



## Press Release

### **CEED demands a major share of Renewable Energy for Bihar under the INDCs**

GOI acknowledges the need for clean energy infrastructure to fuel the growth of the country

**Patna, October 2, 2015:** As the nation pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his birthday, the Government of India (GOI) announced its much-awaited Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) to combat climate change ahead of the Paris summit to be held in December, 2015. INDCs commitment by member states is key for Conference of Parties (COP) 21 negotiation in Paris as it will be scrutinised by climate analysts whether they are sufficient to prevent the two-degree rise in global temperature.

While appreciating the position taken by Government of India under INDCs to combat climate change, Ramapati Kumar, chief executive officer (CEO) of Centre for Environment and Energy Development (CEED) said “India has demonstrated leadership by making a big commitment on clean energy, add forest cover and additional tax on coal and other initiatives to reduce the carbon emissions. By promising to focus on the renewable energy, the political leadership has not only indicated its will to lead the country on the path of development but also to provide a clean and sustainable future to its people. This is a step in the right direction to truly power India towards 100% renewable energy”, he added.

India has committed to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 33 to 35 percent by 2030 from 2005 level in submitting its INDC response ahead of the Paris negotiations. India’s commitment to increase the share of renewable energy capacity of 35,000MW in March 2015 to 175000MW by 2022 is going to be a game changer and play a crucial role.

“Bihar’s political leaders across all political parties must stand united and rise above politics to demand an increasing share of renewable energy for the state under India’s INDCs program. Political leaders must realise that Bihar cannot grow and provide 24\*7 electricity to its population without accepting renewable energy. Bihar must chart out an alternative development pathway to be 100% renewable in a phased manner”, Mr. Kumar further added.

CEED’s 100% Renewable energy Bihar Campaign has mobilised more than 10 lakh people to support the demand for clean energy. An energy starved state, Bihar is a big importer of energy services and cannot survive for too long or be self-sufficient, if the renewable energy sector is not harnessed properly.

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