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## Gandhi Peace Park and Solar Garden at UN Headquarters

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During the United Nations Climate Summit, the Prime Minister of India also inaugurated the **Gandhi Solar Park and Gandhi Peace Garden** at the headquarters of the **United Nations**.

- This underlines the importance of **Gandhiji's principles as a moral compass** for the world which grapples with challenges of climate change, terrorism, and corruption.
- On the occasion, **a special UN Postage stamp on Gandhi's 150 years** was also released.

### Gandhi Solar Park

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- It is a **first of its kind symbolic Indian effort** at the **UN** that highlights India's willingness to go beyond the talk on climate change and climate action.
- At a contribution of about USD 1 million, India has gifted solar panels that have been installed on the roof of the UN Headquarters, **one panel each for every 193 UN member states**.
- The solar panels are powered up to reach the **max of 50 KW** of generation power.
- Energy generated in the park is equivalent to the energy that would have been created through the use of 30,000 kilograms of coal.

### Gandhi Peace Garden

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- It is an innovative initiative under which the Consulate-General of India in New York, Long Island-based NGO Shanti Fund and the State University of New York-Old Westbury have entered into an agreement **to plant 150 trees**.
- It is a **crowd-sourced project**, with people adopting trees in the memory of their loved ones.
- The garden is in an open site within the **600-acre campus** of the university.

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