

## Hon'ble Prime Minister of India inaugurates Mujkuva Solar Pump Irrigators Cooperative Enterprise created by NDDDB



**S**hri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India inaugurated the Solar Pump Irrigators Cooperative Enterprise (SPICE) created by NDDDB at Mujkuva village of Anand district in presence of Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat on 30 September 2018.

In line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of farmers installing solar pumps in the field and selling the surplus energy to GRID, NDDDB has developed this Saur Urja Utpadak Sahakari Mandli Ltd at Mujkuva. In this unique experiment, 11 farmers have so far installed solar pumps in the field. They have surrendered their access to the

state subsidised electricity and opted for solar energy.

NDDDB with assistance from Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Ltd (REIL) and International Water Management Institute (IWMI) have helped these farmers create their own micro grid, which will enable them to sell the surplus solar energy to the DISCOM (MGVCL). Mujkuva is the first GRID connected farmers' Solar Pump Irrigators Cooperative Enterprise.

Shri Dilip Rath, Chairman, NDDDB said, "While it will help power companies in reducing the subsidy burdens, earn renewable energy certificates and

