

National Dialogue
on
Powering India’s Future: Policy, Markets and Innovation for a Clean Grid
 Wednesday, 12 March 2025 | 1000 – 1700 IST | Hotel Taj Mahal (Mansingh), New Delhi

Context

India's electricity consumption, one-third of the global average per capita, is growing rapidly to meet the development aspirations of over a billion people India's power sector has significantly evolved over the past two decades: near-universal electrification, a five-fold increase in renewable energy capacity and marquee changes in market design.

India must reliably and affordably meet the rising electricity demand with a clean grid. This unique journey will be marked by the swift and continuous expansion of renewables and other clean energy resources across states. India’s ability to pivot its power market to serve this renewed purpose will determine the success of this transition.

This National Dialogue will bring together policymakers, practitioners and thought leaders to deliberate on the opportunities and benefits of clean energy pathways for India. It will explore key policy shifts, market reforms, and design innovations to fast-track the growth and greening of India’s power sector.

Time	Agenda
1000 - 1030	Registrations and welcome tea
1030 - 1145	Plenary Energising Viksit Bharat: Secure, Smart, and Sustainable
1030 - 1035	Welcome address <i>Dr Arunabha Ghosh, Chief Executive Officer, CEEW</i>
1035 - 1045	Context setting presentation <i>Ms Disha Agarwal, Senior Programme Lead, CEEW</i>
1045 - 1055	Special address <i>Dr Suresh Prabhu, Trustee, CEEW and Former Cabinet Minister</i>
1055- 1115	Q&A with the speakers <i>Moderator: Dr Arunabha Ghosh, Chief Executive Officer, CEEW</i>
1115 - 1230	Panel Discussion Renewable Leadership: How States Can Drive India’s Clean Energy Transition

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	<p>Leaders will discuss innovative approaches and strategies to green the electricity grids with a diversified and cost-effective resource mix. They will reflect on solutions to ensure the timely implementation of RE projects and enabling conditions to drive the industry to invest in new RE projects across more states.</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> <i>Shri Jai Prakash Shivahare, MD, Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited</i> <i>Mr Mohit Bhargava, Senior Advisor, India Energy & Climate Center</i> <i>Mr Prashant Choubey, President Business Development, Avaada Group</i> <i>Mr Vishal Sharma, Group Head - Corporate Affairs and Policy, Sterlite and Serentica Renewables</i> <i>Mr Subrahmanyam Pulipaka, CEO, National Solar Energy Federation of India</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms Shalu Agrawal, Director- Programmes, CEEW</i></p>
1230 - 1240	<p>Special address <i>Shri Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority</i></p>
1240 - 1255	<p>Keynote address <i>Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Hon'ble Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy</i></p>
1255-1300	<p>Report launch</p>
1300 - 1400	<p>Networking Lunch</p>
1400 - 1500	<p>Panel Discussion Redesigning Markets: Unlocking Investments in Clean Energy</p>
	<p>This session will discuss the next wave of reforms necessary for opening our markets to new products, services and participants. Are the states, industry players, system operators, and corporations ready to embrace the change?</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> <i>Mr Chintan Shah, Group President for Strategic Business Development, ReNew</i> <i>Shri Samir Chandra Saxena, Director (Market Operation), GRID Controller of India Ltd.</i> <i>Ms Ann Josey, Fellow, Prayas Energy Group</i> <i>Mr Amit Kapur, Joint Managing Partner, JSA Advocates & Solicitors</i> <i>Dr Shaurya Kaushal, Co-Founder, Pranos Fusion</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr Karthik Ganesan, Fellow and Director - Strategic Partnerships, CEEW</i></p>
1500 – 1600	<p>Panel Discussion Empowering Consumers: Innovations to Serve Green Electrons On-Demand</p>

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	<p>The levers for greening the power grid are shifting from administrative mechanisms to consumer-driven demand. Corporations are driven by shareholder expectations, while smaller consumers want to support community environmental goals. This session will discuss the technology and business model innovations that enable consumers to purchase certified green energy based on their requirements.</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> <i>Mr Sujith Nair, CEO and Co-Founder, Foundation for an Interoperable Economy</i> <i>Mr Shailesh Telang, Head of APAC, EnergyTag</i> <i>Ms Rwitwika Bhattacharya, CEO, Swaniti Initiative</i> <i>Dr Prabhjot Kaur, Co-Founder and CEO, Esmite Solutions</i> <i>Mr Akhil Agarwal, Director, ST Telemedia Global Data Centres</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr Dhruvak Aggarwal, Programme Lead, CEEW</i></p>
1600 - 1605	Vote of thanks
1605 - 1700	High tea