

# Rooftop solar panels must for plots of 1k sqft area & above

## Intersections In City To Be Remodelled

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**Lucknow:** In a move to promote renewable energy, the Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) revised its solar panel installation guidelines. During its 183rd board meeting held on Wednesday, the LDA made it mandatory for all residential properties with a plot size of 1,000 square feet or more to install rooftop solar panels under the PM Surya Ghar scheme. Previously, this requirement applied only to plots measuring 2,000 square feet or more.

LDA vice-chairman Prathmesh Kumar stated that the new mandate aims to encourage the wider adoption of solar energy and contribute to a sustainable urban environment. Homeowners planning new constructions on qualifying plot sizes must now include rooftop solar systems in their building plans.

The board also approved plans to remodel 11 key intersections to ease traffic congestion, with an estimated budget of Rs10 crore.

Kumar highlighted that heavy traffic at engineering college crossing and Atal chowk, particularly during peak hours, necessitated the redesign.

Engineering college crossing will be upgraded at a cost of Rs1.52 crore, while Atal chowk will undergo improvements worth Rs75 lakh. The work will include road const-

### KEY DECISIONS



Officials during LDA Board meeting on Wednesday

- LDA has made mandatory for all residential properties with plot size of **1,000 sq ft** and above to install **rooftop solar panels**
- Land acquisition for **residential schemes**, including **IT City, Wellness City, Sitapur Road** and other areas approved
- 11 key intersections to be remodeled at the cost of **₹10cr** to ease **traffic congestion**
- LDA to construct **2.75m high boundary wall** around two cremation sites in **Jankipuram (Sector-G)**
- **Decorative & LED lights** to be installed at intersections for **₹94 lakh**

## E-charging stations at 20 locations soon

The LDA has decided to set up e-charging stations at 20 locations across the city to better serve electric vehicle (EV) owners. This decision was made by the LDA Board on Wednesday. LDA vice-chairman Prathamesh Kumar said that a tender would be issued for the establishment of these charging stations. It will come up at Shaheed Smarak Park, Rumi Park, Patang Park, Gautam Buddha Park, Sarojini Naidu Park, Begum Hazrat Mahal Park, Lohia Park Gate No. 2, Janeshwar Mishra Park, Lohia Park Gate No. 1, Panchavati Park, Joggers Park Dubagga, Ambedkar Park (UP Darshan), Smriti Upvan Park, Jalvayu Vihar Ashiana, Ramabai Ambedkar Ground, Kalindi Forest Park, Sector-2, Vrindavan, Golden Jubilee Memorial Vihar Park, Picnic Spot Gate, Chandanpur Indiranagar, Radha Nikunj Park Sector-Devrindavan Colony, Jyotiba Phule Zonal Park, and LDA Headquarters at Vineet Khand. TNN

ruction, median expansion, improved central islands, new footpaths, road markings and the installation of signboards.

Additionally, the LDA will construct a 2.75-metre-high boundary wall around two cremation sites in Jankipuram (Sector-G) at a cost of Rs60 lakh to resolve disputes between locals and villagers. Decorative and LED lighting will be installed at intersec-

tions for Rs94 lakh, with contractors responsible for their maintenance for three years.

The board also decided to offer interest-free instalments to people displaced from Akbarnagar, Bhikampur and Butler Palace, who have been resettled in Basantkunj and Priyadarshini colony.

Efforts to expedite land acquisition for various residential schemes, including

## Group housing on 2,000 sqmt land

People and builders with plots of 2000 square metres will now be able to develop group housing in various old schemes of the LDA. The LDA Board approved this decision, allowing for the approval of building maps. Previously, group housing was not permitted in these areas. Now, maps for construction will be approved for buildings with a ground plus three floors.

## Housing scheme in Devpur Para

The LDA has decided to remove illegal encroachments on land around Devpur Para to develop housing schemes for economically weaker sections (EWS), lower-income groups (LIG), and other categories. Moreover, the authority has also decided to hire around 22 junior engineers through outsourcing to strengthen its workforce.

IT City, Wellness City, Sitapur Road and other areas, were also approved. This initiative aims to accelerate development in these regions.

Furthermore, the board resolved issues related to Army land falling within the Green Corridor by reaching a consensus on providing equivalent land in exchange for the acquired area.

For the implementation of the Mohan Road scheme, which aims to connect it with the Outer Ring Road, land owned by the forest department will be exchanged to complete the 60-metre road.