

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
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Press Release

Inauguration of Rooftop Solar Power Plant

Chandigarh 3rd October 2017: A 70 kWp Rooftop Solar Power Plant was inaugurated today at Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 38 (West), Chandigarh by Sh. Siddhanta Das, IFS, Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India.

While interacting during the event Sh. Siddhanta Das appreciated the efforts taken by UT Administration in developing Chandigarh as a Model Solar City. He appreciated the lead taken by Chandigarh in installing Solar Rooftop Plants on Govt. buildings but desired that in future more emphasis shall be given to promote its use by Private individual as well on their rooftop. After that the Chief Guest took a round of the school and inspected the Herbal Garden & Science park in the school campus and also the appreciated greenery maintained school management in collaboration with Forest department.

Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, CCF & Director (Science & Technology & Renewable Energy), UT, Chandigarh informed the gathering that 70 kWp Rooftop SPV Power Plant has been installed by CREST (Chandigarh Renewable Energy, Science & Technology Promotion Society) with 30% CFA from Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Govt. of India. The total cost of the Project is Rs.68.26 Lac which includes operation & maintenance charge for 10 years. M/s C & S Electric Ltd., New Delhi is the contracting firm who has installed this Solar Power Plant. The Plant shall be able to generate 91,000 kWh (units) per year. He further informed that this Plant is able to generate 0.091 MU of Solar Energy per year, which is equivalent to reduction of 62.79 metric ton of CO₂ and in turn equivalent to planting of 6806 trees per year, and hence a remarkable initiative under Climate Change Action Plan.

The function was also attended by Sh. C.D. Singh, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Regional office of MOEF, GOI, Sh. T.C. Nautiyal, IFS, Conservator of Forests, and other senior officials of Chandigarh Administration.

After that Chief Guest visited Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary and Botanical Garden, Sarangpur and appreciated the measures taken by Forest Department. He also visited Nagar Van behind Sukhna Lake which is being created under 'Nagar Van Yojana' of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and took round of measures taken

by Forest department in developing Nagar Van behind Sukhna Lake and appreciated the efforts of the Department of Forests, UT Chandigarh specially the cleaning/improvement of sewage water coming from Kansal in forest area by creating a Oxidation Pond and other natural measures.