UPSIDA to set up 13 solar plants in industrial zones

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Lucknow/Kanpur: The Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) launched a major initiative to power industrial zones with solar energy.

As part of its mission to make industrial infrastructure greener and self-sustaining, UPSIDA identified 13 new sites for the installation of solar power plants.

"This initiative aligns with the state's Solar Energy Policy–2022, which aims to reduce energy costs, promote environmental conservation and cut carbon emissions," said an official spokesperson on Saturday. The identified locations include Surajpur Site-5, EPIP (Gautam Budh Nagar), TDS City (Ghaziabad), SEZ (Moradabad), Baghpat, Agra, Mathura, Jhansi, Prayagraj, and Shahjahanpur—strategic industrial hubs that are set to become solar-enabled zones.

An official concerned said that the state govt resolved that industrial areas in UP should not only lead in production but also be energy self-reliant and environmentally friendly. To achieve this, UPSIDA adopted the concept of "Solar Industrial Zones."

UPSIDA CEO Mayur Maheshwari stated, "This initiative not only benefits the environment but also reduces operating costs. We are encouraging both our campuses and private industries to switch to solar power."