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## Gurgaon to get a Green Ring

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GURGAON: The city will soon become a solar campus and will have all the significant areas lit up through solar energy, if the Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA) gives its nod to the Green Ring project. The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the United States Department of Energy are assisting Advit foundation (in association with the Times Group) in making this possible.

On Monday, eminent members of the community and government held a meeting at the Rajiv Gandhi Renewable Energy Park in Leisure Valley to discuss solutions to run various renewable energies successfully. "I will get solar panels installed in the city, especially in police stations and residential areas," said Praveen Kumar, administrator, HUDA.

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The Green Ring project will concentrate on the use of solar power for lighting common areas; adding greenery to the neighbourhood; waste management through composting; retrofitting existing structures; using green technology in new constructions and energy-efficient water pumping. "Renewable energy is for households and new constructions. It is not confined to the government, rather it should be a part of the action plan of all builders and architects," said Dr A K Tripathi, director, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

This project will first be tried in the pilot sample areas, 1km from HUDA City Centre to Golf Extension Road and from Sohna Road to Golf Course Road.

This is the first time that solar energy will be used to light up the common areas of the city. "Gurgaon has been selected for this pilot test as it is already a solar city," said Jayashree Kurup, head, content and research, Times Business Solutions limited.

Citing the issues of space, lack of advanced technology and price, developers said that the installation of such a system can be taken care of in new projects. However, many real estate developers raised their grievances regarding the existing buildings and the consequences of the implementation of this system.

"Whatever is feasible should be implemented. We invested Rs 1,000 crore in three highrise buildings and are ready to launch it for almost three years, but cannot due to the new rules that are being implemented regarding renewable energy," said Praveen Raheja, director, Raheja Developers.

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It's a good idea & project which can change the scenario in regards to electricity supply & lighted area. Most of the housing societies in Gurgaon can afford this project at their top roofs thus can reduce the demand of power. In the same way, the HUDA bosses can examine the use of land adjacent to city roads kept as green belts lying unused when car parking has become a menace by parking on roads.