

State-level Convention On AP's Power Crisis



A state-level convention on the issue of the power crisis in Andhra Pradesh, at a private hotel in Hyderabad, on Monday. BJP state president G Kishan Reddy, Gujarat Energy minister Saurabh Bhai Patel, Director, GERMI Prof. Harinarayana and others are seen.

Participating in the workshop here, the Gujarat Energy minister Saurabh Bhai Patel said that though the State of Andhra Pradesh had enormous natural resources including coal and water, the government failed to generate power by exploiting the sources. Claiming that Gujarat was the first State to become 'power surplus state' in the country, he said his state has emerged as the largest solar power maker with more than 18,000 villages of the state receiving 24-hour electricity. Even in summer, Gujarat has no water and coal. Power was being generated by importing coal from Indonesia and also using solar energy extensively, Patel said. He alleged that the Centre's 'lopsided' energy policy was also one of the main reasons for the continuous power crisis in the State.