



CSE NATIONAL DIALOGUE

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**COAL FLEXIBILISATION AND REFORMING PPAs
FOR RE INTEGRATION**

August 21, 2026 | Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

PROGRAMME AGENDA

TIMING	TOPIC
9:30 - 10:00	Welcome & Registration
INAUGURAL SESSION	
10:00 - 11:30	Opening address: Ms. Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE
	Presentation of CSE's Policy research on Coal Flexibilisation and Reforming Thermal PPAs Mr. Parth Kumar, Programme Manager, CSE and Mr. Kushagra Goyal, Senior Research Associate, CSE
	Address by Keynote speakers: Dr. Umakanta Panda, Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (MPERC) Mr. Rajiv Kumar Porwal, Director (System Operations), GRID India Mr. B.C. Mallick, Principal Chief Engineer II, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) Mr. M.M. Chaudhari, Joint Chief, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)
	CSE's Report Launch
11:30 – 11:45 TEA BREAK	
ROUNDTABLE SESSION 1: Deciphering India's Coal flexibilization challenge for RE Integration & Grid Stability	
11:45 – 12:10	Chair: Mr. Sajan George, Executive Director (NRLDC), GRID-India
	Key speaker on the panel Mr. Anjan Kumar Sinha, Technical Director, Intertek, New Delhi Mr. Vivek Gangwar, Additional General Manager, NTPC Ltd. Mr. Sanjoy Bhattacharya, General Manager, BHEL
12:10 – 13:00	Open Roundtable Discussion [Chair will moderate the session with space provided for subject experts to pursue the discussion on the core themes within the topic.]
13:00 -14:00 LUNCH BREAK	
ROUNDTABLE SESSION 2: Reforming Thermal PPAs for Decarbonising the Power Sector & Reducing Systemic Costs	
14:00 – 14:30	Chair: Dr. Umakanta Panda, Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (MPERC)
	Key Speaker on the panel Mr. Abhinav Jindal, Energy economist Mrs. Swapna Seshadri, Advocate / Partner, MSA Solicitors and Advocates Mr. Shri Venkatesh, Founding Partner, SKV Law offices
14:30 – 15:30	Open Roundtable Discussion [Chair will moderate the session with space provided for subject experts to pursue the discussion on the core themes within the topic.]
15:30 – 15:40	Conclusion and Vote of Thanks by Mr. Nivit Yadav, Programme Director, CSE
TEA AND SNACKS	



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