

Ayodhya to be UP's 1st model solar city

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Lucknow: To meet the demand of 30,462 MW for its 3.32 crore power consumers regularly, the Uttar Pradesh government has gradually started investing in clean solar energy.

Starting from Ayodhya, the state is pouring heavy investment to develop the temple town as the first model solar city, followed by installing solar plants along the Bundelkhand Expressway to generate power.

“The government is making efforts to provide solar-powered energy to 250 remote villages in 10 districts across the state. Currently, under Saubhagya Yojana, 53,354 solar power plants have been installed in Uttar Pradesh so far. Similarly, under the solar park scheme, a 365 MW capacity solar park is being developed. Furthermore, more than 21,000 streetlights are now equipped with solar light sy-

stems,” said the official source.

Under the current regime, a total of 1.58 crore new power connections have been provided and more than 8 lakh unmetered connections across the state have been equipped with meters.

The UPPCL has taken significant steps to enhance power distribution, including installing approximately 16 lakh new transformers for greater efficiency. Furthermore, the power department has laid special emphasis on reducing line losses, from 22 per cent to 17 per cent in the state.

According to the power department, 738 new sub-stations of 33/11 KV have been established across the state, while the capacity of 1,482 sub-stations has been enhanced. Despite all this, there has been no increase in electricity rates for four consecutive years. The five discoms of UPPCL have resolved over 3.61 lakh complaints via the SAMBHAV portal.