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## Ayodhya Becomes a Model Solar City | Uttar Pradesh | 02 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, The Uttar Pradesh has **achieved a 40 MW power generation capacity** through a [solar energy](#) plant in **Ayodhya**.

- Due to which **Ayodhya achieved** the prestigious designation of a **model solar city** under the [Uttar Pradesh Solar Energy Policy 2022](#).

### Key Points

- According to this policy, a **solar city is defined as one where renewable energy plants can reduce the estimated total demand for conventional energy by at least 10%**.
  - Ayodhya has surpassed this benchmark, **achieving double the required capacity**.
- The plant was set up by [National Thermal Power Corporation \(NTPC\) Green Energy Limited](#) near the [Saryu River](#) in the villages of Majha Rampur Halwara and Majha Sarairasi.
  - The **state government has leased 165.10 acres of land to NTPC Green Energy Limited for 30 years at the nominal rate of Rs 1 per acre per year** to establish a solar power plant project.
  - This plant will be purchased by [Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited \(UPPCL\)](#) **for 25 years at a cost-plus-determined tariff**, leading to Ayodhya being declared a model solar city.

### Saryu River

- The Saryu is a river **that flows through Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh**.
- This **river is of ancient significance as it is mentioned in the Vedas and the Ramayana**.
- The river is **formed at the confluence of rivers Karnali and Mahakali**. It is a tributary of River Ganges.
- On **Ram Navami**, the festival that celebrates the birthday of Lord Rama, **thousands of people take a dip in the Saryu River at Ayodhya**.

### Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL)

- **Established on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2000**, as the result of power sector reforms and restructuring in UP which is the **focal point of the Power Sector**, responsible for planning and managing the sector through its **transmission, distribution and supply of electricity**.
  - It is a professionally managed utility supplying reliable and cost efficient electricity to every citizen of the state.
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# Uttar Pradesh Gets Permission for New Medical Colleges | Uttar Pradesh | 02 Aug 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, the [National Medical Commission \(NMC\)](#) granted permission to **seven new medical colleges** and increased seats in two existing colleges in **Uttar Pradesh**.

## Key Points

- Permission has been issued for the autonomous state medical colleges in **Bijnor, Bulandshahr, Kushinagar, Pilibhit, Sultanpur, Kanpur Dehat and Lalitpur collectively** having **600 MBBS seats**.
  - Additionally, the government medical colleges in Agra and Meerut have had their seat counts increased by 72 and 50 bringing the total to **200 seats at the Agra Medical College and 150 seats at the Meerut Medical College**.

## National Medical Commission (NMC)

- NMC is the **apex regulatory body for medical education and practice in India**.
- It was **established in 2020** by the [National Medical Commission Act, 2019](#), replacing the **Medical Council of India (MCI)**.
- It consists of four autonomous boards: the Under-Graduate Medical Education Board, the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board, the Medical Assessment and Rating Board, and the Ethics and Medical Registration Board.
  - NMC also has a Medical Advisory Council, which advises the commission on matters related to medical education and practice.
- NMC is responsible for conducting and overseeing major screening tests, such as NEET-UG, NEET-PG, and FMGE.
- It also regulates the **standards and quality of medical education and training**, the registration and ethics of medical practitioners, and the assessment and rating of medical institutions.
- NMC has also achieved the prestigious [World Federation for Medical Education \(WFME\)](#) recognition, which means that the medical degrees awarded by the NMC are recognized globally.
  - The WFME was founded in 1972 by the World Medical Association, the World Health Organization, and other organizations.