

{ SOLAR CITY INITIATIVE }

Installations mushroom in municipal corporations of U.P.

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LUCKNOW: Under the Solar City initiative, various municipal corporations in UP are seeing extensive installations.

Urban development minister AK Sharma said, "Looking ahead to 2024-25, Varanasi plans to install 500 solar street lights, 100 solar high masts, and 10 solar trees. Similarly, other cities like Jhansi, Agra, and Aligarh will see the installation of hundreds of solar street lights and high masts. Kanpur is set to establish 1,000 solar street lights, 75 KW on-grid solar power plants, and other solar infrastructure. Additional solar-powered facilities, such



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as e-charging stations and water kiosks, are planned for various cities"

A budget of ₹15.75 crore has been allocated for Ayodhya, while ₹40 crore is set aside for other cities. For the financial year 2023-24, key developments

under Ayodhya's Solar City programme include the installation of 766 smart solar street lights, 2,300 solar street lights, 250 solar high masts, a 3.33 MW on-grid solar power plant, a 50 kW off-grid solar power plant, a solar-based cold storage unit, solar trees, and 10 solar water kiosks. Two solar boats are also operational on the Saryu River, along with the installation of 487 smart solar street lights along a 10.25 km stretch from Lakshman Kila to Nirmali Kund.

For the fiscal year 2024-25, additional solar installations are planned in Ayodhya, including 150 smart solar street lights, 1,100 solar street lights, and 75 solar high masts.