



India Distributed Renewable Energy Summit (IDRES) 2026



Date: 9–11 February 2026

Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Background

The India Distributed Renewable Energy Summit (IDRES) 2026 marks a new chapter in the country's flagship platform for decentralised renewable energy (DRE). Building on the legacy of the **India Energy Access Summit (IEAS)**- held in 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2020 - this edition reflects the evolving priorities of India's clean energy journey.

The earlier summits convened hundreds of stakeholders -practitioners, policymakers, investors, and civil society - around the national energy access agenda. They played a catalytic role in shaping enabling frameworks, fostering collaborations, and scaling DRE solutions for last-mile electrification.

With India having achieved near-universal electrification and making bold commitments under its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the sector now enters its next phase: ensuring energy is reliable, productive, affordable, and inclusive. IDRES 2026 embodies this shift, positioning DRE not just as an access enabler but as a critical driver of India's clean energy transition, rural industrialisation, and climate resilience.

Organizers

Principal Organiser: Clean Energy Access Network (CLEAN)

In Partnership With: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India

Rationale

The world stands at a decisive moment in the fight against climate change. Energy systems contribute nearly 73% of global GHG emissions, and accelerating the shift to clean, distributed renewable energy is central to achieving global climate goals. India has emerged as a global leader in renewable energy, ranking among the top five nations in installed capacity and committing to 500 GW of non-fossil energy by 2030. Over the last decade, it has electrified more than 370 million people, transforming the social and economic fabric of rural communities.

The next frontier lies in harnessing DRE solutions- both electrical and thermal to:

Why IDRES 2026 Matters

- **Climate Leadership:** Achieving India's targets—45% reduction in emissions intensity by 2030 and net zero by 2070—requires scaling distributed solutions that reduce fossil fuel dependence and enhance resilience.
- **Inclusive Development:** With nearly 65% of India's population living in rural areas, DRE offers transformative opportunities for healthcare, education, agriculture, cold chains, and rural industries.
- **Green Jobs:** Scaling DRE can generate millions of livelihood opportunities across installation, O&M, manufacturing, and services.
- **Energy for Development:** Beyond households, reliable clean energy underpins value addition in agriculture, empowers women, and strengthens local economies.
- **SDG Alignment:** DRE is a cross-cutting enabler for poverty reduction, zero hunger, gender equality, climate action, and partnerships for development.

Expected Outcomes

- Position DRE at the centre of India's clean energy transition.
- Generate actionable insights for policy, financing, and market growth.
- Workshops outlining opportunities, challenges, and enabling conditions for scaling DRE.
- Strengthen cross-sector collaborations to accelerate climate and development goals.
- Create a roadmap for integrating decentralised solutions into India's energy future.

Target Audience

- DRE practitioners and enterprises
- Government institutions (ministries, state nodal agencies, regulators)
- Investors and financial institutions
- Think tanks and research bodies
- Industry associations and CSR leaders
- Civil society organisations and grassroots innovators



Agenda

Three-Day Summit | 400+ Participants

Thematic Workshops (Invite Only) – 9 February 2026

Time	Workshop Title	Co-Workshop Partner
9:30 – 10:00	Opening Remarks	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Clean Energy Access Network (CLEAN)
10:00 – 13:00	Energy Efficiency and Standards	Collaborative Labelling and Appliance Standards Program (CLASP)
10:00 – 13:00	Financing Avenues for DRE	Council for Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)
14:00 – 17:00	Strengthening CSOs for Last-Mile Distribution Agencies	Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF)
14:00 – 17:00	Quality Assurance and Consumer Code of Protection	Global Off-Grid Lighting Association (GOGLA)

High-Level Plenary Sessions

Day 1 – 10 February 2026 (9:00 - 21:00)

Time	Session No.	Session Title	Co-Session Partner
9:00 – 9:30	Registration		
9:30 – 9:55	Inauguration of the Summit and Setting the Context		Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Clean Energy Access Network (CLEAN)
10:00 – 11:30	Opening Plenary & Session 1	<i>Global Partnership for Local Impact & Inaugural of Exhibition</i>	Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF)
11:30 – 11:45	—	Break	
11:45 – 13:00	Session 2	<i>DRE for Development & Launch of State of the Sector (SOS) 2025</i>	United National Development Programme (UNDP)
13:00 – 14:00	—	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3	<i>India–European Union (EU) Development Partnership</i>	Alliance For Rural Electrification (ARE)
15:30 – 15:45	—	Break	
15:45 – 17:00	Session 4	<i>Women in DRE</i>	GIZ India
17:30 – 19:00	Awards Night	<i>Celebrating champions and success from the sector</i>	
19:00 – 21:00	Networking Dinner	<i>Networking and Dine</i>	
10:00 – 21:00	Exhibition		Demonstration of 50+ DRE technologies by CLEAN Practitioners
10:00 – 17:00	Investment Match making Session		Talk to Investor about your financial needs

Day 2 – 11 February 2026 (10:00 – 17:30)

Time	Session No.	Tentative Session Title	Co-Session Partner
10:00 – 11:30	Session 5	<i>India–African Union (AU) Development Partnership</i>	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
11:30 – 11:45	-	Break	
11:45 – 13:00	Session 6	<i>Streamlining Financing (CSR, Philanthropy & Impact Investment)</i>	WRI India
13:00 – 14:00	-	Lunch Break	
14:00– 15:30	Session 7	<i>Powering MSMEs – Next Chapter for India’s DRE Ecosystem</i>	-
15:30 – 15: 45	-	Break	
15:45 – 17:00	Session 8	<i>Future-Ready Workforce: Entrepreneurship and Employment</i>	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI)
17:00 – 17:30	Closing Session	<i>Valedictory Session</i>	Clean Energy Access Network (CLEAN)



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