

Press Release

TERI and NISE sign MoU to develop R&D on solar energy

New Delhi, August 31: The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) entered into a strategic association with the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) to achieve common objectives related to research and development of solar energy and related equipment and technology.

TERI Director General, Dr Ajay Mathur, and **NISE Director General, Dr AK Tripathi**, signed the five-year memorandum of understanding at TERI.

The collaboration is related to grid-connected solar rooftop PV, solar thermal power plants, energy storage systems, electric vehicles, smart grid initiatives, solar cooling etc.

The organisations also intend to carry out policy and regulatory studies and capacity-building programmes dealing with grid integration, recycling and disposal of solar panels and batteries and collaborate with global research institutions to undertake research in India.

Apart from this, TERI and NISE will also look into setting up a product development centre for renewable energy technologies. This centre will also focus on incubation and development of business models and consultancy in various aspects of solar energy technologies.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mathur said, "This partnership would open new opportunities for cooperation between the two organisations in solar energy and energy storage research, and in capacity-building programmes at the national and state levels."

Dr Tripathi said, "Technical and R&D strength of NISE and 'socio-outreach' capabilities of TERI will be jointly utilised to promote solar energy in the country, thereby achieving goals of the National Solar Mission and the INDC target of the Government of India."

About TERI

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is a leading think tank dedicated to conducting research for sustainable development of India and the Global South. TERI was established in 1974 as an information centre on energy issues. Over the decades, it has made a mark as a research institute, whose policy and technology solutions have transformed people's lives and the environment.

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