

RENEWABLE ENERGY TO REPLACE DIESEL IN AGRICULTURE BY 2024, SAYS GOVT

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India will achieve [zero-diesel use](#) in agriculture and replace fossil fuel with renewable energy by 2024, said Union power minister RK Singh on Friday, according to a statement by his ministry.

During a meeting with the officials of the power ministry, and the ministry of new and renewable energy, Singh stressed the need for collaborative efforts between the Central and state governments towards the large-scale deployment of energy efficiency measures.

The minister also emphasised the need to have a state-specific agency dedicated to energy efficiency and conservation. He urged that the states should develop an action plan to achieve the assigned targets.

He further said that the central government is working for a new and modern India, which cannot happen without modern power systems, and it looks forward to working with all states and UTs to achieve this.

Singh, during the meeting, highlighted that the commercial buildings should follow ECBS and the domestic buildings should follow ECO NIVAS and this should be part of the building by-law. He said that all the power demand will be met by non-fossil fuel methods with the help of energy storage.

He reiterated the prime minister's commitment to ramp up India's fight against climate change & global warming and emphasised the need for collaboration between the centre and states to ensure Energy Transition in all potential sectors of the economy.

This meeting was organised in line with the Prime Minister's commitment at COP26, towards reducing the carbon intensity of our country.

The objective of this meeting was to ensure the state's participation in fulfilling the India's climate commitments and each state and UT can be assigned energy saving targets.

It was also attended by additional chief secretaries and principal secretaries of power or energy departments of states & UTs to discuss their role in achieving India's energy transition goals and meeting climate commitments.

With inputs from agencies.

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