

**PRESS RELEASE**

**UP government's decision to solarise all government buildings will generate 1 lakh jobs: CEED**

CEED had assessed the rooftop potential for government buildings in the district of Varanasi

**Lucknow, 30th May 2018:** The Centre for Environment and Energy Development (CEED) welcomes the State cabinet's order to solarise all government buildings in Uttar Pradesh<sup>1</sup>. This order will help achieve the state's solar target of 4,300 MW as envisaged under the Uttar Pradesh Solar Policy 2017. This in turn will help create over 1 lakh direct and indirect jobs.

While commenting on this development, Mr. Anand Prabhu Pathanjali, Manager-Clean Energy, CEED said, "We congratulate the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adithyanath's government for taking such a decisive and bold step of solarising all government buildings and living up to the expectation of boosting the clean energy infrastructure in the state. This solarisation will greatly help in meeting the state's electricity deficit. Our assessment for Varanasi and other cities in the state, including Lucknow and Agra, suggests that government buildings are the most suitable for early adoption of solar rooftop technology. The assessment done in these cities suggests that solar rooftop targets can easily be met within the set timeline by aggressive deployment."

He further added, "CEED conducted the rooftop solar potential assessment of Varanasi last year, which reflected a potential of 58 MW for all the government buildings in the city<sup>2</sup>. CEED has also completed a rooftop assessment of 18 government buildings, including the Circuit House, DM's Office, Rifle Club, along with 16 police stations in the city. These reports were also shared with UPNEDA. Apart from it, CEED is currently working on the rooftop solar assessment of 6 major cities in the state and will release the report next month in Lucknow. Lastly, the cabinet's order has also broad-based the involvement of developers and entrepreneurs who are not part of the MNRE's channel partner list."

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<sup>1</sup> <http://information.up.nic.in/attachments/files/5b0d73b2-9120-4811-9261-41e80af72573.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://ceedindia.org/vibrant-varanasi-transformation-through-solar-rooftop/>

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