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for his old cook, who made the most

cooked in a Bengali way with a few bong
spices, was simply superb, as was the
bottle gourd. And the chicken a la Kiev

to go visit Brown Sahib one day. For
good food, I am ready to traverse the
earth.

Greener building blocks

MEET The Acreconf 2010 National Workshop

With almost 100 speakers, with four parallel sessions at a time, for two days, the fifth Acreconf 2010 National Workshop on the green building concept (to save electricity and water and protect nature), organised by Acreconf India recently, concluded at the Indian Habitat Centre. It happened to be the largest ever international conference held in Asia by the air-conditioning industry.

Inaugurated by Mathur of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, the confer-

ence-cum-seminar discussed sustainable development and how the construction industry, helps and supports the given concept of sustainable development. The participants being Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, the main focus rested upon how future buildings would help in sustaining the environment. The conference addressed the national need for maximum utilisation of our resources like energy, water and materials and aims to sustainable growth for India. The conference brought out solutions to reduce heat in the environment, hence reducing global warming. Methods were sug-

gested for rainwater harvesting and water conservation and also the reuse of water. Designing for the climate, where lower consumption of energy could be achieved by such architecture so that enough light and air comes into each room, among other measures, help keep the environs cool. Waste construction material, instead of being dumped, could be used to beautify the interiors or exteriors of a building.

"Global buildings are being made for people to provide them with a good environment, and every basic need of a building, from fire management to alternate energy; has been taken care of," said Ashish Rakheja, chairman, Acreconf 2010.

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