

# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM CLEAN

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Dear Members, Partners, and Friends, it's a pleasure to reach out to you through this quarter's newsletter, my first as Executive Director since joining CLEAN in August 2025. Over the past few months, I've had the opportunity to meet and interact with many of you, and I've been deeply inspired by the incredible passion and purpose that drive this network. CLEAN truly reflects the strength of collective action where innovation meets impact, and where every member contributes to shaping India's decentralised renewable energy (DRE) story.

This quarter has been marked by momentum and collaboration, from regional member meetings and workshops to new partnerships and field-level innovation. These engagements reaffirm CLEAN's role as a platform that connects ideas, people, and opportunities. What stands out most is our shared commitment to making clean energy not just a technology solution, but a tool for dignity, livelihoods, and climate resilience.

As we look ahead, we're preparing to host the India Distributed Renewable Energy Summit (IDRES) 2026 in February. This will be more than just a conference; it will be a celebration of the ecosystem we've built together, and a space to chart the future of DRE in India and beyond. I look forward to seeing many of you there and hearing your ideas on how we can continue building a stronger, more inclusive sector.

Thank you for your continued support, trust, and collaboration. Together, we will keep driving meaningful change- one community, one innovation, and one partnership at a time.

## NEW MEMBERS



Carbon  
Impact  
Capital



## IDRES

### India Distributed Renewable Energy Summit (IDRES) 2026

CLEAN is set to convene IDRES 2026, marking the next phase of India's flagship platform for decentralised renewable energy (DRE), building on the legacy of the India Energy Access Summit (IEAS), which united practitioners, policymakers, investors, and civil society to scale DRE solutions and enable last-mile electrification.

With near-universal electrification achieved and ambitious NDCs in place, the focus now is on reliable, affordable, and inclusive energy.

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Feb'26**  
**Venue: IHC, Delhi, India**



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## EVENTS

### Research Conclave 2025

CLEAN served as an industry partner at the Research Conclave 2025, held on the theme "Towards Achieving SDG 7: Collaborative Roles of Engineering and Science Disciplines in Higher Education." The event was jointly organized by the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, ADBU, and the Department of Electrical Engineering, Assam Engineering College (AEC).



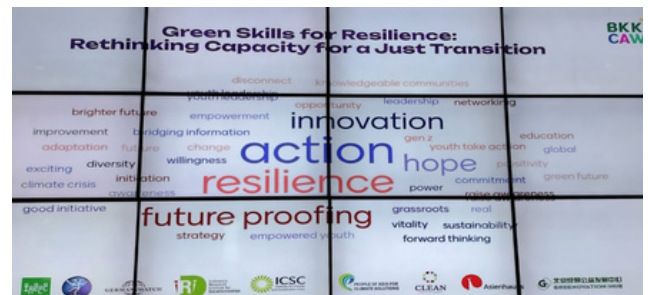
### Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) Forum and the Bangkok Climate Action Week (BKKCAW)



Dr Priyadarshini Karve, CEO of CLEAN, participated in the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) Forum and the Bangkok Climate Action Week (BKKCAW) held in Bangkok, Thailand, from September 29 to October 3, 2025. She represented CLEAN as a panelist at APAN and as a moderator at BKKCAW, sharing insights on decentralised renewable energy (DRE) as a driver of climate resilience and just transitions.

At APAN's Deep Dive session on Financing Transformational Adaptation, she highlighted the financing barriers faced by the DRE sector despite its proven role in enabling both mitigation and adaptation at lower costs. The discussion stressed the need for a shared understanding of adaptation finance and inclusion of vulnerable communities through simpler, more just financial mechanisms.

At BKKCAW's session on Localising Adaptation and Mitigation, she underscored how DRE technologies strengthen local livelihoods and climate resilience when financing and decision-making are community-led and gender-inclusive.










Key takeaways included the need to bring finance closer to communities, centre women's leadership, and foster cross-regional collaboration. The events also provided valuable opportunities for CLEAN to connect with Asia-Pacific networks, highlighting the importance of Indian DRE participation in future regional climate dialogues.

## Watt Matters- Weekly Member Spotlights

-  **SNL Energy:** Lighting up rural India with solar power that drives dignity, opportunity, and inclusive growth.
-  **S4S Technologies:** Empowering women farmers with solar food processing that cuts waste and boosts incomes.
-  **Mlinda Foundation:** Transforming rural livelihoods by powering enterprises and creating green jobs through renewables.
-  **Khethworks:** Enabling year-round farming with affordable solar irrigation for higher yields and better incomes.
-  **PLUSS Advanced Technologies:** Redefining clean cooling with Phase Change innovation - from solar cold rooms to EV batteries.
-  **ERES:** Bringing solar power to flood rescue, schools, and clinics - making clean energy a tool for dignity.
-  **Eartheners:** Powering 13,000+ homes and 550 health centres across the Northeast with resilient solar solutions.
-  **DKKSONS:** Delivering solar lighting and livelihood solutions to remote Northeast communities with purpose.

## PODCASTS

-  **Second Life, First Mile: Powering Circular Energy Access**
- This episode explores how second-life lithium-ion batteries are powering decentralised renewable energy (DRE) applications. From sourcing used EV batteries to deploying clean, reliable energy solutions in rural India, **Nunam Technologies** is creating a circular model that's inclusive, scalable, and rooted in impact. Tune in to learn how this innovative approach is unlocking new possibilities for agriculture, micro-enterprises, and energy access in underserved regions
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-  **Powering change: 30 years building inclusive future through technology**
- This episode is in conversation with **Dr. Srinivas Shroff**, Executive Director, **NAILS**, a trailblazer in energy access and sustainable development and it dives into: ♦ The evolution of inclusive sustainability practices and their role in climate action ♦ Lessons from pioneering decentralised renewable energy (DRE) projects ♦ Bridging technical expertise with community engagement ♦ What inclusive leadership really looks like in the climate space
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-  **No Backing, Just Belief: Manipur's Decentralised Energy Revolution**
- This episode explores what it takes to build a movement from scratch — with no institutional support, just grit, vision, and community trust. We spoke with **Mr. Seth**, from **SNL Energy** - a grassroots changemaker transforming lives through decentralised renewable energy. From powering remote health centres to training youth in solar skills, his journey reflects resilience, innovation, and impact. A must-listen for anyone passionate about energy access, equity, and grassroots leadership.
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## REGIONAL MEET

CLEAN convened two Regional Meets this quarter for its North Zone members and for the South Zone members, providing a platform for meaningful dialogue and collaboration within the DRE ecosystem.

**The North zone** discussions focused on:

- The forthcoming 2025 State of DRE Sector Report
- Development Alternatives' initiative on DRE for entrepreneurship and livelihoods
- Open dialogue and member sharing of experiences, challenges, and ideas.

**The South Zone** meeting served as a powerful platform for peer learning, collaboration, and collective strategising—bringing together practitioners, innovators, and experts committed to inclusive energy access.

Special thanks to Ecoforge Advisors for bringing in deep technical expertise and addressing member queries on financing options available for DRE practitioners.



## WORKSHOPS

### Quantification of Climate Benefits from DRE Projects

CLEAN hosted a hands-on workshop, "Quantification of Climate Benefits from DRE Projects," to build practical skills in climate finance, carbon markets, and MRV frameworks. In the session on carbon markets, they explored the fundamentals of Indian and global carbon markets, were introduced to the market players and the application procedures for securing carbon credits.

Attendees also received a comprehensive overview of measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) frameworks, and their critical importance. In the subsequent hands-on segment, participants completed MRV templates tailored to their respective technologies.

The day concluded with a participant presenting an investor pitch, on which peers and the CLEAN Secretariat provided constructive feedback grounded in the workshop's insights.



### CLEAN conducted its 8th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM)

CLEAN held its 8th AGM in a hybrid format at PLUSS Advanced Technologies, Gurugram, with active participation from members nationwide. The AGM fostered collaboration and vision-setting, and welcomed a new advisor from the Northeast to the CLEAN Board.

## MEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT



- **SNL Energy** – Installed 3.5 kVA solar systems across 44 rural health facilities in Manipur, powering cold chains, diagnostics, and communications—bringing resilience and dignity to remote communities.



- **SELCO Foundation** – Continuing its Climate Smart Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Series, covering six technologies so far. The weekly sessions connect users, entrepreneurs, and innovators—fostering learning and local empowerment.



- **WRI India** –
  - Launched the CI-ENERGY Alliance to accelerate clean energy adoption in the C&I sector.
  - Supporting #PMeBusSewa, enabling deployment of 100,000+ electric buses—driving cleaner, inclusive urban mobility.



- **Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)** –
  - Hosted the 1st GCAM India Fellows Meet 2025, uniting researchers and policymakers for data-driven climate action.
  - Signed an MoU with CADWM, Ministry of Jal Shakti, to strengthen water efficiency and climate-smart agriculture.



- **INECC** – INECC with ClimaCrew launched CSR-backed climate initiatives in Maharashtra and Gujarat—scaling community-centric climate action through private partnerships.



- **Sistema.bio** – Achieved global AAe rating for climate impact. Its biodigesters are transforming rural livelihoods through emission reduction and circular economies.

✨ Together, these milestones showcase India's thriving decentralised renewable energy ecosystem—innovating, collaborating, and transforming lives from the grassroots to global platforms.

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