Rooftop solar scheme may be linked with Gati Shakti programme

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Synopsis

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NEW DELHI: The <u>PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana</u>, which aims to solarize 10 million households, is likely to get a leg up as the government is considering bringing it under the ambit of the <u>Gati Shakti</u> programme.

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The Gati Shakti plan seeks to encourage a unified and integrated approach for fasttracking infrastructure projects.

"The rooftop solar systems [content] from the portal [national portal on rooftop solar] could be populated on Gati Shakti," the official told ET.

The modalities of rolling the plan out are being worked upon, the official said.

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The alignment will enable the entire solar rooftop programme map-the locality, the house where the rooftop is being or has been installed-to be available for stakeholders. "The advantage is that the discoms can see if a cluster has come in a particular area, so what transformer capacity is needed in the area," the official said.