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Policy development framework for renewable energy recommended for efficient energy access program in Bihar

Patna, 16th July: Energy Minister of Bihar, Shri Bijendra Prasad Yadav assured the investors and other stakeholders to create a development and policy framework for energy access through network of micro and mini grids powered by renewable energy to ensure “energy to all”. He was speaking at the national conference ‘Renewable Energy Roadmap for Growing Bihar’ convened by the ‘Centre for Environment and Energy Development (CEED)’ at Hotel Mourya in Patna today and well attended by the luminaries of power and energy sector from India. Speakers at the conference were in unison that the proposed model of micro and mini grid network functions in cluster and is completely powered with locally available renewable energy resources. The model will fuel inclusive growth and will remove the energy poverty from the state of Bihar.

While appreciating the various efforts of government of Bihar, Ramapati Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, CEED said, “Bihar has enormous energy deficit which is a major challenge for the growth of the state. However, it can become a power surplus state with strong focus on development of renewable energy. What it needs is the right incentives, enabling environment and effective implementation.”

The Conference brought industry leaders, policy think-tanks, investors and energy experts from across the country to suggest the various ways and means to integrate DRE solutions in mainstream energy program. The conference witnessed various innovative but implementable models of decentralised renewable energy and also suggested strong and enabling regulatory framework to attract investment in renewable energy sector in the state.

CEED urged the Bihar government to focus on integrated energy planning based on cluster-based development. It was proposed that the energy planning should promote the establishment of Decentralised Renewable Energy (DRE) standalone solutions, which have tremendous potential in Bihar, but lack exclusivity and clarity in policy. It is essential from a policy standpoint to weave DRE standalone systems into the planning and implementation process.

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While speaking at the conference, Ramapati Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, CEED India advocated for strong policy based on statewide network of decentralised energy plants (stand alone and micro-grids), developed with support from state government agencies in collaboration with private entrepreneurs for higher impact and accelerated economic development of the state. The current leadership, especially the Chief Minister of Bihar, has demonstrated a strong commitment towards renewable energy, and a continued support will help to shape the policy towards enhancing the investments for DRE, he added further.

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