

A NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE-CUM-CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

BEYOND PILOTS: SCALING ROOFTOP SOLAR IN INDIA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2026

VENUE: ANIL AGARWAL ENVIRONMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE (AAETI), NIMLI, RAJASTHAN

PROGRAMME AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS
DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026		
9.00-9.30 AM Registration		
9.30-9.45 AM	Welcome Address and Introductions	Binit Das, Programme Manager, Renewable Energy, CSE
9.45-10.00 AM	PM Surya Ghar — A Ground-level View: Findings from Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh	Dimitri Barury, Researcher, Renewable Energy, CSE
10.00-11.00 AM	INAUGURAL SESSION : Setting the Context: Scaling India's Rooftop Solar Mission PANEL - Ashish Patjoshi, General Manager, Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Ltd. - Rajneesh Sharma, Partner, Deloitte - Praphul Sharma, Former Joint Director, International Solar Alliance - Abhijeet Kaplish, Chief Executive, Punjab Energy Development Agency*	MODERATOR Nivit Kumar Yadav, Programme Director, Sustainable Industrialisation and Renewable Energy, CSE
11.00-11.30 AM Open House		
11:30-11.45 AM TEA BREAK		
11.45 AM-12.00 PM	PRESENTATION: Rooftop solar in India - Scheme at Scale, Deployment trends	Pratik Joshi, PhD research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai
12.00-1.00 PM	DISCUSSION 1: Accelerating Residential Rooftop Solar: Subsidy Flow, DISCOM Readiness and SNA Coordination (subsidy design, conversion and coverage) PANEL - Sunil Mani, Policy Advisor, International institute for Sustainable Development - Pratik Joshi, PhD research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai - Arpo Mukherjee, Associate Vice President, Ernst and Young - Loveroop Singh, District Manager, PEDDA	MODERATOR Abhishek Dalal, Manager, Idam Infrastructure Advisory Pvt Ltd
1.00-1.30 PM Open House		
1.30-3.00 PM LUNCH		
3.00 - 3.30 PM	PRESENTATION: Scaling Commercial and Industrial Rooftop Solar: Business Models and Lessons from the Field	Mridul Chadha, Associate Director, CRISIL Limited
3.30 - 4.30 PM	DISCUSSION 2: Unlocking Commercial and Industrial Rooftop Solar: Open Access, Group Captive and Business Models (commercial and industrial framework) PANEL - Arpo Mukherjee, Associate Vice President, Ernst and Young - Mridul Chadha, Associate Director, CRISIL Limited - Abhishek Dalal, Manager, Idam Infrastructure Advisory Pvt Ltd - Sachin Agrawal, Chief Executive Officer, Solitech Solar - Amod Anand, Co-founder, Loom Solar - Pulkit Moudgil, Senior Research Associate, JMK Research & Analytics	MODERATOR Arshi Chadha, Founder, Bridgeway Power
4.30-5.15 PM Open House		

DAY 2: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

6.00-7.30 AM	Guided Campus Tour, AAETI	Sarabjeet Randhawa, Director, AAETI
10.00-10.15 AM	PRESENTATION: Vendor Perspective on PM Surya Ghar: Ground Realities in Empanelment, Inspection, and Installation	Uchit Sood, Founder Owner, Bhatt Enterprises,
10.15 - 10.30 AM	PRESENTATION: On the Other Side of the Meter: A Consumer's View of PM Surya Ghar's Rollout	Malaya Ranjan Pal, Consumer

10.30-10.45 AM | TEA BREAK

10.45 - 11.45 AM	DISCUSSION 3: Strengthening the Vendor–DISCOM Interface: Empanelment, Inspection, and Installation Quality (quality, empanelment and consumer protection) PANEL - Dayanand Vanmore, Team Lead Renewables, TPWODL - Chandra Shekhar, Managing Director, Jaivik Renewables Pvt Ltd - Uchit Sood, Founder Owner, Bhatt Enterprises - Shammone T, Junior Engineer Lakshadweep Electricity Department - Sanat Kumar, Chief Manager, REC Limited*	MODERATOR Nikhil Mall, Senior Manager- Clean Energy and Power Sector, Vasudha Foundation
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12.15-12.30 PM | TEA BREAK

12.45-1.00 PM	PRESENTATION: Virtual Net Metering — Chhattisgarh's Approach and Early Lessons	Chandra Shekhar, Managing Director, Jaivik Renewables Pvt Ltd
1.00-1.15 PM	PRESENTATION: Realising India's Rooftop Solar Ambitions	Shantanu Roy, Sector Coordinator (Renewables and Energy Conservation), Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy

1.15-2.15 PM | LUNCH

2.15-3.15 PM	DISCUSSION 4 : DISCOMs, Urban Local Bodies and Implementation: Grid Readiness and Institutional Coordination (institutional capacity and the multi-ownership) PANEL - Nikhil Mene, Assistant Engineer (Environment & Climate Change), Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation - Pratik Joshi, PhD Research Scholar, IITB - Shantanu Roy, Sector Coordinator(Renewables and Energy Conservation),Center for Study of Science,Technology and Policy - Dayanand Vanmore, Team Lead Renewables, TPWODL - Sunanda Sinha, Assistant Professor(Centre for Energy & Environment),Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur	MODERATOR Arjun Gupta, Manager, RMI India Foundation
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4.00-4.20 PM	PRESENTATION : The Uttar Pradesh Model: A Case Study in Scaling Rooftop Solar	Arjun Gupta, Manager RMI India
4.20-5.20 PM	DISCUSSION 5: Strengthening State Systems: Institutions, Coordination and Capacity PANEL - Shantanu Roy, Sector Coordinator (Renewables and Energy Conservation), CSTEP - Arjun Gupta, Manager, RMI India Foundation - Manish Chaware, Junior Engineer, BMC - Mohammed Irfan, Junior Engineer, Lakshadweep Electricity Department - Dayanand Vanmore, Team Lead Energy, TPWODL - Loveroop Singh, District Manager, PEDA	MODERATOR Arun Tripathi, Scientist G/Advisor, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

5:20-5:45 PM | Open House

DAY 3: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

6.00 AM | Morning Aravalli Trek

10.00-10.30 AM	PRESENTATION: Rooftop Solar 2.0: Regulatory Reforms for the Next Phase of Growth	Nikhil Mall, Senior Manager- Clean Energy and Power Sector, Vasudha Foundation
10.30-11.30 AM	DISCUSSION 6: Net Metering, Smart Grids, and the Future of Rooftop Solar: Bi-Directional Metering, Virtual Net Metering and Grid Integration PANEL - Arun Tripathi, Scientist G/Advisor, MNRE - Uchit Sood, Bhatt Enterprises - Aditya Pratap Singh, Director, MNRE* - Manohar Das, Consultant, SolarSpace Energy Pvt Ltd	MODERATOR Jaideep Saraswat, Associate Director- Clean Power, Electric Mobility & Emerging Technologies, Vasudha Foundation

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12.00-1.00 PM | LUNCH AND DISPERSALS