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UP plans to have 30,000 'surya mitras' to install solar panels in every house



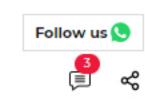
FILE PHOTO: A boy dusts off a solar panel installed on the rooftop of his house on the outskirts of the western Indian city of Ahmedabad October 27, 2014.

Synopsis

The Uttar Pradesh government plans to train 30,000 youngsters as "surya mitras" to install solar panels on every house in the state. The state has already installed over 25 lakh solar rooftops under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana. To achieve this, the government has set a target of training 30,000 "surya mitras" at district centers and Industrial Training Institutes.

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The Uttar Pradesh government plans to train 30,000 youngsters as "<u>surya mitras</u>" to achieve its goal of having <u>solar panels</u> on the rooftop every house in the state. Following the launch of the <u>PM Surya Ghar Yojana</u> in February last year, which aims to have one crore solar rooftops across the country, the Yogi adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government has installed more than 25 lakh in the state.

To achieve the target of having solar panels in every house in Uttar Pradesh, there will be a significant need for skilled workers in the **solar energy** sector, a senior official of the Uttar Pradesh New and **Renewable Energy** Development Agency (UPNEDA) told PTI.

For this, the official, said the state agency has set a target of training 30,000 "surya mitras" at district centers and Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).