

Hartek Power enters Chandigarh's rooftop solar segment, executes city's First project in Commercial Category

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Chandigarh, June 1, 2016: Foraying into Chandigarh's rooftop solar segment, Hartek Power Pvt Ltd, one of India's fastest growing Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) companies based in Chandigarh with expertise in executing rooftop solar and high-voltage substation turnkey projects, has successfully executed the city's very first solar project in the commercial category at Chandigarh Technology Park in Kishangarh.

This 436-kWp project is the largest solar PV project to be commissioned in Chandigarh after the ones at Punjab Engineering College, Sector 12 (1,000 kWp) and Government College for Girls, Sector 11 (495 kWp), taking Chandigarh a step closer to becoming a "Model Solar City".

While the Chandigarh Renewable Energy Science and Technology Promotion Society (CREST) has helped Chandigarh emerge as India's Number 1 city in state intervention models for solar power generation by installing solar PV projects to the tune of 6.53 MW on the rooftops of 134 government buildings in the city (as on March 31), it is for the first time that CREST has achieved success in the private intervention area with the completion of this project, thus setting the pace for much-needed capacity additions in the commercial category.

The scope of work of the project included installation of solar panels and inverters, supply, design and engineering. The project was allotted in February.

Hailing the achievement, **Hartek Power Chairman and Managing Director Hartek Singh** said, “Having forayed into the rooftop solar segment only recently, we have installed more than 3-MW solar PV projects already and are in the process of completing another 10 MW in Punjab. The seamless execution of our first rooftop project in Chandigarh is a result of some great teamwork, and this is just the beginning. Rooftop solar installations will witness massive growth in times to come as this renewable source of energy will lead to sustainability and a clean future.”

Hartek Singh said that since lack of funds is a major constraint in the way of achieving the city’s revised target of 100 MW by 2022, private participation should be encouraged to give a push to solar power generation in the high-potential residential and commercial segments. “With attractive power purchase prices in place, a lot more can be done to attract private investments to complement the State intervention model,” he said. Planning to enter the residential segment with its solar solutions, Hartek Power also specialises in connecting solar projects to the grid.

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