

Extend subsidies to 3 KWh solar units: NREDCAP

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Green agenda: NREDCAP Managing Director M. Kamalakar Babu having a word with Secretary, Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute, Amin Petiwala, at the inauguration of Solar Power Professional Workshop, in Hyderabad on Monday. - Photo: Mohammed Yousof

The New & Renewable Energy Development Corporation of A.P. (NREDCAP) has urged the State Government to extend subsidies to 3 Kilowatt Hour (KWh) capacity from the present 1 KWh for grid-connected roof-top solar energy harnessing units.

Revealing this at the inaugural of a six-day Solar Power Professional Workshop here on Monday, NREDCAP Managing Director M. Kamalakar Babu said the move was expected to motivate more people to go for solar power generation.

“Apart from using green energy themselves, they could also sell unused power to power utilities”, he said, adding that they expected the nod from Government very soon.

The workshop is being conducted by the Gujarat Energy Research & Management Institute (GERMI), NREDCAP and Titan Energy System. The objective was to showcase the need for solar electricity as a complimentary energy source with other renewable and traditional sources.

Among those who addressed the participants were National Geophysical Research Institute Director Mrinal K. Sen, Titan Energy System CMD Rao S.Y.S Chodagam, GERMI Director T. Harinarayana and Secretary Amin Petiwala.

Training

Mr. Petiwala said GERMI had tailor-made training programmes for those working on solar energy projects at different levels with specific focus on semi-skilled people who had just completed Class X, for maintaining solar energy systems in the rural areas.

Exhibition

As a part of the plan to create awareness among the people about generating and using solar energy, the government will organise an exhibition with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and FAPCCI.

A State Energy Coordination Committee release said the exhibition would focus on developing green power for the benefit of industries and entrepreneurs, besides general consumers.

The government was leaving no stone unturned to encourage establishment of solar energy plants for captive consumption and for third-party sales within the State.

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