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HUBBALLI, DHNS: A solar-powered chilli crushing machine has been installed, in association with SELCO Foundation and Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), by Abdul Gulab Rabbani at Dhanvantari Nagar near Unkal Lake here.

Speaking at the inauguration of the machine, SELCO India deputy general manager Prasanna Hegde stated that the machine costing Rs 10 lakh can crush one quintal of chilli per day, and the solar units generate 7,500 vatts of power.

Maintenance of solar-pow-

ered devices is not difficult. It has to be washed properly once in a month, and distilled water should be refilled once in six months, he added.

KVGB assistant general manager KH Bhat stated that the bank helped Abdul, who is a disabled person, in his new adventure.

'Abdul expressed his wish to market the chilli powder on his own brand.

KVGB senior manager Shankar Vatnal, Jyoti Pattar, Nagesh, Anil Manjre, and others were present on the occasion.