

STATE-LEVEL WORKSHOP

# PM SURYA GHAR DELIVERY IN WEST BENGAL

## One Lakh Rooftop Solar by 2027: A Roadmap for Meeting the Target

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PM Surya Ghar, launched on February 13, 2024, provides Central Financial Assistance of up to Rs 78,000 per household along with collateral-free loans at concessional interest rates; as per records, 54.95 lakh rooftop solar systems have been installed as of October 31, 2026 under the scheme.

In West Bengal, the state government has announced an additional subsidy of Rs 15,000 for SC and ST households over and above the CFA. More than 80,000 households in the state have applied; 11,551 systems were installed as of October 31, 2026, roughly 13 per cent of applications. Daily installations have risen from around 50 in late July to more than 100 in October. But reaching the one lakh target requires close to 590 installations a day over the next five months, a pace that calls for coordinated action across the delivery chain.

How can West Bengal accelerate its residential rooftop solar deployment under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana and meet its installation target by March 31, 2027?

Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) invites applications for its one-day workshop in Kolkata which will try to answer this question. The workshop will bring together distribution companies, state agencies, vendors, financial institutions, resident welfare associations and consumer representatives to identify bottlenecks and agree on priority actions. CSE's preliminary assessment has highlighted six priority areas for attention: vendor engagement, faster DISCOM approvals, consumer awareness, grid readiness, solutions for apartment residents and access for low-income households.

### KEY SESSIONS AND SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION

- **Rooftop solar basics:** How systems work, costs, subsidies and the application process under PM Surya Ghar
- **Status of residential rooftop solar deployment in West Bengal:** applications and installations
- Converting applications into installations through vendor engagement, consumer awareness and grievance redressal
- **DISCOM processing:** Net-metering approvals, inspection turnaround and reducing delays from application to commissioning
- Grid readiness and supply reliability as installations scale up
- Options for apartment residents, including virtual net metering
- Utility-led aggregation models for low-income households, with experience from other states
- Domestic tariffs, feed-in tariff and metering arrangements, and their impact on household savings

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