

## Govt to finalise energy efficiency plan by July

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Lucknow: The state is aiming to have a full-fledged plan on energy efficiency ready by mid-July. This will be the first ever energy efficiency plan for UP, officials said. A meeting of all stakeholders to discuss the finer points of the State Energy Efficiency Action plan was held last week.

The plan will reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. The department of environment, forest and climate change and UPNEDA will work together to implement the plan, officials said.

Creating awareness on energy efficiency will be a major aspect of the plan, said secretary, department of environment, forest and climate change, Ashish Tiwari.

The four sectors that have been identified for high energy consumption and that need to adopt energy efficient practices are agriculture, construction, transport and MSME.

The cold storages in agricultural sector consume lot of energy to maintain a certain temperature. The plan will focus on making cold storages energy efficient and take up similar initiatives for other sectors, like MSME for which efforts have already started, officials said.

The government is planning to sign an MoU with Energy Efficiency Services Limited to reduce energy consumption and carbon emission in MSMEs units in brass and foundry units in Moradabad, glassware in Firozabad and pottery in Khurja.

The carpet sector in Varanasi-Bhadohi and paper and pulp industry in Muzaffarnagar have also been identified for this plan, said officials.