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DISTRICT-LEVEL WORKSHOP

Community Collectives for Inclusive DRE Development

Strengthening Sustainable Livelihoods through District Action Planning

Date: November 5, 2026 (Thursday) | **Time:** 9:30 AM onwards
Venue: Hotel Asha, Simdega, Jharkhand

Programme Agenda

Time	Session	Speakers/Facilitators
9.30-10.30 AM | Registration & Breakfast		
10.30-11.15 AM	**Welcome Address and Introductions** Smt. Kanchan Singh (IAS), *District Commissioner (DC), Simdega* Shri Dipankar Chowdhury, *Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC), Simdega* Smt. Shanti Mardi, *District Project Manager (DPM), Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS)*	**Binit Das,** Programme Manager, Renewable Energy, Centre for Science and Environment **Ashok Kumar,** Director, Farm Prosperity, Transform Rural India
11.15-11.30 AM	**Presentation** *From Megawatts to Livelihoods: Redefining DRE Success Through Community Collectives*	**Biswajit Ghosh,** Consultant, Renewable Energy, CSE
11.30-11.45 PM | Tea Break		
11.45-12.30 AM	**Discussion 1** : From State Renewable Energy Targets to District-Level Action **Moderator:** **Ashok Kumar,** Director, Farm Prosperity, Transform Rural India • Sudipt Dey, Programme Manager, Mlinda Sustainable Environment • Shyam, Livelihood coordinator (Dist), PRADAN, Simdega • Block-Level Community Representatives, Operators and Technical Supervisors, Framers	**Session Objective:** Understanding how community collectives are managing the DRE assets sustainably and enabling the prosperity of the small and marginal farmers in particular

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12:30-2.15 PM	**Discussion 2**: Mini Grids for Income Prosperity with focus on energy-as-a-service and grid integration of CMSLI **Moderator: Binit Das,** Programme Manager, Renewable Energy, Centre for Science and Environment & **Priyaranjan Sinha**, Specialist-DRE, Climate Action, Transform Rural India • Surjyakanta Kar, Practitioner, State Irrigation Cell, Govt. of Jharkhand • Dheeraj Kumar Gupta, Program Manager, Energy program, WRI India • Ankur Alok Raj, East Zone Service Manager, GramOorja • Gaurav Mahato, Director, Alt Energy Innovation Private Limited • Block-Level Community Entrepreneurs	**Session Objective:** Transforming isolated mini-grids into commercially viable assets by advancing regulatory mechanisms for central grid integration and stimulating localized productive power demand.
2.15-3.15 PM | Lunch		
3.15 PM onwards	**Field Visit**: On-Site Field Immersion & Workshop Closure **Lead by:** **Mayuree Bankar**, Associate Practitioner, Transform Rural India.	**Session Objective:** Connecting policy discussions with ground realities through joint site visits to check equipment, metering and user experiences.