

**Press Release: Haryana Chief Minister’s Visit to Rajiv Gandhi Renewable Energy Park (RGREP) Gurgaon, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

To mark the occasion of Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas and in order to promote Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Gurgaon the **Honorable Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri. Bhupinder Singh Hooda**, visited the Rajiv Gandhi Renewable Energy Park (RGREP), the Energy Centre, Gurgaon. The Deputy Commissioner of Gurgaon Shri. Rajender Kataria, the MCG Commissioner Shri. Rajesh Khullar, HUDA Administrator Shri. Nitin Yadav, the Director, HAREDA Smt. Sumita Misra and other Government officials accompanied the Chief Minister.

Celebrated on August 20<sup>th</sup> every year since 2004, the “Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas” is a far reaching awareness campaign about the developments of Renewable Energy in our country. The day commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and visionary leader Shri. Rajiv Gandhi, as he was a keen enthusiast of scientific advancements that would enable India to leap into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. A number of awareness drives are organized on this day every year in terms of mass rallies, formation of human chains, essay, quiz, slogan-writing and painting competitions, and debates, seminars and group discussions with Renewable Energy as the theme.



Deputy Commissioner Shri. Rajender Kataria with Charu Jain, Director, Advit Foundation



Charu Jain and Bhavesh Swami of Advit Foundation interacting with the Chief Minister

The Chief Minister and all the other delegates took a tour of the Energy Centre and were intrigued by the various Renewable Energy based models, quizzes and games housed at the Centre. Shri. Bhavesh Swami, Manager of the Centre, talked about the initiatives being taken by the Centre towards promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. *“Till date over 1500 school students have visited the Centre and have been sensitized on Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Climate Change, thereby promoting the idea of a Green Gurgaon”*, stressed Bhavesh. The Chief

Minister, Shri. Hooda was impressed with the Centre, which is reflected from his comments in the RGREP visitor book, *“Very well done. I am very happy to see the concept of this Centre and it being named after late Shri. Rajiv Gandhi ji. Such initiatives are the need of the hour and the future of humanity. I wish all success.”*

### **Rajiv Gandhi Renewable Energy Park (RGREP)**

– **the Energy Centre**, managed by Advit Foundation, works towards promoting the use of renewable energy sources. It is a first of its kind venture where the Government has outsourced its functioning to an NGO. The Rs. 2-Crore centre houses a variety of Renewable Energy models and solar power based products and works actively towards promotion of Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Climate Change mitigation (carbon neutral options) and environment friendly technologies. The Energy Centre is Gurgaon’s first “Off Grid” building and runs entirely on electricity produced from solar energy. The building is solar passive and demonstrates several green architecture features.

**Advit Foundation**, a not for profit organization, works with the people towards environment conservation. It aims to promote conservation measures that would enhance livelihood and facilitate society to move along the positive path of resource efficiency. Advit’s team members strive towards overcoming several myriad complexities of environment and health by working with the local rural population and industrial workers imparting them innovative skills and educating them on occupational health and safety standards. Advit looks forward to your support in this endeavour.

To view and download pictures of the event, click [here](#).

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Smt. Sumita Misra and Charu Jain in discussion

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