

RAMESWARAM SOLAR MISSION



Kalam's solar power dream takes shape

"Solar Power Project-Rameswaram, an initiative launched by former President Dr. APJ. Abdul Kalam to provide green energy to his hometown, has gained momentum with Rotary International and Rotary Foundation providing solar power to 12 public schools in the island at a cost of Rs. 47.65 lakh.

Supported by Us-based physician Vijayaraghavan, a

friend of Kalam, heading 'We Serve,' a voluntary organisation, the Rotary Club of Lexington and six other Rotary Clubs in the US has extended support to the mission by providing financial assistance. The 12 schools, which received solar power, included Mandapam Union School, in which Kalam had primary education.

Former Central Bureau of Investigation Director D.R. Karthikeyan, who had associated with Kalam and supported his Vision 2020 mission, inaugurated the ambitious project here. It was the dream of Kalam to provide green power to the island and the initiative launched by the Rotary International would go a long way in addressing the power needs of all the schools and fishing hamlets in the village, he said.