

CS, Aus official discuss solar projects in UP

Lucknow: Chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh met the CEO of the Smart Energy Council (Australia), John Grimes, and Geoff Bragg from Training and Standards on Tuesday and discussed the potential of rooftop solar projects in the state.

The chief secretary said there are immense possibilities in the solar energy sector in UP. He cited the example of PM Suryaghar Scheme under which the govt is offering subsidies for installing solar rooftop projects in both rural and urban areas. "Installing solar panels is significantly reducing electricity bills and enabling people to increase their income through surplus energy. The rising demand is creating new employment opportunities in the sector," Singh said.

Grimes proposed working together on skill development for solar PV designers and installers under a pilot project.

The two also discussed the potential for further collaboration in key areas, including solar pumping and renewable hydrogen. TNN