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Press Release

Solar Power Awareness Camp

Chandigarh 13th December 2017: To popularize ‘Solar Chandigarh Campaign’, a ‘Solar Power Awareness Camp’ was organized today by Chandigarh Renewable Energy Science and Technology Promotion Society (CREST), Chandigarh Senior Citizens Association, Sector 18 & Yuvsatta-an NGO at Community Centre of Sector 18D, Chandigarh. Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS, CEO, CREST and Director, Department of Science & Technology was the Chief Guest and manufactures of solar power systems and around 150 residents of the area participated in the event.

Welcoming the prominent guests Col. HS Saroa (Retd.), President of Chandigarh Senior Citizens Association, Sector 18, shared his happiness on behalf of the association that the nodal Departments of Science and Technology and Chandigarh, Renewable Energy Science and Technology Promotion Society (CREST), facilitated this informative initiative. He further ensured that in their Sector, they will do their best to promote this campaign for a ‘Solar Chandigarh-Green Chandigarh’, house to house.

Addressing the gathering Sh. Santosh Kumar, IFS said that Chandigarh Administration has already framed by laws for Installation of solar rooftop power plants (SPV) making it compulsory on all residential buildings of one Kanal and above. The last date to comply with the same is May 17, 2018. But to motivate people to adopt this green technology and ‘Go Solar’ on their own, they are going to different localities of the city. He further added that the solar power generated can be used to run appliances such as fans, lights and even air

conditioners. And after the power generated is used by a consumer, the remaining electricity can be sent to the grid.

He also shared that Chandigarh is designated as a model solar city by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). And central government has set a target of installing 50MW rooftop solar power plants in Chandigarh by 2022 and 10% of the same is already achieved by installing rooftop solar photovoltaic plants on over 145 government buildings. Now, Chandigarh administration is eager to facilitate the proliferation of solar rooftop photovoltaic projects in the domestic and commercial consumer category as well.

On the occasion manufacturers of 'Solar Power Systems' also addressed the queries of residents on easy installation and quick access to loans from banks.