

Ayodhya eyes world record for longest line of solar lights

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Ayodhya: The Yogi Adityanath government is eyeing a world record of installing the longest line of solar-powered street lights in the temple town of Ayodhya.

Currently, the record is held by Malham, Saudi Arabia, which was created in December 2021 after 468 solar lights were lined up in a series over a stretch of 9.7km.

Determined to increase the use of renewable and green energy resources in Ayodhya, UPNEDA (Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency) will install 470 solar-powered lights

covering a stretch of 10.2km connecting Guptar Ghat to Laxman Ghat.

Once the lights are installed, the state government would approach the Guinness World Records for inspection before declaring the stretch as

**470 LIGHTS ON
10KM STRETCH**

the longest solar-powered street in the world.

Officials are confident that the lights on the stretch would become operational before January 22, the day of 'pran pratishtha'. Presently, 310 out of 470 lights are functional and

the last leg of the stretch between Guptar Ghat and Nirmali Kund has to be covered.

"The road between Guptar Ghat and Laxman Ghat, which is 8.35-km long, already has solar lights. It will be extended by 1.85km up to Nirmali Kund within a week," an officer said.

The 4.4-watt LED-based solar lights are equipped with smart technology (can sense daylight and switch off automatically) and are linked to the grid created to supply renewable energy to Ayodhya. The government is setting up a solar city to provide renewable and green energy to the public.