

# Advit Foundation signs Contract with HREDA to run RGREP, Gurgaon

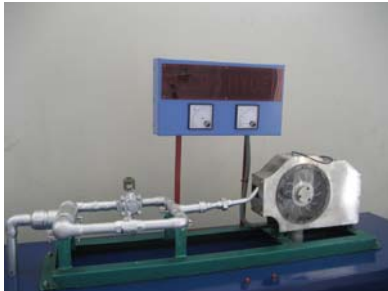
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The Haryana Renewable Energy Development Agency (HAREDA) has signed a management contract with Advit Foundation for running the Rajiv Gandhi Renewable Energy Park in Gurgaon.

HAREDA director Sumita Misra said the state-level renewable energy park had been set up by the Department of Renewable Energy, Haryana, and HAREDA at City Centre in Sector 29, Gurgaon, at a cost of Rs 2.5 crore.



"The underlying idea behind the concept is to create awareness among the masses about the new technologies developed in the area of renewable energy, demonstrate the working of these technologies through working models and to educate students about renewable energy sources, energy conservation technologies and their socio-environmental benefits," she said, adding that the Park had been set up with a financial assistance of Rs 72.66 lakh from the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.



Misra said the park had working models of various renewable energy sources and energy-generating devices. "The most attractive feature of the park is that its buildings have been constructed with solar-passive design concepts and green roofs, which will keep these cool in the summer and warm in the winter," she maintained.

The park also has an energy information centre (EIC), the first such centre in the country, to provide advisory services to the public. For this, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Union Ministry of Power, has provided a financial assistance of Rs 7.3 lakh while the Government of France has given the technical support.

Entry to the energy park would be free of cost. However, to make itself sustainable, a canteen will be run on the park premises and some activities like solar car rides and movie shows would be run on a ticket basis.

In addition to this, specific target-oriented workshops and seminars would be organized in the park, which would act as an information centre and nodal point for various renewable energy and energy conservation devices. Misra appealed to the people to visit the park and avail the benefits of the facilities provided therein.





About their future plans after signing the contract, Charu Jain, director, Advit Foundation, asserted that the promotion of renewable energy and energy conservation was the need of the hour and the foundation was committed to making the venture a success.

"We have planned a variety of activities to be undertaken at the park, which include musical programmes on issues like renewable energy, energy conservation and global warming on a regular basis, regular interactive programmes and competitions, solar cooker-based food festivals, exhibitions of books and renewable energy/energy conservation devices and sale of related gift items," she maintained.