

UP and MP Collaborate on 8 GW Solar Power Projects

Why in News?

Recently, Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Uttar Pradesh (UP) governments have partnered to develop **8 gigawatts** (GW) of <u>solar power plants</u>, marking a significant first-of-its-kind <u>renewable energy</u> collaboration between two Indian states.

Key Points

Collaboration Overview:

- The power generated will be shared between the two states, alternating every six months, aligning with their respective peak demand seasons.
- Madhya Pradesh: Peak demand occurs from October to March, coinciding with the rabi crop season.
- Uttar Pradesh: Peak demand occurs between April and September, aligning with the kharif crop season.
- Solar power will be distributed based on these seasonal demand patterns.

Project Phases and Development:

In the first phase, a 2 GW project will be developed, with Morena (MP) identified as a
possible site.

State Renewable Energy Goals:

- Madhya Pradesh: Aims to achieve 20 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030, up from its current 9 GW.
- Uttar Pradesh: Targets 22 GW of solar capacity by 2026-27, up from its current 6.8 GW.

POWER SHARING

8 Gw pipeline to supply both states; 6 months each

UTTAR PRADESH

Apr-Sep (kharif crop season)

22 Gw: Solar power target by

2026-27

■6.8 Gw: Current

solar capacity

■20 Gw: Solar power target by 2030 The Vision
■9 Gw: Current RE capacity

