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**Website on Green Buildings released on
Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas**

Dr. Farooq Abdullah launched Website on Green Buildings

Since 2004, 20th August – birth anniversary of our late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi is celebrated as Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas throughout the country. Large number of school children, students participates in various competitions, paintings organised by States/Uts.

On the occasion of Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas-2010, a new website on Green Buildings has been launched by Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy in New Delhi today. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has developed a Green Rating of Indian Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) in consultation with various stakeholders. The rating system is in harmony with NBC 2005, ECBC 2007 and other IS codes. This website imparts knowledge about the basic means of developing new/existing building into a green building. One of the main features of the website is to provide a virtual feel of the building that is to be designed, through use of relevant software.

Government of India has taken a decision that all new Government buildings will be constructed with minimum 3-star GRIHA rating. So far, 65 projects have been registered with ADaRSH, an independent society created by the Ministry for implementing green building programme. Out of these projects, 25 are from Government sector.

