

Prepare a bioenergy policy, CM Yogi instructs authorities

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Lucknow: Emphasising on the need to promote biofuel production, Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath gave instructions to authorities on Sunday to prepare a bioenergy policy.

CM Yogi said that as per the vision of PM Modi, efforts to promote bioenergy projects, like compressed biogas (CBG), biocoal, ethanol and biodiesel, have yielded positive results.

Till now, production has commenced in two units of biocoal while one unit of compressed biogas has been completed in the month of June, said the CM.

CM Yogi said that planned efforts should be made to establish at least one biofuel unit in all 75 districts, while in the next phase, it should be extended to every tehsil.

"Vacant land in village society/revenue land/sugar mill premises should be used for setting up biofuel plants and for storage of biomass," he said.

Biofuel will help meet our energy needs and aid in generating additional income and also give employment, the CM said.

Yogi also said the state will have to develop the biomass supply chain for future needs. "There is a need to promote the use of biofuels in the field of energy and transportation. Biomass pellets should be used in power generation plants. Concerted efforts are needed in this direction," the CM said.

Explaining the importance of biofuels, CM Yogi said that promoting biofuels will be helpful in reducing dependence on crude oil and promoting a cleaner environment. Biofuel will not only help in meeting our energy needs, but also help in generating additional income and employment.

He further added that the use of biofuel will reduce carbon emissions which is a cause of worry for the entire world.

"In such a situation, Uttar Pradesh has an opportunity to present a model. A new bioenergy policy should be formulated to make the state in this field full of immense potential," the CM said.

CM Yogi also said that efforts should be made to achieve the target of producing 500 tonnes of CBG per day of compressed gas in the next five years.

"We will be able to achieve the target of producing 1.5 lakh tonnes per annum. Similarly, the target of 2,000 tonnes each per day for biocoal, biodiesel and bioethanol should be worked out," he added.

All necessary support, including easy availability of land, and capital subsidy, will be provided to the investing companies in this sector.

The industry must be consulted while formulating a new bioenergy policy.

Understand the needs of the investing entities/companies.

Taking the opinion of all the parties, a new policy should be prepared after comprehensive consultation, the CM added.