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CM lays stone for country's first Green Data Centre in Ghaziabad

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UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology Jitendra Singh on Thursday laid the foundation stone for India's first green data centre in Sahibabad, Ghaziabad.

Expressing satisfaction about the CEL-ESDS Green Data Centre being developed by Central Electronics Limited (CEL), the CM said Uttar Pradesh will generate 20,000 megawatts of renewable energy by 2027, with the public sector undertaking (PSU), a Mini Ratna company, playing a key role in the mission.

Speaking at the event, Adityanath described CEL's 50-year journey as a success story, saying the company has now entered the "Amrit Kaal" and is playing a key role in fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India. He recalled there was a time when CEL faced



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union MoS Jitendra Singh during the foundation stone laying of Green Data Centre in Ghaziabad on Thursday. ANI

uncertain days and was even put on the list for disinvestment.

"But today, CEL has become a profit-making 'Mini Ratna' company and is handing over dividends to the government. This change is an inspiration for an *atmanirbhar* (self-reliant) India," he added. The CM hailed CEL for its innovations in sectors like rail-

ways, defence, renewable energy, and education. CEL's technology and creativity are making the nation stronger and it plays a key role in areas such as smart classrooms, signaling systems, renewable energy modules, and defence equipment, he added. The CEL handed over a dividend cheque of Rs 21 crore to the Central government,

and a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was exchanged between the PSU and Multi Infra, an engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) company for a 200 MW solar module project.

The CM said CEL made India's first solar photovoltaic module in 1974 and is now setting up the country's first green data center. On the Defence Manufacturing Corridor, he said equipment for BrahMos missiles is also being produced with the help of organisations like CEL.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh said CEL invented the first solar cell back in 1970, and now it is about to set up a green data centre.

He announced that the country's first quantum unit will soon be established at Noida. In addition, a biotechnology park will be set up near Lucknow and a two- or three-day startup conclave is planned for August, he added.

CEL chairman and managing director Chetan Prakash Jain said the centre is designed to consume less energy, offer full security and meet future requirements.

