

H.E Dr. Ali Chegeni

Ambassador

Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Your Excellency,

Indian Chamber of Commerce is one of the most pro-active Industry associations of the country today, working towards a growth-oriented model for all the key driving sectors of the economy. ICC lays great importance on the sustainable growth of the power sector and recognizes the importance of Renewable energy in shaping it further.

Renewable energy is clean energy and is looked upon as major contributor in achieving NDCs towards reaching 40% of non-fossil fuel based energy in overall installed capacity by 2030. The sector has seen exponential growth and the solar and wind tariffs have already breached thermal tariffs from new coal plants. Present auctions have given credence to the belief that dispatchable RE can be achieved in near future through smart hybridization and use of electrical storage systems. In post COVID times, use of RE is also seen to create sustainable livelihoods and expansion of health services at decentralized level. The RE sector is evolving, and clean energy transition has become the priority.

Various actions are being taken at various levels in the government for policy making, by the industry for creating appropriate eco-system, and growing consumption in the industries and society as a whole. To motivate various stakeholders, public recognition of the leaders assumes significance. It is in this direction that **ICC, along with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**, a leading think-tank, as the knowledge partner, is instituting **GREEN URJA AWARDS with an overall goal of "Clean Energy Transition for Sustainability and GHG Emission Reduction."** This effort is envisaged to create role models and awareness about the best practices in the sector.

The administration of these awards would be through objective assessment of the applicants based on information/data on their achievements.

Based on the market growth patterns of renewable energy in India, various categories are being considered which must continue to be supported to keep pace of growth. These categories broadly represent best performers in the class of overall RE capacity installations by DISCOMs and Independent Power Producers, manufacturing of solar and wind systems/components, consumer industries who have gone forward to use of renewable electricity to replace fossil fuel based electricity, and financing.

Further, realizing wide variations in scale up of RE capacities across regions, states/UTs are being considered in three clusters viz.

- **Front-runner States;** 10 in number, cumulative installed RE capacity more than 1000 MW. (Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh)
- **Emerging States:** 8 in number, cumulative installed RE capacity less than 1000 MW but more than 100 MW. (Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Kerala, Odisha, West Bengal, Uttarakhand)
- **Smaller States and UTs:** All other, cumulative installed RE capacity less than 100 MW. (Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chandigarh, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Lakshadweep, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Sikkim and Tripura).

Applications are invited from the distribution companies, Solar and wind manufacturers, Project developers, Micro small and medium enterprises, Large Industries, Power producers, Microgrid developers, Innovative solution providers, integrators, financial institutions, project developers for ground-mounted and rooftop solar, biomass power generators, etc.

The awards will be announced in the conferences we will organize in the four regions of the country. We wish to invite international investors to the forum, wherein they can network with the performing energy companies, liaison with the ESCOs and financial companies to evaluate energy security for investments and EPCs.

I request your kind office to help us identify the organizations/Companies in your country, who are interested in exploring Indian Energy market and setting up JVs or invest in energy manufacturing projects. We wish to invite them in the conferences and facilitate business to business sessions with relevant Indian Companies and Government agencies for convergence.

We would also like to cordially invite you to join the Conference as a special guest likely to be held during November 2020. The invitation to the conference will be sent to you, as soon as we finalize dates.

I look forward to your kind cooperation on the above.

Warm Regards,

Dr Rajeev Singh

Director General

Indian Chamber of Commerce

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Come to Salah come to success.
We deny it 5 Times a day and then
Wonder What are we doing wrong