

## MPUDC-MP Power Generation Company Signs MoU to Promote Solar Energy for Urban Bodies

**The** MoU was signed by Mr. Sanket Bhondve, Managing Director of MPUDC, and Mr. Manjeet Singh, Managing Director of MPPGCL. MPUDC Additional Managing Director Mr. Divyank Singh, Power Generation Company Superintending Engineer Mr. Avneesh Shukla, and Technical Officer Mr. Kamlesh Bhatnagar were also present.

**A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company (MPUDC), an undertaking of the Urban Development and Housing Department, and Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Limited (MPPGCL). Mr. Sanjay Dubey, Additional Chief Secretary of the Department, graced the occasion.**



Under the MoU, Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company will act as a consultant for the proposed solar power plant projects for urban bodies. The Power Generating Company will prepare the DPR (Detailed Project Report) and coordinate the bidding process.

It is noteworthy that a floating solar project with a capacity of approximately 220 MW is to be developed at the Birsinghpur Dam in Umaria district, which will provide affordable and green energy to urban bodies. The project will be implemented by MPUDC on a PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model, which will not only meet the electricity needs of urban bodies but will also promote their self-reliance.

# Review of water supply projects in 46 cities and sewerage projects in 3 cities.

Managing Director Mr. Sanket Bhondve directed to ensure speed and quality of work.



and to ensure maximum tree plantation during the upcoming monsoon season and to ensure that the work is recorded on the "My Life" portal. Mr. Bhondve said that work should be expedited by setting daily ward-wise tap connection targets. He also directed that at least 5% of the water meters being installed must be smart meters.

He directed the project managers to maintain constant coordination with the chief municipal officials and local public representatives and asked them to conduct regular site inspections to ensure adequate manpower and machinery are available. Strict adherence to safety standards, proper diversion and barricading arrangements should be ensured on the site.

Mr. Bhondve directed special attention to the quality of road restoration after pipeline laying and stated that any shortcomings in quality would result in action against the contractor as per regulations. He also directed that regular review of projects be ensured through the district-level monitoring committee in each district.

Additional Managing Director Mr. Divyank Singh emphasized the need to promote community activities and urged a re-strategy to be formulated at the headquarters level. Chief Engineer Mr. Shailendra Shukla presented the physical and financial progress of the projects. Present at the meeting were EnC Mr. Anand Singh, along with project managers, contractor representatives, and representatives of the project management consultant firm.

Commissioner and Managing Director Mr. Sanket Bhondve reviewed the water supply projects in 46 cities and sewerage projects in 3 cities implemented by the Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company (MPUDC), an undertaking of the Urban Development and Housing Department, at Hotel Palash in the capital.

During the review meeting, Mr. Bhondve directed officials to close old tube wells in areas where water supply has been resumed. He directed to set targets for intensive tree plantation in all components, including water treatment plants and sewage treatment plants,



## A review meeting of the Narmada Water Project was held in the Bhedaghat Municipal Council auditorium.

**B**hedaghat. A review meeting of the ADB-funded Bhedaghat Group Narmada Water Project was held in the Bhedaghat Municipal Council auditorium by Mr. Anand Singh EnC of the Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company, an undertaking of the Urban Development and Housing Department. The meeting was attended by the Chief Municipal Officers and Chairpersons of Bhedaghat, Patan, Katangi, Manjhaul, Sihora, Panagar, and Tendukheda. During the meeting, EnC Mr. Anand Singh directed all municipalities to ensure that the electricity bills for the water purification plants are deposited into the Bhedaghat Municipal Council's escrow account before March 31st.

He also directed that the Municipal Council stop supplying water from borewells, as water supply from both sources is resulting in a double burden on the Municipal Council's electricity bills. The meeting was attended by Mr. Parmesh Jalote, Joint Director, Jabalpur Urban Development and Housing Department, Mr. Gopal Gupta, Project Manager, Jabalpur Unit, and all concerned.

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## Water Supply Scheme began at the Barela Municipal Council.

A 15-day skills development training program was launched at the Barela Municipal Council under the Asian Development Bank-funded Water Supply Scheme. This project is being implemented by the Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company, an undertaking of the Urban Development and Housing Department.

During the training program, participants are provided with practical and theoretical information on important aspects of water supply system technical work, meter reading, operation, and maintenance. Experts are familiarizing trainees with modern techniques and methodologies, enabling them to work efficiently in this field in the future.

Women from self-help groups enthusiastically participated in this training program and actively participated in the training activities. This initiative is an important step towards skill development for women and providing them with self-employment opportunities. The training is being coordinated by Community Development Officer Aparajita Mishra. This training programme organised by the Municipal Council will strengthen the water management system as well as promote employment generation and capacity building at the local level.

