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Green Ring Project in Gurgaon elicits positive response

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The first step towards making Gurgaon green by various groups including developers, consumers, policymakers, city councilors and the government kickstarted in the millennium city today. The HUDA City Centre Green 'Ring' Project, held at the Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Park between 2-4 pm saw all the participant groups engage in an interactive session on 'how to make Gurgaon a greener city'.

The forum acted as a platform for developers and councilors to pose the challenges they face while adapting alternate energy sources. Government representatives addressed the grievances and promised to take up the issues separately with the concerned authorities.

Some of the issues raised by developers included the mandatory obligations related to the amount of solar water that can be used per floor. This, the meet threw up, posed as a major challenge for the multi-storey apartments where the floors are more than G+4. Another challenge that individual developers faced was the lack of land to install solar power plants as the space allotted is fixed. This, in turn, pushed them to spread out their green agenda across towers and plotted layouts.

HUDA administrator, Dr Praveen Kumar, said that for the generation of solar energy, battery, storage and maintenance becomes a costly affair, however, he stated how collective action could bring economies of scale. In a positive move, Dr Kumar said that HUDA was keen to facilitate collaboration. "In the civic domain, charitable organizations are allowed a subsidy of 90%," he informed.

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and the BNL of the US Department of Energy were the participants at the inaugural meeting. Advit Foundation was the technical partner and Magicbricks.com, the online communications partner.

The developer body representatives included Ravi Saund, COO, CHD Developers, Praveen Raheja, Director (Services) of Raheja Developers, Vikas Gupta, Joint MD, Earth Infrastructure, Deepak Uppal, Executive Director, Vatika Hospitality, D K Mandal, President, ILD and Rajesh Kumar, Senior Vice President, Projects of Central Park.

What has started as a positive move in the implementation of eco-friendly methods might still be in its nascent stage, but the meet, as many industry stalwarts observed, has already started the ball rolling.

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