

Solar energy sector to get a push: DyCM

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Lucknow: Outlining the importance of solar power to save electricity in light of global warming, deputy chief minister **Brajesh Pathak** on Thursday said that solar energy would make it possible to switch to electric vehicles and end our dependence on diesel and petrol.

At the inauguration of a three day Solar Energy and E-Vehicle Expo organised by Indian Industries Association and UP-NEDA, Pathak said that the expo would provide a conducive environment for manufacturers to compete and create affordable and better quality products. "Our state will progress with more development in the solar sector. The state government is in need of entrepreneurs to take the state forward. We will stand with them and if there is any problem with any department, efforts will be made to find a solution," he said.



APC and IIDC Manoj Kumar Singh said that there was scope for huge investment in both solar and e-vehicles. "Setting up industries in rural areas remains a big challenge. Awareness about solar will help industries tremendously. Solar energy can be used as alternative energy to improve power supply in rural areas. The government has also given a lot of exemptions through its policies. If solar energy is used in the food processing industry in rural areas, a 50% subsidy will be provided. If a unit is set up by a woman using solar energy, then up to 90% subsidy will be given," he said.

IIA national president Ashok Agarwal said that 125 stalls of 70 companies from 14 states have been set up at the expo. These companies have come from states like UP, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Telangana, Karnataka, Daman and Diu, Punjab and Tamil Nadu.