

Energy sector reforms work to be undertaken by the Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ)¹ and CEED²

Ranchi, 8 June 2018: The Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ) and the Centre for Environment and Energy Development (CEED) signed an agreement today to undertake research related to the energy sector reforms. The aim of the collaboration is to create an enabling framework to realize 'Power for All' in the state of Jharkhand. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was executed in the presence of His Excellency Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nand Kumar Yadav 'Indu' and was signed by the registrar of JUC, Professor S.L. Hari Kumar; Professor S.K. Samdarshi, Centre for Energy Engineering and Ramapati Kumar, CEO, Centre for Environment and Energy Development (CEED).

The work will focus on larger energy sector reforms and suggest various policy formulation and reforms including a focus on the power sector, clean energy, and transportation. The work entails various research and its applications for uptake of renewable energy in the state of Jharkhand. It will further engage with various stakeholders such as the energy department, distribution company, electricity regulatory commission and the general public. The work also includes various campaigns related to education and awareness and training for the capacity development of various stakeholders. The work will help the state of Jharkhand achieve its mandate to provide quality electricity to the people and will suggest a better interface between the people and the government institution.

His Excellency, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nand Kumar Yadav 'Indu' said, "The agreement between CUJ and CEED will promote research in the energy and power sectors and will help the state of Jharkhand, in general, and the people, in particular." "The university will take leadership to conduct research to help reduce the gap in policymaking", he concluded.

Professor S.L. Hari Kumar, Registrar of CUJ and Professor S.K. Samdarshi showed a keen interest in taking the work forward on larger energy sector reforms and hopes that this association with CEED will help answer many unanswered questions related to the energy sector in Jharkhand. The work will help the state of Jharkhand to find an enabling framework for the power sector, renewable energy, and transportation.

¹ Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ) was created under Central University Act, 2009 and one of the pioneer institute in the region for research related to energy sector. The vision of CUJ is to create world class university in every aspect be it research, teaching, administration or co-curricular activities.

² CEED is an energy expert group involved in creating sustainable solution and has been working towards promoting power sector reform with focus on renewable energy by creating an enabling environment and policy framework to scale up investments in low-carbon development, climate mitigation and adaptation.

Ramapati Kumar, CEO, CEED thanked CUJ for joining hands and described this association as the need of the hour because CUJ is one of the pioneer institutes in the region in the field of energy. This association will bridge the gap between people and the government/executing agencies through policy-making.