

# Surat becomes first district to have 100% solar powered health centres

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): At a time when global warming is mounting with each passing day, Gujarat's

Surat district

has switched to

solar power

to combat the issue.

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"Other than PHCs, there are 572 gram panchayats in the Surat District, out of which 150 are solar powered gram panchayats and soon the other 422 panchayats will too be solar powered. 25 percent of the total expense of making the gram panchayat solar powered has been borne by the district panchayat," District Development Officer K. Rajesh told ANI.

Rajesh is confident that Surat would set an example for the country by developing villages that use sustainable forms of energy. First published by **Economic Times**