

UPNEDA signs MoU with TNC India to accelerate utility-scale solar projects in Uttar Pradesh

Under the MoU, the two will work to identify land parcels for large-scale renewable energy projects



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New Delhi: [Uttar Pradesh New & Renewable Energy Development Agency \(UPNEDA\)](#) and [The Nature Conservancy \(TNC\) India](#) on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Lucknow to pursue targeted interventions towards

accelerating utility scale solar and wind energy development across the state.

Under this, TNC India will deploy a customized SiteRight tool for Uttar Pradesh, which will help in selecting locations for solar and wind projects to help meet India's renewable energy goals while preventing adverse impacts to the environment.

“The state has committed to achieving 14,000 MW of utility scale solar projects by 2027 and identifying land parcels for these utility scale solar projects considering social and environmental factors is critical to achieve renewable energy targets of the state in a time bound manner,” said Anupam Shukla, Director UPNEDA and Special Secretary, Energy Department, [Govt of Uttar Pradesh](#).

He added that hence, this collaboration’s main goal is to promote socially and environmentally responsible development of renewable energy projects across Uttar Pradesh, including estimating potential opportunities for floating solar and developing science-based sustainable business models for promoting decentralized solar projects in the state.

“The collaboration between TNC and UPNEDA will help in prioritizing lower impact land parcels for renewable energy development projects and would give the necessary impetus to meeting India’s national renewable energy targets,” said [Annapurna Vancheswaran](#), Managing Director, TNC India.