

## Prasanto K Roy and The Capital's first **Green Home** : *Green One*



**Prasanto K Roy**

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Prasanto K Roy is a media and digital consultant who writes and speaks on technology, digital and green issues. He is head of media services for Trivone Digital Services. A tech journalist for over two decades, he was president and chief editor at CyberMedia for over ten years. He writes for IANS, BBC News, Al-Jazeera India, et al, and is a tech expert on shows for NDTV, CNN-IBN, Headlines Today and others. He's a jury member for various tech juries for NDTV, CyberMedia, Nasscom, DEF's mBillionth, and others. His South Delhi home **Green One** is **India's first TERI GRIHA green home. Roy is a physics major from St Stephen's, Delhi.**



**Prasanto Roy redesigned his ancestral house in CR Park New Delhi .**

CR Park resident Prasanto K Roy may look like a common man but this 48-year-old media consultant is the owner of the **Capital's first green home**, which he proudly calls **Green One**.

Roy's home can store rainwater, retains less heat because of its smart insulation design, recycles grey water and has a composter to process bio-degradable kitchen waste. The construction material used to build the house was sourced from locally available products and solar panels.

What made Roy take the step towards his green home?

"In 2001, the ITC green centre was being built next to our office in Gurgaon. I was inspired and was keen to see whether it could be replicated in a home. That was when I decided to. Currently, there are 5-6 certified green homes. The non-certified ones will take the count to 10-15, which is a disappointing number. There are no great incentives yet.

He's also trying to reduce the energy cost in his Gurgaon society, which is the other extreme of a green home.

It took him two years to make *Green One*.

"My neighbours, family and friends were supportive. Most of them were impressed and interested. Back then, nobody had done it and not much information was available to make a green home," he said.



**The Edge** in The Netherlands is reputedly the greenest building in the world : its the 40,000 sqm 430, 500 sft headquarters of the Deloitte consulting firm according to BREEAM Building research *Environmental*

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