

Varanasi tops in UP solar energy targets

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Varanasi: Varanasi is leading in energy and environmental conservation initiatives in Uttar Pradesh.

Govt's endeavour to transform Varanasi into a solar city is gaining momentum and promising significant savings in both electricity and finances while prioritizing environmental protection. Under 'Har Ghar Solar Yojana', over 28,000 registrations for solar rooftop grid systems have been done in just 2.5 months, surpassing the targeted 25,000 connections. This is resulting in savings of



more than Rs 31 lakh for the public.

Chief development officer, Himanshu Nagpal, said the scheme initially aimed for 25,000 solar rooftop grid systems in the city, but has now expanded to nearly 72,000 connections under the 'PM Surya Ghar Yojana'. About 1,045 households have already begun benefiting from solar energy, collectively saving over 4,702,500 units of electricity, translating to savings of Rs 31.35 lakh so far.

Further, under the scheme, state govt offers subsidies ranging from Rs 45,000 to Rs 1,08,000 for installing solar panels ranging from 1KW to 10KW. Efforts are underway to achieve the next target within the next three to four months, ensuring wider accessibility to solar energy and promoting sustainable development across the state.