



# INDIAN WIND POWER ASSOCIATION

## 1<sup>st</sup> International Wind Conference and Exhibition (WE20 by 2020) at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi February 11 and 12, 2010

The Association conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference (WE20 by 2020) at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on February 11 and 12, 2010. The event was a grand success and has lifted the Association to greater heights based on the feed back from various agencies. It was our maiden attempt and the results were more than expected. The high lights of the Conference are:

- a) Inauguration by the Hon. Minister for New and Renewable Energy Dr. Farooq Abdullah,



Fig. 1 Hon. Minister MNRE Dr. Farooq Abdullah inaugurating the International Conference flanked by Shri Shyam Saran and Shri K.Kasthurirangaian

- b) The Conference was graced by the presence of the following VIPs:
1. Shri Shyam Saran, Special Envoy on Nuclear and Climate Change Issues in the Prime Minister's Office
  2. Dr. Peter Hauge Madson, Head of Wind Resource Division, Riso National Laboratories, Denmark
  3. Shri B.K. Chaturvedi, Member, Planning Commission
  4. Shri Deepak Gupta, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Renewable Energy, Govt. of India
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- c) Eminent Speakers from International and Indian organisations in the field of Wind Energy
- d) Exhibition Stalls with latest technology equipments from the world over
- e) Enthusiastic participants of more than 300 in number

All the above factors have taken the Conference to the International Standards for which we thank all our members of the Association. Our special thank goes to our Chairman Sri K. Kasthurirangaian, National Council Members Sri Rajsekhar Budhavarapu and Dr. R. Venkatesh who worked tirelessly for months together for taking care of every minute details for success of the Conference .

Our Chairman utilized this opportunity to present to this high level forum the key issues that may change the Wind Energy Scenario of India to challenge the developed countries in terms of installation of wind mills. He mentioned in his welcome speech that wind which has already proved its worth needs to be encouraged in a big way by introduction of a uniform tariff of Rs. 4.25 per unit, improve evacuation facilities, uniform banking facilities across all the States and to treat the Wind Sector as a priority sector by financial institutions.

Considering the success of the international conference it has been decided to host this kind of event every year and the next International Conference is planned during the month of February 2011 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.