



## CEED RELEASES RENEWABLE ENERGY MANIFESTO FOR POLITICAL PARTIES IN BIHAR BOLLYWOOD PERSONALITY, SWARA BHASKAR JOINS THE CAMPAIGN FOR 100% RE BIHAR

**Patna, September 10, 2015,** Centre for Environment and Energy Development (CEED) unveiled the “Public Manifesto for Renewable Energy” to all major political parties of Bihar in a Press Conference organised in Patna today. The Public Manifesto was unveiled by famous Bollywood personality and Bihar native, Swara Bhaskar. It was also announced that civil society Groups will keep reach out to 10 lakh people to raise awareness about renewable energy during the upcoming election.

An energy starved state, Bihar is a big importer of energy services and cannot survive for too long or be self-sufficient if renewable energy sector is not harnessed properly. A resurgent Bihar can chart out an alternative development pathway via a decentralised energy infrastructure to provide for the energy needs of its population in an equitable and sustainable manner.

“A growing Bihar is looking for a strong leadership that can bring the structural reforms and revamp the energy policy and embrace the strong Decentralised Renewable Energy Policy, said Ramapati Kumar, Chief Executive officer (CEO) of CEED India. The people of Bihar are expecting their leaders to showcase a solution to strengthen energy sector and take Bihar on the path of light. The new system will not only bring investment but will also create jobs for local people. While a lot of advancements have been made in Bihar over the last few years, lack of energy remains a crucial issue. It is surely the politicians who can deliver ‘energy now’ that will hold sway with voters in the upcoming elections, concluded Mr. Kumar

While unveiling the Energy manifesto for Bihar, Ms. Swara Bhaskar said “Bihar is already the hub of many small but revolutionary energy ideas such as “Dharnai solar micro-grid project” that empowered the lives of people in the villages. Bihar has the opportunity to directly leapfrog and lead the country in building an energy infrastructure of the future”.

CEED and other civil society organisations from Bihar are demanding a “comprehensive renewable energy policy with focus on DRE” and to implement 1000 micro or mini grids in villages; 100,000 solar pumps and to implement solar rooftop program to meet peak hour energy deficit in urban centres. The network also demanded for priority in lending areas for renewable energy sector and for a roadmap to be developed to make Bihar a leading state in renewable energy.

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