

More solar projects to light up state

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Lucknow: The UP government on Friday said that it has approved 1,535MW solar power projects till date in the state at a cost of Rs 7,500 crore. A state government spokesperson said the projects, when implemented fully, will bring a turnaround in power generation and make the state a hub of solar energy.

The spokesperson said the government plans to increase power generation in the state through solar energy as well as to connect the youth with employment through these projects. Under the new solar policy, projects worth 1,535MW are un-

derway, while 24 solar power projects with a combined installed capacity of 420MW have been made functional.

The government has been continuously campaigning for installation and promotion of solar energy plants in the government and non-government sectors, the spokesman said.

As many as 225MW solar rooftops have been installed in the state. Under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Solar Street Light Scheme, 25,304 solar streetlights have been installed in rural markets while 13,791 solar streetlights have been installed in the selected revenue villages under the CM Comprehensive Rural De-

velopment Scheme. In addition to this, the government has managed to install 18,823 solar pumps in the state. The government said that private investment worth Rs 2,480 crore has also been invited under the solar energy enterprise promotion policy.

The spokesperson said the 'Energy Conservation Building Code 2018' has been implemented to save energy in commercial buildings. Poor, rural families have been provided solar lights by installing 1.80 lakh solar power pack plants in their homes. So far, 3,400 solar RO water plants have been installed in primary schools of the state.