

**GRIHA National Conference &  
Exhibition on Green Building Materials and Technologies  
January 4, 2010**

**Summary**

The first edition of the Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) National Conference was organized by the GRIHA Secretariat with the support of TERI and the Ministry for New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, on 4 January 2010. The one-day conference was inaugurated by Dr Farooq Abdullah, Hon'able Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy. In the welcome address, Dr Pachauri announced the formal launch of the Association for Development and Research of Sustainable Habitats (ADaRSH), which shall be the GRIHA Secretariat. Secretary, MNRE gave his remarks and announced that the central government and all public sector undertakings under the central government shall, henceforth, construct all new buildings to achieve a minimum of GRIHA 3 Star standard. There were four technical sessions focusing on GRIHA rating system, sustainable buildings, sustainable habitat, and tools and techniques for designing sustainable buildings.

A parallel exhibition of green building products and technologies was set up in the *Charminar* lawns. TERI had set up four stalls showcasing GRIHA, TERI Technologies, TERI University, and TERI Press. There were 22 stalls in all which included products relevant to design and construction of green buildings like building performance simulation software, building envelope insulation, high-performance glass, eco-friendly paints, high albedo roof coatings, light pipes, drip irrigation systems, tree transplantation, low-cost eco-friendly housing for the shelter-less, and smart-wireless monitoring and control of urban utilities. The participants were very enthusiastic about attending GRIHA training programmes. The conference was attended by multiple stakeholders including architects, building design professionals, developers, manufacturers, and senior officials from government departments. Many companies and government

organizations, amongst other stakeholders, took a green pledge circulated by TERI and MNRE.



Dignitaries standing in front of the Green Building Pledge