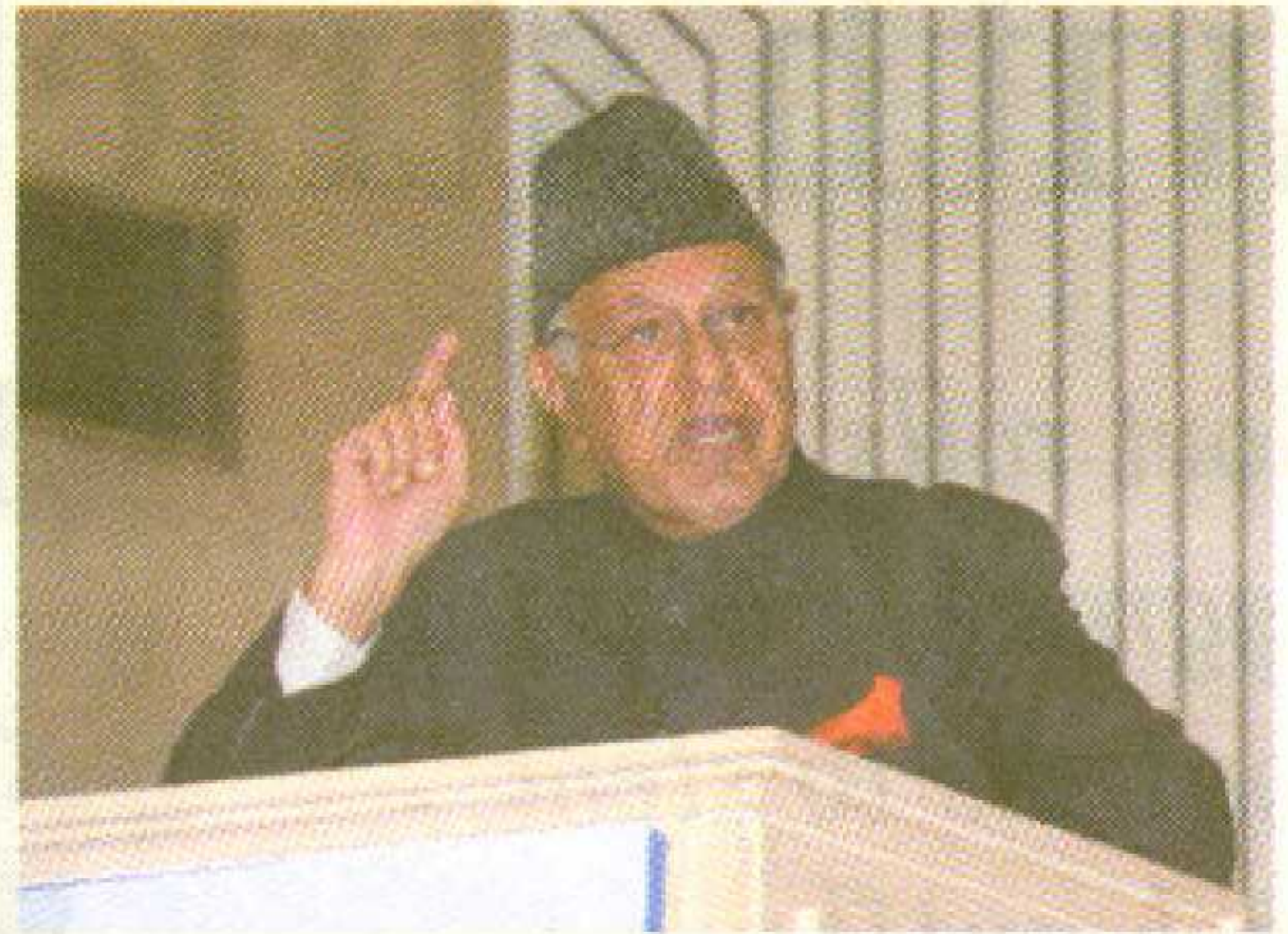




NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEN DESIGN (NCGD) 2013

The NCGD 2013 was inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee and graced by Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Hon'ble Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Government of India and Dr. R K Pachauri, Director General of TERI and President ADaRSH. Shri Mukherjee expressed his happiness over the fact that GRIHA is addressing challenges that impede implementation of sustainable habitats and urged States and Central Ministries "to promote creation of sustainable habitats all over the country, the GRIHA way". The President directed all "urban bodies to make certain aspects mandatory while introducing a set of incentives and disincentives to follow this approach".

Deliberations at the NCGD included Mr. Christopher Charles Benninger, Principal Architect, Christopher Charles Benninger Architects Pvt. Ltd.



Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Hon'ble Minister New and Renewable Energy addressing the gathering at the Inauguration Ceremony of NCGD 2013 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

stating that the building reinforces the belief that co-existence and responsible usage of natural resources are the only way to achieve sustainability. Mr. Klaus Bode, Co-Founder, BDSP Partnership, London, UK highlighted the importance of coordination between architects and engineers through various case studies including the velodrome design for the London Olympics. Mr. Sanjay Prakash, Managing Director, SHiFT showcased the sustainable habitat strategy for upcoming IIT Jodhpur that addresses the unique challenges faced by upcoming developments in the region.

Attended by over 700 professionals, the live webcast of the NCGD was appreciated as a tool for reducing environmental footprint of the conference.



Ms. Mili Majumdar, Director, Sustainable Habitat Division presenting a memento to noted actress Ms. Gul Panag