



A Regional Meeting

AGRICULTURE IN DISTRESS: IS SOLAR THE SOLUTION?

AUGUST 8 – 9, 2019

Aurangabad, Maharashtra

AGENDA

AUGUST 8, 2019

1.30 PM - 9.00 PM: Field Trip

AUGUST 9, 2019

8:30 – 9:00 AM: Registration

9:00 – 10:00 AM: **Welcome address & Presentation: The solar-powered future of agriculture**
Session Anchored by Chandra Bhushan, deputy director general, CSE

Presentation by Mandvi Singh, programme manager and Pratha Jhawar, deputy programme manager, renewable energy, CSE

Followed by Q&A

10:00 – 11:30 AM: **India's irrigation challenges and possible solutions**

Moderator: Chandra Bhushan, CSE

Panelists

- *H M Desarda, former member of State Planning Board and senior economist, Aurangabad*
- *D K Singh, principal scientist and professor, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi*
- *Madhav Gholkar, manager-agriculture, Watershed Organisation Trust, Pune*
- *Rajesh Puranik, professor and head, Faculty of Social Science, Water and Land Management Institute, Aurangabad*

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: **Release of Report by Chandra Bhushan and Vijay Anna Borade, agricultural expert, followed by Tea Break**

12:00 – 1:30 PM: **Is solar a solution? The way forward**

Presentation topic: Agricultural energy demand and discom distress

Presentation by Mandvi Singh, programme manager, renewable energy, CSE

Moderator: Mandvi Singh, CSE

Panelists

- *Deepak Tryambak Bornare, head of department and deputy director, Maharashtra Institute of Technology-Centre for Analytical Research and Studies, Aurangabad*
- *Vijay Anna Borade, agricultural expert, Aurangabad*
- *Abhishek Jain, Centre for Energy, Environment and Water, New Delhi*

1:30 – 2:00 PM: **Wrapping up**

Addresses by

- *V W Rode, general manager (solar), Maharashtra Energy Development Agency, Pune*
- *Chandra Bhushan, CSE*

2:00 – 3:00 PM: **Lunch**



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