







Report Back

RE-Powering Health Sector for Future-Ready Jharkhand

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Report Launch and Conference

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Introduction

The Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA), Center for Environment and Energy Development (CEED), and Power for All jointly prepared and launched a roadmap report "RE-Powering Health sector for Future-Ready Jharkhand" at a state-level conference in Ranchi on August 17, 2022. The conference was attended by key representatives of government departments such as energy, health, rural development along with Indian Medical Association, renewable energy developers, health institutions, civil society organisations and other key stakeholders from the state.

Aims and Objectives:

This report extensively explores the status of the health care services in the state of Jharkhand and also identifies the lacunas in affordable healthcare in India. The report aims to establish two primary objectives namely assessing the DRE potential in the health sector of Jharkhand and creating an enabling framework for extending the use of DRE as a sustainable energy source in Jharkhand's health institutions.

Key Highlights of the report:

The report presents a roadmap for strengthening health services in Jharkhand though wider use of the DRE in the public health infrastructure. It emphasises that the Health-Energy integration plays a crucial role in attaining sustainable development goals and it is rightly interlinked with access to clean energy and access to better health services. Using a combination of primary and secondary research methods, this report is also informed through a survey which was conducted across 607 Healthcare centers (namely Primary Health Center, Sub Center, Community Health Center, District and Sub-District Hospital) in Ranchi, Gumla, West Singhbhum, Sahibganj, Dumka & Palamu districts.

Key highlights of the report are as follows:

- The report projects that power demand in the health sector is expected to reach 175 MW and wider use of renewable sources of energy can be boon for the public health institutions.
- The report gives us a clear picture of how the infusion of DRE through solarizing health centers can be cost-effective and save about 227 crores and 559 crores over the plant's lifetime in the BAU and optimistic scenario respectively.
- It can bolster the cold chain infrastructure for better vaccine supply, management, and prevention of wastage. It has been estimated that in the optimistic scenario DRE can contribute to sustainable energy transition and save nearly 0.8 million tonnes of CO₂ over 25 years in Jharkhand which is equivalent to carbon stored by 11,339,214 tree seedlings over ten years.
- Strengthening health care services, especially in developing countries with diverse ethnic communities is of significant importance as a lack of resources can underpin the development of healthcare infrastructure in the country. Since the greatest challenge lies in providing affordable and quality universal health care access, wider usage of techno based solution in entire health value chain is necessary.
- This report emphasizes convergent efforts, formulation of farsighted plans and policy with the health and energy integration as the starting points, procuring financing support from a variety of public and private routes, and engaging multiple stakeholders such as DRE developers, think-tanks, civil society organizations to realize a better and effective health delivery system in the regions of Jharkhand.

Inaugural Session



Figure 2: Report "RE-Powering Health sector for Future-Ready Jharkhand" unveiled

Elaborating the intent behind this initiative and welcoming the delegates, Dr. Manish Kumar, Director-Research and Development at CEED outlined energy access related concerns in health centres. It is high time a statewide program 'Solarization of Health' should be initiated to install renewable energy systems in all government-owned public healthcare centers.

Shri Bijay Kumar Sinha, Project Director, JREDA highlighted the role of Renewable Energy (RE) powered solutions in strengthening the health sector as they are well suited for diverse terrain and hamlets of sparsely located habitats in Jharkhand.

Praising the transformative role of DRE applications in the healthcare sector, Dr. Shambhu Prasad Singh, President, Ranchi Chapter of Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Director, Kanke General Hospital emphasized the need for taking initiative by the State government, IMA fraternity, and private hospital administrators to increasingly use the DRE applications.

Mr. Ashwani Ashok, Program Manager at Power for All said that Jharkhand urgently needs to bring in an ecosystem that takes a holistic approach. Solarising health centers can be a financial boon for health centers with a low payback period of 6-7 years thereby providing support against rising fuel and electricity prices.

Technical Session

The conference also deliberated upon the way forward of energy transition in the health sector through a technical session which was composed of the esteemed panelists such as Mr. Mukesh Prasad (JREDA), Mr. Debnath Bera (Ranchi Partners Management Consultants), Mr. Ashok Kumar and Mr. Shyamal Santra (TRIF), etc.



Figure 3: Technical Session on "RE-Powering Health sector for Future-Ready Jharkhand"

The session was chaired and moderated by Mr Arvind Kumar, Head-Programs and Communication, CEED who broadly set out the policy level discussion with the key aim to address the prevailing issues, systematic gaps, and define priorities with the lens of energy access and promote the idea of health and energy integration in the post-COVID phase.

The session agreed that there must be a robust policy mechanism for health and energy integration with overcoming investment gaps, capacity building, and technology integration which will play a major role in defining success in health infrastructure.

The session also highlighted that a policy level step should be taken to initiate a state-wide program 'Solarization of Health' to install renewable energy systems in all governmentowned public healthcare centers. This program should work in a convergence mode involving aligned agencies in the creation of enabling frameworks and financing ecosystems with encouraging technological solutions in an array of health services.

Key Quotes from the Speakers

"COVID crisis has again highlighted the need for robust health care infrastructure. The infusion of DRE into the health sector would be crucial for ensuring the energy security of rural health infrastructure and simultaneously a step forward to realise India's NDCs."

Dr Manish Kumar, Director-Research and Development, CEED "DRE-based application will be critical in providing energy access to rural health care in order to provide basic healthcare facilities and ensure inclusivity in the most remote areas of Jharkhand. Simultaneously it has potential to decarbonize health care."

Dr Mr. Bijay Kumar Sinha, Project Director, JREDA

"In rural health care DRE solutions can provide an array of services during general as well as medical emergencies through solar-based cold storage, vaccine refrigerator, baby warmer and portable health care kits, etc. This will major step to improve health indicators of the state."

Dr Shambhu Prasad, President, IMA- Ranchi "DRE infusion into Jharkhand's health sector has the potential to add over 175 MW to the state's renewable energy contribution while strengthening and improving health services. Renewable energy has an investment potential of 1200 crore in the health sector of Jharkhand."

Mr. Ashwani Ashok, Program Manager, Power for All "JREDA is ready to promote cleaner energy in the state. The health sector's transition to clean energy will achieve the twin goals of improving energy security for healthcare facilities while simultaneously expanding access to health services for those in most need."

Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Electrical Executive Engineer, JREDA "We essential require a comprehensive information repository backed solution that ensures that lives are also saved by a responsive and reliable system, in addition to powering health centres. This will help the state in improving the health indicators."

Mr. Mr. Shyamal Santra, TRIF

"Ownership, upkeep, and cooperation between the health and energy sectors are crucial if sustainable energy for healthcare facilities is to be fully realised. We need to encourage private sector participation and cutting-edge techno-solution in the health sector for better results."

Mr. Shri Debnath Bera, CEO, Ranchi Partners Management Consultants Pvt Ltd.

"Energy transition in the health sector is the key, which should be backed by proper capacity building measures, technology integration and resolving O & M issues in strengthening the health care infrastructure."

Mr. Satyam Abhishek, Senior Research Associate, CEED "Jharkhand essentially needs a clearly defined path for integrating energy and health through an enabling framework which should adopt a multistakeholder approach to achieving universal health care for the benefit of all."

Mr. Arvind Kumar, Head-Programs and Communications, CEED

Key takeaways from the Conference

- To ensure basic and secondary healthcare services, it is imperative to solarise healthcare infrastructure. A dedicated program should be started to build distributed solar energy systems in all government-owned public health care facilities in revenue villages, block blocks, sub-divisions, and districts.
- Combining energy efficiency initiatives with the use of renewable energy sources to power healthcare facilities can lessen reliance on fossil fuels, cut carbon emissions, and lower operating costs.
- The reduction of CO2 emissions from energy is the main goal of the switch to sustainable energy. The DRE infusion in health care would contribute to India's objective of becoming net-zero by 2070 and decarbonizing the state's health care infrastructure.
- Assuring a technologically friendly atmosphere in medical institutions also depends on capacity, operation, and administration. Thus, staff at the health centres must receive proper training in basic PV system management for system effectiveness and on-site troubleshooting.
- The National Health Mission and the Energy Department's objectives should be aligned through the implementation of specific measures. Similar to this, a clear vision should be used to ensure that inter-aligned departments' convergent duties for human development and general health are met.
- The Covid-19 problem has forced the government and policymakers to reevaluate the current condition of health affairs and allocate more funds to bolstering public health facilities. As a result, a fresh push for a new policy and roadmap is urgently required.

Media Coverage



करने पर वल देती है और वुनियादी स्वास्थ्य सुविधाओं को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अक्षय ऊर्जा और इसके विकेन्द्रीकृत मॉडलों को संवाद करना था। यह रिपोर्ट राज्य अपनाने पर जोर देती है। इस अवसर पर विजय कुमार सिन्हा, प्रोजेक्ट डायरेक्टर, जेरेडा ने कहा एनर्जी के साझा विजन पर अमल कि एक स्टेट**≫शेप पृष्ठ 11 पर**

स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र को सुदृढ़ वनाने में अक्षय ऊर्जा की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका प्रकाश डालना और इस पर समुचित नीतिगत पहल के लिए में अगले दस वर्षों में स्वास्थ्य ढांचे को मजवत करने के लिए हेल्थ-

रांची। झारखंड रिन्यएवल एनर्जी डेवलपमेंट एजेंसी (जेरेडा), सेंटर

हेल्थ सेक्टर में 10 वर्षों में अक्षय ऊर्जा से १७५ मेगावाट की संभावना और 0.8 मिलियन टन कार्बन उत्सर्जन की कमी संभव

फॉर एनवायरनमेंट एंड एनर्जी डेवलपमेंट (सीड) एवं पॉवर फॉर ऑल द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से तैयार एक रिपोर्ट 'फ्यूचर-रेडी झारखंड : आरई-पॉवरिंग हेल्थ सेक्टर' का वुधवार को एक कांफ्रेंस में विमोचन किया गया। इस कांफ्रेंस का मुख्य उद्देश्य झारखंड के जन-



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रांची। झारखंड रिन्यूएबल एनर्जी डेवलपमेंट एजेंसी, सेंटर फॉर **ए**नवायरनमेंट एंड एनर्जी हेवलपमेंट तथा पॉवर फॉर ऑल द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से तैयार की गयी रिपोर्ट बुधवार को विमोचन किया गुया। इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य जन स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र को सुदृढ़ करना है। यह रिपोर्ट राज्य में अगले दस वर्षों में स्वास्थ्य ढांचे को मजबूत करने के लिये हेल्थ एनर्जी के साझा विंजन पर अमल करने पर बल देती है। साथ ही, बुनियादी स्वास्थ्य सुविधायों को सुनिश्चित करने के लिये अक्षय उर्जा और इसके विकेंद्रीकृत मॉडलों को अपनाने पर

हेल्थ सेक्टर में दस वर्षों में अक्षय उर्जा से 175 मेगावाट उत्पादन की संभावना व्यक्त की गयी

जोर देती है।

इस अवसर पर जेरेडा के प्रोजेक्ट डायरेक्टर विजय कुमार सिन्हा ने कहा कि एक स्टेट एजेंसी के रूप में अक्षय उर्जा के व्यापक इस्तेमांल को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिये प्रतिबद्ध हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि यह रोड मैप इसी कड़ी में उठाया गया है। जेरेडा ने स्वास्थ्य विभाग के साथ मिलकर 423 स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों को सौर उर्जा से लैश किया है। जो करीब सात मेगावाट की

संस्थापित क्षमता को प्रदर्शित करती है। उन्होंने कहा कि जेरेडा स्वास्थ्यकर्मियों एवं सभी स्टेक होल्डर्स को ाहरसंभव कैपेसिटी बिल्डिंग व ट्रेनिंग उपलब्ध कराता रहेगा। इस अवसर पर डॉ मनीष कुमार ने कहा कि स्वास्थ्य अधिसंरचना का सौरकरण सभी। लोगों तंक स्वास्थ्य सेवा पहुंचाने के लिये मुख्य साधन हो सकता है। प्रोग्राम मैनेजर अश्विनी अशोक ने कहा कि सभी स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों को इंडियन पब्लिक हेल्थ स्टैंडर्ड के तहत तय मानकों को पूरा करने लायक बनाना है। इसमें मुकेश प्रसाद, यामल संतरा, देबनाथ बेरा, अशोक कुमार, सत्यम अभिषेक आदि उपस्थित थे।



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