Researchers develop devices for harvesting energy from flag flutter

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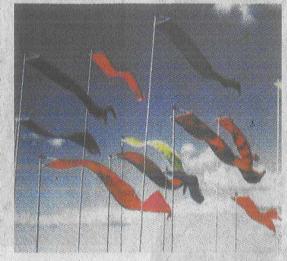
dore have fabricated small

wind at low velocity.

property of materials to "To achieve high producproduce charge (or volt- tivity of such devices, im- lead-free piezoelectric deage) when stimulated by a proving flexibility and in-vice using bio-compatible mechanical strain. The all-ducing flow instability are material," he added. pervasive vibrations exist- some of critical parameing in the surroundings ters. Dr Palani's and Dr dynamics of flow around from various machines are Vipul Singh's research the structure can be of sigtraditional source strain, group at IIT Indore have nificant advantage to inwhich can be converted to fabricated an ultra-flexible crease fluttering capacity.

energy through piezoelectric crystals.

"The need to regulate us-The researchers at Indian age of lead-based piezo-Institute of Technology In- electric, there is a need to replace it with highly bioflag based piezoelectric en- compatible and high perergy harvesting devices, formance devices. Also, implementation of such energy harvesting devices in real time requires them which can be powered by to be of low impedance," IIT Indore media coordina-Piezoelectricity is the tor Rahul Sharma said.



The knowledge of aero-

These forces are not desirable for structures like versely we use these forces for development of effi-stated. The device stability cient energy source.

The detaching of discrete than 4500 cycles and found vortices behind a bluff- to be stable.

body immersed in stream is known to generate transverse periodic forces on the structure. The piezoelectric output is directly proportional to the strain produced.

"The fabricated ultraflexible flag based flutter piezoelectric composite device has been tested under three different flow regimes. It can be used in place where windmill becomes inefficient. Hence, this technology can be used in powering small bridges and towers con-scale devices," a press release issued by IIT Indore was ascertained for more

HAPPY WITH LOW POWER BILLS? JOY WON'T LAST LONG

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Many residents are happy to have received extremely low electricity bills and some even in minus but their happiness won't last long.

bution Company stated that the bill amount is low due to technical reasons lesser bills. With adding old readings, the and would be recovered subsequent Discom would make recovery in coming months. There was bliss among con- months. In other zones, Discom officials sumers when they received 60 to 70 per stated that the reason behind low bills cent less electricity bills this month.

Satva Sai Zone etc people received low the scheme from February 25. So making bills. In Sangam Nagar Zone, many con- it a cut-off date, the Discom released bills sumers received bills in minus. Some anx- for February month.

ious consumers fearing double the bill amount next month enquired but did not get any satisfactory answer.

A Discom official stated that smart meters were installed at many parts of Sangam Nagar zone last month. Since old reading could not be feed in Smart me-Western Madhya Pradesh Power Distriters, it was manually noted. That reading was not added so many consumers got was launch of Indria Grah Jvoti Yojana. University Zone, Gumashta Nagar Zone, The government had directed to launch

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