

190 SPEAKERS AND OVER 14,000 TRADE VISITORS contribute to the success of the 5th Renewable Energy India 2011 Expo !

5th edition, in the series of the Renewable Energy India Expos, continues to play a defining role in setting strategy for growth of the renewable energy sector in India. On a successful run for three days, the expo served as an excellent medium for technology transfer into the Indian renewable energy industry. Few technologies showcased at the expo were on display for the very first time in India.

Unfolding the holistic potential of renewables, the expo reverberated with industries' confidence in various opportunities available in the Indian market. Addressing the delegates during the inauguration, Shri Deepak Gupta, Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Government of India said, "For the first time ever, we have exceeded capacity additions of more than 3000MW a year for renewable energy. In India, the current installed capacity from renewable sources constitutes 11.5% of the total power generation, a sizeable increase from the 3% recorded in 2003,"

Speaking further, he remarked, "Wind will continue to be the main driver of RE in India; we are targeting 4000MW of capacity additions a year from the current benchmark of 2000MW a year".

Despite the intermittent rain, over 14,000 trade visitors flocked to Pragati Maidan to see the 5th Renewable Energy India 2011 Expo. The expo series organized by Exhibitions India Group, and spread over 10,067 sqm of net display area, is known for bringing together leading international and domestic players, policy makers and technocrats on a common platform. With 527 exhibitors from 33 countries, the event has evolved from a niche solar event held in 2007 to a global renewable energy event. Country pavilions from Belgium, Canada and Korea, and large contingent of trade delegations, made an impressionable international presence at the expo.

The strongest buzz was seen in the solar halls which received the most aggressive push from the government through their recently launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission. Attracting a huge delegate interest, the engaging panel discussion on Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission was chaired by Shri Deepak Gupta and moderated by Kuljit Singh, Partner, Ernst & Young.

An impressive line-up of over 190 eminent speakers brought in key solar world leaders and innovators who were upbeat about the opportunities in the Indian solar sector.