

## MNRE celebrates International Women's Day



The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy celebrated International Women's Day with all the concerned women stakeholders in the Renewable Energy (RE) Space to acknowledge and encourage the contribution of women in the energy sector. The event was chaired by Secretary, MNRE and was conducted in a hybrid mode for all women stakeholders from the Ministry, Public Sector Undertakings, Industries, Not-for-Profit Organizations, etc.

Secretary, MNRE congratulated all the women for their remarkable contribution in the RE sector and highlighted MNRE's alignment to the United Nation's theme of Gender equality for a sustainable tomorrow.

JS, MNRE underlined the importance of women's presence in transforming communities and unfolded MNRE's gender inclusive commitment towards women empowerment. She apprised all the stakeholders of the inter-ministerial Committee that has been constituted to address women centric issues in the RE sector and highlighted that the recently released Decentralized Renewable Energy (DRE) framework is gender inclusive.

Ms. Tanya Singhal, founder and Director of SolarArise, applauded MNRE's commitment to women-centric policies in RE Space and shared her empowering story of setting up 7 grid connected solar projects.

Ms. Sindoor Mittal, Chairperson – Avaada, and Mrs. Vaishali Nigam Sinha, Chief Sustainability Officer – ReNew Power, highlighted the need to provide equal platform to women in private and public sector. Adding to this Ms. Jyoti Mukul from CII, called for the need to relax norms to ensure women's participation in technical roles and empowering her by entrusting equal opportunities.

Ms. Poonam Sandhu from NRDC appreciated MNRE's initiative of making gender neutral policies and framework.

Women employees from MNRE shared their experiences of working with the Ministry and how their roles & responsibilities have evolved over time.

In an attempt to recognize the exemplary performances and contribution of women in RE space, MNRE through Association of Renewable Energy Agencies of States (AREAs) announced an initiative to award the women stakeholders periodically.

The session was concluded on a positive note with an affirmation of bringing women to the forefront in the energy sector.



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