

UPPCL set to overhaul power network across the state with ₹43k-cr investment

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Lucknow: The UP Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) will soon kick-start a major overhaul of the power network in the state with Rs 43,000 crore investment. The upgrade will include smart meters to feeders, ensuring a state-of-the-art electricity infrastructure.

During a review meeting, chief minister Yogi Adityanath was presented with a comprehensive plan for a proposed separate fund allocation for all five discoms of UPPCL.

To revamp power infrastructure under Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited, an investment of Rs 8,759.87 crore has been proposed and a detailed project report (DPR) has been submitted to the rural electrification corporation Ltd (REC).



UPPCL chairman Ashish Kumar Goel with engineers at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan

Proposals worth a total of Rs 42,968.55 crore have been made for all five discoms, including Rs 10,146 crore for Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited, Rs 12,300 crore for Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited, Rs 10,563 crore for Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited and Rs 1,198 crore for KESCO.

Furthermore, the CM has instructed officials to complete the installation of smart meters with a budget of Rs 29,619 crore. Moreover,

Will revoke suspension of staff: Goel

UPPCL chairman Ashish Kumar Goel said the suspension of power corporation staff, who took part in agitation last year in March against the state govt, would be revoked. Addressing the 39th annual general conference of UP state electricity council engineers' association at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow, Goel said, "After discussing with the state power minister, we will withdraw the action taken against the staff." A total of 123 staff were suspended including executive engineers, assistant engineers, junior engineers, ground staff and others. But due to scarcity of staff, 83 suspensions were revoked. During the March 2023 agitation, scores of ad-hoc staff were fired from the job who participated in protest against govt.

Rs 917 crore is being spent on electrification of over two and a half lakh houses in Purvanchal, Madhyanchal and Dakshinanchal discom areas.

Additionally, projects worth more than Rs 1,309 crore have been launched specifically for Varanasi district. This includes Rs 307.7 crore for the smart distribution process, Rs 513.58 crore for underground electrical in-

frastructure and Rs 488.1 crore for modernisation and expansion.

There are also plans to modernise the electricity network with investments of Rs 1,535 crore for Noida, Rs 1,200 crore for Ayodhya and Rs 823 crore for Kanpur.

UPPCL is also preparing to upgrade the 10 MVA transformers in the 33/11 kV substations across the state to 20 MVA.