

A NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

BEYOND PILOTS

UPSCALING DISTRIBUTED CLEAN ENERGY IN INDIA

DATE: JUNE 3-5, 2026

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

PROGRAMME AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS/FACILITATOR
DAY 1 : WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026		
9.00-9.30 AM Registration		
9.30-9.45 AM	Welcome address and introductions	Binit Das, Programme Manager, Renewable Energy, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)
9.45-10.15 AM	Keynote Address: Distributed Clean Energy	Jeevan Kumar Jethani, Scientist F, Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India
10.15-11.30 AM	<p>DISCUSSION 1: Setting the Context: Policy, Progress and State Realities (challenges and opportunities)</p> <p>PANEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rakesh Kumar, Former Programme Director, International Solar Alliance • Somya Ranjan Aich (OES), Director (Technical), Orissa Renewable Energy Development Agency • Asi Linggi, Joint Director, Arunachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency • Alok Kumar, Director General, All India Discoms Association • Guruprakash Shetty, Chief Operating Officer, SELCO India • Manoj Kumar Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Tata Power MicroGrid • Nikhil Murarka, Chief Operating Officer, Husk Power 	<p>MODERATOR</p> <p>Nivit Kumar Yadav, Programme Director, Industrial Pollution and Renewable Energy, CSE</p>
11.30 AM-12.00 PM Open House		
12.00-1.00 PM CONFERENCE LUNCH		
1.00-1.30 PM	PRESENTATION: Mini-Grids in India — Deployment Trends, Electrification Gaps and Pilot Models	Omkar Buwa, PhD Research Scholar, IIT Bombay
1.30-2.30 PM	<p>DISCUSSION 2: Scaling Mini-Grids: Typologies, Design and Deployment Challenges</p> <p>PANEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikhil Murarka, Chief Operating Officer, Husk Power • Priyaranjan Sinha, Consultant, Transform Rural India • Pranav Bharti Sah, Head – Operations & Finance, Mlinda Sustainable Environment • Manoj Kumar Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Tata Power MicroGrid • Anshuman Lath, Co-founder, Gram Oorja Solutions 	<p>MODERATOR</p> <p>Anand B Rao, Institute Chair Professor and Head, Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (C-TARA), IIT-Bombay, Mumbai</p>
2.30-3.00 PM Open House		
3.00-3.30 PM TEA		



3.30-4.00 PM	PRESENTATION: The Mini-Grid Business and Financing Models	Piyush Mathur, Co-founder, Odyssey Energy Solutions Binit Das, CSE
4.00-5.00 PM	DISCUSSION 3: Making Mini-Grids Bankable: Finance, Tariffs and Demand PANEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piyush Mathur, Co-founder, Odyssey Energy Solutions • Mrinalini Shastry, Lead Research & Partnerships, Rang De • Saurabh Chandra Rai, Manager, Climate Policy Initiative • Pranav Bharti Sah, Head – Operations & Finance, Minda Sustainable Environment • Anshuman Lath, Co-founder, Gram Oorja Solutions 	MODERATOR Jay Vikram Bakshi, Adviser, CII Foundation

5.00-5.30 PM | Open House

DAY 2 : THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026

6.00- 7.30 AM	Guided Campus Tour, AAETI	Sarabjeet Randhawa, Director, AAETI
10.00-10.45 AM	PRESENTATION: PM-KUSUM in Practice and Agrivoltaics	Sachin Singh, Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute Priyaranjan Sinha, Consultant, Transform Rural India Manoj Jain, Former Project Director, Haryana Renewable Energy Development Agency (HREDA) Satish Khadse, Executive Manager, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd

10.45-11.15 AM | TEA

11.15 AM-12.45 PM	DISCUSSION 4: Solar in Agriculture: Land, Finance and Adoption Pathways PANEL Sachin Singh, Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute Manoj Jain, Former Project Director, HREDA Satish Khadse, Executive Manager, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd Priyaranjan Sinha, Consultant, Transform Rural India Piyush Mathur, Co-founder, Odyssey Energy Solutions Ankit Tritwal, Vice President, Infocold India Dhirendra Singh, Principal Scientist & Professor, Indian Agricultural Research Institute Arupananda Pattanaik, Manager (Regulatory), GRIDCO Ltd. Priyami Dutta, Policy Advisor, International Institute for Sustainable Development	MODERATOR Prasant Panigrahi, President, Odisha Cleantech Association
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12.45-1.15 PM | Open House

1.15-2.15 PM | LUNCH

2.15-2.45 PM	PRESENTATION: Strengthening State Institutions for Scaling Distributed Renewable Energy	Payal Dey, Assistant Professor, IIM Bodh Gaya
2.45-3.45 PM	DISCUSSION 5: Strengthening State Systems: Institutions, Coordination and Capacity PANEL Somya Ranjan Aich (OES), Director (Technical), Orissa Renewable Energy Development Agency Sachin Singh, Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute Asi Linggi, Joint Director, Arunachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency Shaswati Mohapatra, Assistant General Manager (Renewable), GRIDCO Ltd. Manoj Jain, Former Project Director, HREDA Parthasarathy CR, Chief Manager, SELCO India Payal Dey, Assistant Professor, IIM Bodh Gaya	MODERATOR Dhirendra Singh, Principal Scientist & Professor, Indian Agricultural Research Institute

3.45-4.15 PM | Open House

4.15-4.45 PM: TEA

DAY 3 : FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026

6.00 AM | Morning Aravalli Trek

10.00-11.00 AM	DISCUSSION 6: Model Solar Villages: Integration, Ownership and Impacts PANEL Nikhil Murarka, Chief Operating Officer, Husk Power Sandeep Narang, Partner, Ernst & Young Payal Dey, Assistant Professor, IIM Bodh Gaya Omkar Buwa, PhD Research Scholar, IIT Bombay	MODERATOR Jaideep Saraswat, Associate Director, Vasudha Foundation
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11.30 AM-12.00 PM: TEA

12.00-1.30 PM	DISCUSSION 7: From Dialogue to Action: Next Steps and Support Pathways Facilitated Discussion + Breakout Consultations	All Cohorts
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1.30-2.30 PM | LUNCH AND DISPERSALS



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