



Vidya School to generate power through solar energy

Gurugram, India, August 26, 2019: A 51.2 kW solar-rooftop system was inaugurated at Vidya School, Gurugram, today. The system was installed by ReNew Power, India's leading renewable energy company. The project, undertaken by ReNew as a part of its 'Lighting Lives' CSR initiative, will allow Vidya School to generate electricity for its own consumption, using solar radiation.

The solar rooftop installation will provide electricity to the school complex and will help Vidya School save Rs 5 lakh every year in electricity bills. The school plans to use the savings for scholarships and financial assistance to its students. Vidya School provides education to around 1100 students from the underprivileged sections of the society.

The 'Lighting Lives' initiative is one of the flagship CSR programmes of ReNew Power, aimed at providing electricity solutions free of cost and through clean energy technology, to educational institutions across the country.

Commenting on the 'Lighting Lives' initiative Vaishali Nigam Sinha, Chief Sustainability, CSR and Communication officer said: "We are proud to do our bit in helping transform energy usage through access to clean energy. Through this project, not only is there a positive impact on the environment due to carbon emission mitigation, but the young students of the school are also sensitized towards issues of climate change, and are propelled to become active ambassadors of clean energy and sustainability".

After the inauguration of the rooftop solar plant students of Vidya School took a pledge on following a sustainable lifestyle.

Talking about the initiative, Rashmi Misra founder of Vidya School said: "We are delighted at this partnership with ReNew Power and we expect that this is another step forward in becoming an environment friendly school. A Green school is a school that creates a healthy environment, conducive to learning, while saving energy, environmental resources and money."

ReNew has already electrified 21 government schools across the country, which were not even getting 2 hours of electricity. All the schools have been electrified using solar energy. ReNew is looking to expand the initiative to light up 500 schools over the next 10 years across India and is partnering with various state governments to light up schools in those areas which are power deficient.

About Vidya School

VIDYA with its remarkable journey of 33 years is a registered not-for-profit organization working for the education, empowerment, and transformation of less privileged children, youth and women through micro-level intervention. VIDYA was founded in 1985 by Rashmi Misra, who taught a class of five girls at her home on the campus of IIT Delhi, which turned out to be the start of a movement. In the past three decades, VIDYA has impacted over 3,75,000 people with a presence in 5 metropolitan cities (Delhi, Gurgaon, Bangalore, Mumbai & Pune) and 78 successful projects across the country. VIDYA's underlying philosophy is to build the leaders and responsible citizens of tomorrow while believing that less-privileged students should have access to the same quality of education available at the country's best schools, The VIDYA School, Gurugram was established in 2009 with a vision to provide 1000+ underprivileged children high-quality education, with the infrastructure and facilities on par with some of the best public schools in the city. The award-winning CBSE accredited K-12 school is an English-medium school with IT-enabled classrooms, well-equipped libraries, a robotics lab, an English Language digital learning lab, and sports facilities offer education and facilities on par with the nation's most elite schools."

About ReNew Power

ReNew Power Limited is India's largest renewable energy IPP (Independent Power Producer) in terms of total energy generation capacity. As of June 2019, ReNew had a total capacity of over 8 GW of wind and solar power assets across the country, including commissioned and under development projects. It develops, builds, owns and operates utility scale wind and solar energy projects as well as distributed solar energy projects that generate energy for commercial and industrial customers. ReNew has a strong track record of organic and inorganic growth having nearly doubled its operational capacity in each of the last three Fiscal Years. ReNew's broad base of equity investors include Goldman Sachs, JERA, ADIA, CPPIB, and GEF SACEF India.

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