harvest the water which is charged to increase the water table. The waste water is used for gardening; the sewage is made into fertilizers by digesters so no waste product is produced. The materials used for construction are also the eco-friendly material which has enough strength to withstand the earthquake, and has a life of more than 80 years, so the goal of the building is to overcome the conventional techniques.

The 100 % efficient building was not really expected to take; the challenge was to minimize all the usage of the building and to minimize the waste to zero and other techniques and technology to make the efficient but all the requirements were fulfilled so this building was found out to be 100% efficient building.

By accepting these technologies and new methods of construction the problems related to the construction sector can be solved.

2. OBJECTIVES

To minimize the cost associated with building energy consumption is the first objective of zero energy building. The main purpose to study zero energy building concept is to understand energy saving and sustainable housing. The main objectives focused in the project are the benefits of energy efficiency in building, to understand the methodology used to determine the efficiency of ZEB, Therefore, the main aim of this study is:

1. Study the need of zero energy building concept.
2. Study of various techniques used to achieve zero energy building construction.
3. Study of materials used in the zero energy building construction.
4. Study and analysis of energy consumption by conventional method and zero energy method and check its suitability.

3. SCOPE OF STUDY

This paper will review some of the available efficiency promoting technologies as well as renewable energy generation technologies that can be utilized to construct zero net energy building. In addition the economic viability of zero energy buildings will be examined. A zero energy building focuses firstly on energy efficiency, and then on use of renewable energy sources on site. The study of zero energy building focuses on the need for this new concept and energy analysis of the building built by using this technique. It also deals with the advantages of adopting the zero energy building concept and its suitability in different regions.

4. LITERATURE REVIEW

1. “Redefining Net Zero Energy: Renewable Energy Balance in environmental building design”, Elsevier.

Author finds that development of a method to assess the Renewable Energy Balance of a building. He finds that these buildings encourage a high standard of sustainability by enhancing the use of renewable resources over the entire life cycle of the building from “formation-extraction-manufacturing” to “maintenance and operation”. He maximizes the use of renewable resource by replacing all non-renewable resources with renewable resources, thereby contributing to the overall sustainability of the geobiosphere.

2. “Bounded socio-technical experiments as agents of systemic change: The case of a zero-energy residential building”, Elsevier

The paper focuses on development of the methods to determine the maximum renewable energy potential for buildings. The author reveals the various forms and advantages of green energy construction. Author finds that the uses of renewable resources are more economical. Author focuses on use of new techniques of construction to

meet social needs. Participation by various professional groups who bring different perspectives to the process

3. “UNDERSTANDING ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS”, ASHRAE JOURNAL, SEPTEMBER 2006

The author suggests change on how buildings use energy, to the point of creating ZEBs in the coming years. He also stated that we all need to try to achieve this goal and help simplify decisions that are economically responsible, environmentally sound, aesthetically pleasing, and occupant friendly. He suggested that we need to work on how to create low-energy buildings. Constructing market-viable buildings that use significantly less energy is possible today.

5. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted for present study is to study the Zero energy concept, its need why it should be adopted and the advantages behind the study. The various techniques used for construction of such forms should be studied. The main aim behind this study is the use of renewable resources for energy production hence the energy should be harnessed on site with maximum efficiency. Thus, by replacing non-renewable resources with Renewable Substitutability with renewable resources over the building’s life-time, a state of Renewable Energy Balance is approached. The energy usage should be reduced by proper design of the structure. Energy saving appliances should be used for the efficient use of the energy.

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analysis is done on site data:

Site- Solar City, Ratnagiri.

This data will help to determine the research basis and direction. Reviews of other works from literature survey will become the backbone of this research. Comparison of Zero energy building with conventional building.

Time Reduction

Sr no	Conventional	ZEB
1	-	38.52%

Cost Reduction

Sr no	Parameter	Conventional	ZEB	% Reduction
1	Lighting	315 units/rs 2702.63	105 units/rs558.1	66.66
2	Cooling	32412.2 units/rs 27777.08	1051.2 units/rs9008.78	73.12

7. CONCLUSION

From above study we conclude that,

1. The zero energy concept has a wide scope in our industry hence it should be adopted globally.
2. It proves economical in long run though it has a moderately high initial cost.

3. It is totally self-dependent and requires zero maintenance and reduces energy bills.
4. It is not only benefic the consumer but also serves a helping hand for the environment and reduces the carbon footprints.

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