

UP's solar-powered Jal Jeevan Mission projects to be in focus

Lucknow (PNS): Uttar Pradesh's pioneering use of solar energy in its Jal Jeevan Mission projects, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, will be a key focus at the regional conference on good governance, organised by the Government of India in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, starting Thursday.

With more than 80% of these projects in Uttar Pradesh powered by solar energy, the state has set a benchmark that is expected to inspire other states to follow suit.

Senior bureaucrats from across the country will examine the Uttar Pradesh model during the two-day event, highlighting its potential for nationwide replication. IAS officers will gain valuable insights into how the state has harnessed solar power in its Jal Jeevan Mission, a move that has helped lower project costs while also reducing carbon emissions. Anurag Srivastava, Additional Chief Secretary of the Namami Gange and Rural Water

Supply Department, will present the state's success under the "Innovation State" theme at the conference. His presentation will showcase how Uttar Pradesh's integration of solar power into water schemes has enabled the projects to operate more cost-effectively and sustainably over a longer period. The Government of India's Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances has recognised Uttar Pradesh's initiative as a model of good governance in the sector. Under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's leadership, over 80% of the Jal Jeevan Mission projects in Uttar Pradesh are now powered by solar energy. The state is the first in India to adopt solar power on such a large scale, setting a new standard for sustainable practices. The goal of the conference is to encourage other states to adopt a similar model that reduces electricity consumption and ensures the long-term viability of projects, officials said.