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Rockwell Industries' factory in Medchal gets Platinum rating

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Rockwell Industries MD Ashok K.Gupta & M.Anand, Principal Counsellor, IGBC Accredited Professional, displaying the Platinum rating shield in Hyderabad on Wednesday. Photo: N. Ravi Kumar

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Cold chain equipment manufacturer Rockwell Industries' new facility in Medchal, near Hyderabad, has achieved platinum rating standards of IGBC (Indian Green Building Council) for factory buildings.

The parameters for which it got the highest rating certification range from energy and water consumption, green energy generation, providing green landscape to using re-used materials.

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Senior executives of Rockwell, led by Managing Director Ashok K. Gupta, at a press meet here on Wednesday, said that the facility was the first in its category across the country to receive the Platinum rating. "The new facility of Rockwell proves that factory buildings in Indian sub-continent can be made green by carefully working during design and construction stages," explained Mr.Gupta.

Set up at a cost of Rs.28 crore, the company has incurred an incremental eight per cent cost towards the green parameters. In less than two years, it could recover the cost, said Mr.Anand. Manufacturing operations at the 45,000 sq ft facility began about a year ago.

Counting the green initiatives, he said that Rockwell had set up a 100-kilowatt roof-top (on-site) solar PV and a 1.5 mw windmill (off-site renewable energy generation) in Madhya Pradesh.

Towards reducing energy consumption and costs measures such as reflective roof coating, minimising lighting energy consumption by maximising use of daylight, provision of efficient LED and CFL fixtures have been made. Ultra low flow flush fixtures and 100 per cent rain water harvesting are some other features of the new facility.

A release from Rockwell said that the company received the green rating certificate on Monday from Telangana IT and Panchayati Raj Minister K.T.Rama Rao during the launch of Swachh Digital Telangana programme.

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