

SOLAR ENERGY USED FOR TEA PROCESSING

Ahmedabad, 5 October: A Gujarat-based tea processing and packaging company has become the country's first tea unit to use solar energy at its plant.

The Wagh Bakri Tea Group has installed a 125 Kilowatt solar power rooftop facility at its plant in Dholka, about 70 kilometres south-west of Ahmedabad.

Though the solar power panels installed would take care of only 20 per cent of its annual energy requirements, in terms of environment care it is a huge step as the move would reduce as much as 2,225 tonnes of carbon dioxide emission during its life span of 25 years, said solar project manager Tushar Tripathi.

The rooftop solar panels are spread over an area of 12,500 square feet.