

Venkaiah Naidu urges Centre, state govts to go for solar power in buildings



Vice President M [Venkaiah Naidu](#) on Sunday urged the central and state governments and administrations of union territories to patronise and adopt rooftop [solar power](#) facilities and it could also be made mandatory.

"Every central, state government and union territory governments building should have rooftop solar power plant. Public sector undertakings should also have the rooftop [solar power](#) plant," he said.

He was speaking after inaugurating a 1.5 mw rooftop [solar power](#) plant installed at a cost of Rs 7.67 crore in the centrally administered JIPMER medical college here.

Naidu said that installation of rooftop solar power plants could also be made mandatory.

"Buildings and premises should have sunlight and also natural air which were part of the architectural features in ancient days. Now we are living in congested places and therefore there should be adoption of rooftop [solar power](#) plant. Building laws could also be modified to make such facilities of rooftop solar power plant and rain water harvesting mandatory," the Vice President said.

He described the initiative of JIPMER as commendable and said the medical college had become a role model for other institutions in installation of rooftop [solar power](#) plants.

He also pointed out that JIPMER had done good service in combating Covid by rendering help to not only people of Puducherry but also those in the neighbouring states.

The Covid-19 pandemic had taught us several lessons particularly in understanding relevance and importance of proper ventilation and availability of sunlight into the premises, he added.

Puducherry Lt Governor TAMILISAI Soundararajan was among those who spoke.

Chief Minister N Rangasamy , Speaker of Puducherry Assembly R Selvam and Lok Sabha Member from Puducherry V Vaithilingam were among those present.

Earlier on arrival at the Puducherry airport, the Vice President was received by the Lt Governor, the Chief Minister, the Speaker and Ministers.

[Venkaiah Naidu](#) drove to the Subramania Bharathiar Museum and Research studies established by the Puducherry government on the premises where the poet had lived during his 11-year long sojourn in Puducherry.

[Venkaiah Naidu](#) is scheduled to inaugurate the Puducherry Technological University and roll out solar power plant on the premises of the Pondicherry Central University at Kalapet near here on Monday.

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