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## IIT-B inaugurates solar power plant

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MUMBAI: Taking its Green Campus initiative ahead, the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, on Tuesday, inaugurated rooftop solar photo voltaic power plant, which can generate one megawatt of power.

The plant, atop the institute's academic building, was inaugurated by Satish Agnihotri, secretary of the Central ministry of new and renewable energy.

"I commend IIT-B for the initiative. The institute should start looking at other sources of energy, such as bio-gas, and should share its best practices with other institutions," said Agnihotri.

With Tuesday's launch, the



The first phase was inaugurated on Tuesday by Satish Agnihotri, secretary, ministry of new and renewable energy. PRAFUL GANGURDE

first phase of the installation is complete. The entire plant is likely to be ready by March 2014. The plant will occupy approximately 12,000 sq m, spread across rooftops of 16 academic buildings, and will supply up to 50% of peak load demand of the buildings. When the project is complete, several classrooms too will be solar-powered.

The plant is expected to pro-

duce around 1.45 million units of energy annually.

"Our labs account for most of the power consumption during the day. With more sophisticated equipment and labs coming up, our electricity consumption is going to increase. We see a great potential in solar energy to meet our growing requirements," said Devang Khakhar, director, IIT-B. "The plant will enable us to reduce our electricity bills by 5%. We expect to recover the investment on this venture in five years," said Khakar.

In 2009, IIT-B began its Green Campus initiative, under which it is working towards a environment sustainability, through rainwater harvesting and a vermiculture plant, among others.

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# GE arm, IIT-M to address child health, cancer needs

GE Healthcare, the \$18-billion healthcare business of General Electric, on Tuesday entered into a three-year collaborative R&D agreement with the Healthcare Technology Innovation Centre (HTIC), a multidisciplinary R&D centre of IIT Madras for innovating a range of disruptive, affordable healthcare solutions. This agreement will address the unmet and needs in the areas of mother and child health, cardiology and cancer, the company said. GE will provide a grant of ₹75 lakh to HTIC towards R&D of these disruptive solutions that can benefit all emerging markets.

#### IIT Madras to set up Cancer Tissue Biobank for research

NEW DELHI: In a bid to improve the research on cancer in India, the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras will set up a Cancer Tissue Biobank - a unique, first of its kind community based venture. This tissue biobank will be a collaborative effort between the department of science and technology, Government of India and IIT Madras. Making this announcement on Tuesday, Prof S Mahalingam of the department of biotechnology, IIT Madras, who is spearheading the project told HT: "This is a community tissue bank and will seek consent from the patient who would be donating the tissue. said, the project aims to attract voluntary contribution of cancer tissues by individual patients and treating doctors/institutions.

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### 'VC not only Padma Shri winner this yr'

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New Delhi: A section of teachers in Delhi University expressed their resentment as vice-chancellor Dinesh Singh took all the limelight on the university's website after winning the Padma Shri. He is not the only Padma Shri recipient from the university this year. Two other academics from the university are also in the list and another recipient has been a visiting scholar in south campus but their names have not been mentioned on the site.

The website's homepage prominently displayed the news with Singh's picture stating "Padma Shri awarded to

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prof Dinesh Singh, vice chancellor, University of Delhi" and congratulated him for receiving the prestigious honour.

However, the other two academics from the university – Dr Mahesh Verma, principal, Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, which is affiliated to DU, and professor Rehana Khatoon from the department of Persian—have found no place in the website. According to a post in a DU teachers' social mediagroup, another recipient, Keki N Daruwalla, who has been awarded for his distinguished service had been a visiting scholar at the university.

"The honour has been given to about 100 people, three from DU, but seems like the administration is obsessed with one person. Delhi University's website prominently says 'Padma Shri awarded to Singh' but does not mention anything about two other recipients of Padma Shri who are from Delhi University," a teacher said.