**Mullti-Club India Power Play: Needham Teams Up with Framingham, Newton, Waltham and Watertown on Solar-Power Project**

The **Rotary Clubs of Needham, Framingham, Newton, Waltham and Watertown** have partnered to fund a **$6,000 solar-power project** for **Film Nagar High School** in **Hyerabad, India**. The host club there is the **Rotary Club of Jubilee Hills**, in District 3150. Needham paid $3,000 of the $6,000 - $1,500 of which should come back as District Grant match. Watertown, Waltham, Newton and Framingham paid $500 each.

Shown, left: Two of the three banks of photovoltaic panels at Film Nagar High School

**“**It truly is our honor and pleasure to work with these fantastic Rotarians to provide electric power for thousands of students to this ‘government ‘ school for over 25 years,” states **Ted Shaughnessy**, president of Needham Rotary. “We hope to do more Rotary grants with them. We loved having four other District 7910 clubs join us, too.”

Shown, left to right: **Raghava Rao,** past president of Jubilee Hills Rotary, and **Sanjay Deshpande**, chair of our District Foundation Committee, posing with the project’s commemoration sign

The installation of the photovoltaic system was completed in November. In the first billing period after installation and grid connection, the PV system **reduced the power bill** by **more than 80 percent**. In the **next two billing periods,** the PV system was expected to **reduce the power bill** to **zero**. During the **summer months**, the bill will see a **reduction of 70 to 80 percent**.

Shown: District 3150 Governor **Anne** **Ratna Prabhakar** (middle), his wife, **Siva Ratna Prabhakar** (left), and Jubilee Hills President **Usha Rani** (right)

The host club, Jubilee Hills Rotary, “has managed the project in an outstanding manner and has very admirably supported earlier projects at the same school.” Ted reports. “This is a good foundation for a future Global Grant project covering multiple schools.”

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* **Framingham Rotary**, [click here](http://www.framinghamrotary.org/)
* **Jubilee Hills Rotary**, [click here](http://www.rotaryjh.org/)
* **Needham Rotary,** [click here](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3694)
* **Newton Rotary**, [click here](http://newtonrotaryclub.com/)
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