

## **First Hand Report on PEDES-2006 Conference**

International Conference on Power Electronics, Drives and Energy Systems for Industrial Growth-2006 (PEDES-2006) with PES, IAS, PELS & IES as Technical Cosponsors and IEEE Delhi Section, its PES-IAS Chapter and IIT Delhi as Cosponsors, was held from December 12 to 15, 2006 at IIT Delhi and WelcomHotel, New Delhi. For the first day having 3 tutorials, attendance was little less than hundred. Conference on following 3 days had 165 papers presented, one invited talk every day, besides inauguration by eminent educationist Prof. Chandra Sekhar Jha and a concluding panel discussion. Amidst participation of about 150 registered delegates (as against 200 plus actually registered) consisting of general ones, authors and from 4 exhibitors, there were as many as 40 technical sessions with 4 held at a time. Authors came from North America, Europe and other Asian countries, besides from different parts of India. However, majority of them were from academia. Revival of PEDES Conference kindled the hope of holding it at regular interval with focus on advances in Electric Motor Drives, Control, Application of Power Electronics, Conservation of Energy, etc.