

RENEWABLE ENERGY INDIA 2008 EXPO

Halls 12-12A, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
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Renewables ... empowering India!

August 20, New Delhi: Committed to ensure India's energy security and quest for sustainable economic growth, **Shri Vilas Muttemwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent charge) New & Renewable Energy, Government of India**, will inaugurate Renewable Energy India 2008 Expo on 21 August 2008 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. With a growing gap between energy demand and supply and depleting fossil fuel resources, the event is a befitting salute to the nationwide celebration of Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas and Pakhwara, striving towards late Rajiv Gandhi's dream of energy independence in the country.

To lessen dependence on energy imports and to reduce green house gas emissions, the National Action Plan on Climate Change, released by the Prime Minister of India on 30th June, 2008 prioritizes the increased use of indigenous renewable energy resources, backed by focused R & D.

More than 200 exhibitors from across the globe including industry majors such as Acme Telepower Limited, Asys Group, Bergen Associates, Centrotherm Photovoltaic AG, Dupont, Ghodawat Industries, Hero Electric, Lapp Kabel, Mitsubishi Electric Asia Pte Ltd, Nano PV Tech, Moser Baer Photo Voltaic, Phoenix Solar India Ltd, Q-Cells, Reliance Industries Ltd, RRB, Sharp Business Systems, Signet Solar Inc, Suzlon Energy Ltd, TATA BP Solar India, Via Engineering Pvt Ltd, Webel, WinWinD Energy, and XL Telecom & Energy Ltd, will showcase developments, improved technologies and new applications of renewable energy.

The 3-day international conference, concurrent to the exhibition, will bring together eminent industry experts, key decision makers and government officials including Deepak Gupta, Secretary (MNRE), Gauri Singh, Joint-Secretary, (MNRE), Dr. Anil Kane (World Wind Energy Association), Deepak Puri (Moser Baer India Ltd), Gerhard Stryi-Hipp (German Solar Industry Association), Lassi Nojonen (WinWinD Oy), K.Subramanya (TATA BP Solar India Ltd), Rabindra Satpathy (Reliance Industries), Yogender Prasad (Uttarkhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd) and several others, to deliberate upon the challenges and potential of renewable energy in achieving a capacity addition of 15GW during 11th Five Year plan of India (2007 -2012). To achieve this vision, the government of India has planned a subsidy support system of approximately US\$ 1 billion in government funds to complement US\$ 15 billion investment requirement for enhancing present installed capacity.

The Expo, organized in an area of 6714 sqm, has participation from Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan Netherlands, Pakistan, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, UK, and USA for investments in technology transfer and joint ventures which would help India achieve energy independence.

To commemorate **Energy Efficiency Day** on 22nd August, the Federal Ministry of Germany will facilitate a 2-day conference at the German Pavillion on Off Grid Electrification with German Wind & Solar hybrid systems designed for Indian market, Solar Thermal & Photovoltaic market and Geothermal: The New Power Generation

The Expo will hold a special Youth Summit programme to drive awareness in accelerating the adoption of renewable energy in day-to-day life and growing career opportunities in this new sector.

Renewable Energy India 2008 Expo is supported by **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)**, the only Ministry in the world dedicated towards developing renewable energy programmes. MNRE's March 2008 report shows that India has achieved a spectacular level of 12.6 GW of power from renewable resources. The Ministry is confident of achieving its vision of 2020 to generate 20% of India's total energy needs through renewable resources.

Leading organizations such as Ernst & Young, Emergent Ventures India, German Technical Association (GTZ), Indo French Chamber of Commerce (IFCCI), Indian Wind Energy Association (InWEA), Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), and UNESCO have joined hands with Exhibitions India Group to bring together national and international experts on a common platform.

Brought about by the organisers of the largest ICT fair in Asia, Convergence India, Prem Behl, Chairman Exhibitions India Group said, "The Indian economy is vibrant, and this platform is intended to act as a stimulus; and to assist clean energy entrepreneurs develop products and services from concept to commercialization".

About Exhibitions India Group:

The Exhibitions India Group, successful since 1987, is a trade promotion group with the objective of attracting investment and joint ventures, technology transfers and business promotion. As an interface between business, government, academia, society and the media, the unique "EI spirit" has unfurled a dynamic business approach to enable propitious environment for experience sharing amongst industry leaders and business fraternity.

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