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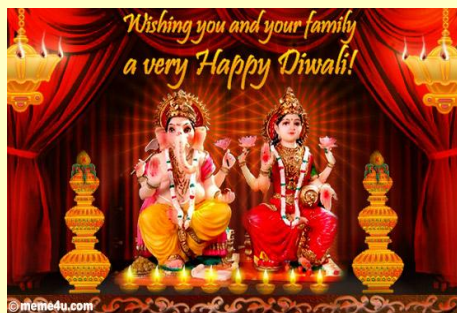
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## Solar Icon 2016 “Organising Committee Meeting”



A Meeting was called on 16/10/2015 to interact with Ms. Vibha Bhatia, Vice-President, M/s. Alpcord Network Events & Conference Management Company Pvt. Ltd. (Globe Association Management and Business Development) on the presentation she gave about the services to be provide to SESI Secretariat.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation and after due deliberation, it was thought appropriate to ask her to come with more details about her proposal.

Later the Solar iCon Committee met to exclusively discuss the progress made with regard to preparation of various aspects of Solar iCon scheduled to be held from 28-30 January, 2016.



The Committee explored on the issues of booking of Venue, printing of brochure, engagement of service agency, writing letters to invite speakers & delegates, securing advertisement, taking nonfinancial support of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) and invites foreign delegates & its contribution.

Shri Ajay Prakash Shrivastava, President, SESI, Shri Rajinder Kumar Kaura, Vice-President, SESI & Chairman of Solar Committee and Shri V.S. Verma, Vice-President, sensed the urgency require to be shown to finalize the details of the conference so that the conference is proved a great success.

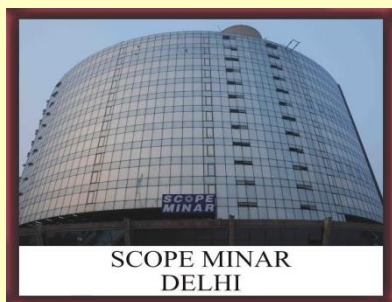
## IREDA bags Golden Peacock Global Award



NEW DELHI. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) was presented Golden Peacock Global Award during IOD India's '15 London Global Convention on Corporate Governance and Sustainability' and Global Business Meet held recently in London. Shri K S Popli, CMD, IREDA received the award.

IREDA was declared as the winner of 'Golden Peacock Award for Sustainability' for 2015 unanimously by the jury under the Chairmanship of Justice M. N. Venkatchaliah, former Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India.

## Green Initiative by SCOPE saves Rs 1.5 Cr.



NEW DELHI. SCOPE has brought down energy consumption substantially in its two Towers at Lodhi Road and Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi. These two Towers accommodate corporate and regional offices of 65 public sector enterprises.

Dr. U.D. Choubey, Director General, SCOPE informed that during 2014-15, savings in power consumption was 1.43 million units over the previous year resulting into saving of around Rs. 1.50 crore.

## Solar-powered Lotus Temple ready to sell surplus energy



## Alpcord Network, Vice-President Meets President SESI & SG SESI



Consequent upon a meeting with SG, SESI on 12/09/2015, Ms. Vibha Bhatia, Vice-President SUMMIT – Alpcord Network submitted a proposal to explore the possibilities of their association with SESI for future events. And the same was briefly discussed with President, Vice-President and Secretary General on 26/09/2015 before the GC meeting with Ms. Bhatia and she was asked to come out with more details. Ms. Bhatia came out with detailed proposal on 16/10/2015 wherein she made a presentation before the President, Vice-Presidents (Sh. Rajinder Kumar Kaura and Sh. V.S. Verma).

The proposal was thoroughly discussed and after due deliberations, it was agreed to consider SUMMIT – Alpcord Network, a leading Conference Management Company to deliver high quality support to SESI Secretariat for better management and services.

Ms. Vibha Bhatia, Vice-President, Alpcord Network met President, SESI and Secretary General, SESI on 27/10/2015 and presented her proposal which was discussed thread-bear and was principally agreed to engage M/s. Alpcord Network Events & Conferences Management Company Pvt. Ltd. and its marketing associate M/s. eregnow.com for Secretarial services in day to day work (as per MoU) and future events management.

## Solar Energy Society of India and Alpcord Network Work on Solar iCon 2016



Ms. Vibha Bhatia, Vice-President, Alpcord Network, and her team consisting of Sh. Nandan Singh Bisht, Assistant Manager Conferences and Sh. Syed Asad Mahmood, Asst. Manager came with the proposal to work on SESI Solar iCon 2016 on the invitation of President, SESI.

Sh. Ajay Prakesh Shrivastava, President, Sh. Rajinder Kumar Kaura, Vice-President, Sh. Prafulla P. Pathak, Secretary General and Sh. K.C. Dhimole, Member were representing SESI in this meeting where the details of the MoU regarding SESI Secretarial services in day to day work and future event management and Solar iCon 2016 were discussed in depth and a lot of deliberation took place to ensure the success of Solar iCon 2016.

It was concluded that Alpcord Network will create a new domain of Solar iCon 2016 as also a new logo and a separate website which will be interlinked with SESI website. Sh. Rajinder Kumar Kaura, Chairman of Solar iCon Committee desired a separate meeting of the Alpcord Network team with him and which was agreed to by the President.

## From The Desk of Secretary General

Dear SESI Members,

Let me Wish you all "A very very happy and prosperous Diwali 2015 and New year". Its always pleasure to meet you and interact and have observations, suggestions and guidelines from the senior members of the Solar Energy Society of India spread across INDIA and at commandable position in their respective areas in day to day life. It is always pleasure to have enthusiasm and setting of goal and celebrations from the younger SESI Members. "Bat karanese Bat banati hai" or "happiness grows with sharing" On this moment of celebration all over India i am excited and happy to interact with you and convey my wishes to you.



The announcement of NTPC about the next tariff offered through bidding is Rs 4.60+ has sent a wave amongst many of us that the grid parity, which we were expecting since long, is at next door. However, the developers amongst us has a sign of worry on the drop in prices frequently. All in all, we are in the phase of transition. In these situations one may be in double mind but can we think other way that the sign of stability is near future. Can we expect a stability in the tariffs or drop in further. Time is answer to all our questions.

In the recent past, the inflow of the enquiries from the offshore about the investment in India has gone up. We have now initiated the process of our Flagship event Solar-Icon in January 2016. The reports in this month newsletter will provide you a glimpse of that. There are many events happening in the field in our country. Our event has its own importance and we all have to work for strengthening it further. So,lets join hand in hand and "make it success". SESI, a Apex organisation, will maintain its legacy.

### Rooftop Solar Panels Policy to be before Cabinet Soon: Piyush Goyal



The policy to encourage rooftop solar power panels is ready and will soon be placed before the Union Cabinet for consideration and approval, Power Minister Piyush Goyal said today. "I have approved the rooftop solar panel policy. I will take it to the Cabinet very soon," he said while speaking at an award function organised Dun & Bradstreet here. The policy, according to sources, will have detailed guidelines about installing rooftop solar panels on various buildings inc .. : Economic Times

### SPV for largest coal block holds first board meet

Bengal Birbhum Coalfields Ltd (BBCL), the special purpose vehicle created to develop India's largest coal mine in Deocha-Pachami at Birbhum district, held its first board meeting here today. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in social media said, "Bengal Birbhum Coalfields Ltd (BBCL), a new baby is born today." : Business Standard

### India likely to propose special session on solar energy in Paris



India is likely to propose a special session on solar energy and issues related to technology transfer to developing nations during the UN climate change summit in Paris later this year. This was conveyed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Mozambique President Filipe Nyusi during his bilateral meeting ahead of the 3rd India Africa Forum Summit. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi also mentioned that during the upcoming Conference of Parties (CoP21) in Paris, in the context of power requirement.. : DNA

### India Values its Energy Partnership with Africa - Piyush Goyal

Shri Piyush Goyal Union Minister of State (IC) for Coal, Power and New and Renewable Energy said that India values its partnership with countries in Africa and that India would continue to collaborate with countries in Africa in achieving their developmental endeavours, through sharing of technology, expertise, skill sets and capacity building endeavours. : Niticentral.com

### India energy ministry advances funding timeline for 1GW of solar from state-owned corporations

**New Delhi :** India's energy ministry has amended its invitation for state-owned corporations (CPSUs) to set up 1GW of solar PV plants across India, by bringing forward its funding timelines. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) releases its Viability Gap Funding (VGF), which supports the CPSUs in setting up these solar projects, in two tranches. Originally, half the VGF was to be handed over to the project developer on successful commissioning of the entire project. The rest would be provided after one year of operation. Now the payments will be brought forward, with 50% to be handed over at the Letter of Interest (LoI) juncture and at the start of installation work on the plant. The second half will be given at the commissioning stage. : pv-tech.org

### ADB, India provide \$200m clean energy loan to IREDA

The government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a joint loan agreement to steer funds to the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), which will dispense monies to eligible clean energy projects in India.

The tranche of money is the first in a wider \$500 million multitranche financing facility (MFF) being supplied to IREDA's Clean Energy Finance Investment Program, which aims to leverage public sector resources to act as a catalyst for further private sector investment in solar, wind, biomass and other clean power projects in the country.

The joint secretary for India's Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, S. Selvakumar, said that a lack of sufficient long-term debt financing had hamstrung India's renewable energy deployment objectives. "This program will help meet this requirement by providing long-term funds for these subprojects," he said.

## Gram Vidyut Abhiyantas'



Shri Piyush Goyal Union Minister of State (IC) for Coal, Power and New and Renewable Energy said that the Government stands committed to achieve electrification of all un-electrified villages in the country by 31st March 2017 and covering access to all rural households. Shri Goyal was addressing a workshop organized for sensitizing Gram Vidyut Abhiyantas' (GVAs) of their Roles, Responsibilities, Functions and Reporting system here today. Congratulating GVAs, the Minister said that they have a wonderful opportunity to serve nation. He emphasized that the newly recruited GVAs will put the foundation of developed India while helping in providing better facilities in various sectors like education, health, skill development etc. Shri Goyal informed that based on the composite development of an individual, top 10 Abhiyantas will be awarded each year.

REC has deployed 309 Gram Vidyut Abhiyantas (GVA) at Block/ District level in order to assist State Distribution Utilities in electrification of villages. Over 300 GVAs across the country have attended the workshop.

Shri Goyal stated that in pursuance to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's statement on 69th Independence Day regarding electrifying remaining 18500 un-electrified villages in the country within the next 1000 days, the Ministry of Power has taken up village electrification programme on Mission mode under the flagship scheme of Government of India 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana' (DDUGJY). Shri Goyal told that Power Ministry has chalked out a comprehensive action plan in consultation with States for electrification of all remaining un-electrified villages. He solicited the support of the States towards achieving this goal for bringing overall development in rural areas. The Minister also informed that for 3500 villages located in far flung areas where grid extension is either not feasible or cost effective; off-grid solutions have been worked in consultation with Ministry of New & Renewable Energy synergizing the whole effort.

Shri Goyal also launched 'Grameen Vidyutikaran' Mobile App at the occasion. The app will ensure real time updation of progress of electrification process through web portal/ Mobile App. The 'Grameen Vidyutikaran' Mobile App can be downloaded from the 'Google Play Store'.

Shri Piyush Goyal also interacted with State Energy Secretaries of 19 States through video conferencing and urged them to avail maximum benefit through the GVA & Mobile-App arrangement and to extend all cooperation in this regard. Secretary Power also interacted with GVAs and urged them to put forward their best foot for achieving the targets. He mentioned that rural electrification is on his dashboard and he is monitoring the progress on daily basis.

## Cabinet Secretary Inaugurates NBCC Implemented Public Toilet in Delhi



In continued initiative towards Swachh Bharat Mission by the Government, Shri P K Sinha, Cabinet Secretary, Government of India, inaugurated today, a Public Toilet constructed by the side of Ring Road at Bhikaji Cama Place New Delhi.

Shri Madhusudan Prasad, Secretary (UD); D S Mishra, Addl Secretary (UD); Dr. Anoop Kumar Mittal, CMD, NBCC; Kewal Kumar Sharma, Chief Secretary, Delhi; Chetan B. Sanghi, Principal Secretary, MoUD & Director of Local Bodies; Dr. Puneet Kumar Goel, Commissioner, SDMC; Subhash Arya, SDMC Mayor; Dharamvir Singh, Nigam Parshad, SDMC and Directors of NBCC were also present on the occasion.

The modular toilet has been implemented by NBCC, at a cost of Rs.14.50 lac and designed to discourage open defecation and is made of composite board. The toilet module is prefabricated single mould without joints and its interiors are seamless with no sharp edges and corners to avoid dust accumulation. Made to serve the convenience of physically challenged, women and men, the public toilet has also been provided with solar panel to meet the requirements of power in the toilet.

## Govt seeks views on new guidelines for solar projects

Government has sought views of developers and other stakeholders on the proposed amendment to the guidelines for setting up of over 2,000 MW grid-connected solar power projects with viability gap funding (VGF). These projects are being set up under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM).

"Feedback from SPDs (solar power developers) and other stakeholders are invited on the proposed (amendments in the guidelines for implementation of) a scheme for setting up of over 2,000 MW grid-connected solar PV power projects with VGF under Batch-III of Phase II of the JNNSM," the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) has said. The comments have been sought till October 23.

As per the proposed amendment, Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) - set up by the government to facilitate implementation of JNNSM - will have the power to extend time for the financial closure and/or time for commissioning of the projects by up to three months.

"Delays in land allotment, connectivity etc in solar parks, will also be covered under this. For extension beyond the period of three months, SECI will approach MNRE...who will be authorised to decide on further extension. **Economic times.**