

## Solar Energy Project in Rajasthan

## Why in News?

Recently, **UltraTech Cement Ltd** announced the completion of a **100-megawatt (MW)** solar energy project under the **Group Captive Scheme** in Rajasthan.

■ This is the company's first project to source power for its captive consumption from the inter-state transmission network.

## **Key Points**

- Power from this project will be available to the company's units in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha among others.
  - The company now has a capacity of 612 MW of renewable power and 278 MW of Waste Heat Recovery System (WHRS).
    - WHRSs are revolutionary energy-saving power generation systems that recover and reuse energy from the main engine's exhaust gas.
- UltraTech Cement has committed to increasing its green power mix to 85% by 2030, and the
  project reaffirms its dedication to innovation, sustainability, and the pursuit of a brighter, cleaner
  future for all.

## **The Group Captive Scheme**

- It is a Power purchase mechanism which involves individuals or groups establishing a power plant to buy electricity specifically for their own use.
- These captive users **must collectively own a minimum of 26**% of the power plant and **consume a minimum of 51**% of the generated electricity annually, based on their proportional ownership shares, with a **variation not exceeding 10**%.

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