

# NEWSLETTER

OCT to DEC 2025



## MESSAGE FROM CLEAN

**Dr. Priyadarshini Karve**  
**Chief Executive Officer,**  
**Clean Energy Access Network (CLEAN)**

**Dear CLEAN members, I wish you a very energetic new year 2026!**



CLEAN made several strides in 2025, and is fast becoming THE voice of the DRE sector in India. It has indeed been an action-packed year, with several regional meetings, workshops focused on specific needs expressed by members, webinars and podcasts showcasing important issues, achievements, and key players in the sector, and various working groups in action on some of the burning issues.

In this newsletter, you will read about CLEAN's work from October to December 2025, but I would particularly like to highlight that CLEAN hosted a visit by a delegation from Mozambique, aimed at understanding the great work happening in India in off-grid electricity generation and productive use of renewable energy. Earlier in the year, CLEAN's work had been presented in several international events by members of CLEAN's governing board and the secretariat. CLEAN is fast gaining recognition as a champion of the DRE sector, not just in India but internationally too.

Building on the momentum, CLEAN is conducting the inaugural edition of a new flagship biannual event, **India Distributed Renewable Energy Summit (IDRES 2026), from February 9 to 11, 2026.** This is going to be an exciting and pathbreaking event for the sector!

As a founder member, ex-Governing Board member, and current CEO of CLEAN, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Governing Board very energetically led by the President Nitin Akhade, and the young and committed team at the Secretariat for putting CLEAN in a position of strength and authority to take the Indian DRE sector forward!

## NEW MEMBERS

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 People's Voices  
 in Policy Choices

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**TRANSFARM TECHNOLOGIES**

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## INDIA DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY SUMMIT 2026

India's clean energy journey is evolving from expanding access to ensuring reliable, productive, affordable, and inclusive energy. Reflecting this shift, the India Distributed Renewable Energy Summit (IDRES) 2026 will be held from **9–11 February 2026 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**. Organised by the Clean Energy Access Network (CLEAN) **in partnership with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)**, the Summit will bring together policymakers, practitioners, investors, civil society, and researchers to generate actionable insights on policy, financing, quality, workforce development, and market scale-up.

Through high-level plenaries, thematic workshops, and cross-regional dialogues, IDRES 2026 aims to strengthen collaboration and chart a clear roadmap for integrating decentralised solutions into India's energy future.

### IDRES Workshops: Date :

- Energy Efficiency and Standardisation
- Quality Assurance and Consumer Code of Protection
- Financing Avenues for DRE
- Strengthening CSOs for DRE

### Date & Venue:

9th Feb'26  
MNRE, Atal Akshaya Urja Bhawan, Pragati Vihar,  
New Delhi, Delhi 110003

### IDRES Event :

#### • IDRES Sessions

- Global Partnership for Local Impact & Inaugural Exhibition
- DRE for Development & Launch of State of the Sector (SOS) 2025
- India–European Union (EU) Development Partnership
- Women in DRE
- India–African Union (AU) Development Partnership
- Streamlining Financing (CSR, Philanthropy & Impact Investment)
- Powering MSMEs – Next Chapter for India's DRE Ecosystem
- Future-Ready Workforce: Entrepreneurship and Employment

#### • Exhibition

- Stall sizes
  - 2\*2 size
  - 3\*3 Size

#### • Investors Match Making

#### • Awards Night

#### • Networking Dinner

### Date & Venue:

10th & 11th Feb'26  
India Habitat Center, Lodhi Road Near  
Airforce Bal Bharati School, Lodhi Rd,  
Lodhi Estate, New Delhi, Delhi 110003



REGISTER

**Participation is free of cost, while exhibition slots are available at a discounted rate for CLEAN members and early registrants.**

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## MoU Signing | Maharashtra State Climate Action Cell



CLEAN signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maharashtra State Climate Action Cell (SCAC) and INECC to support the implementation of the State Climate Adaptation Action Plan, with a strong focus on decentralized renewable energy for livelihoods. Under this collaboration, CLEAN will support district-level DRE needs assessments, co-design pilot initiatives with member enterprises, and raise awareness among local government officials, rural bankers, and community institutions. The partnership also includes skill development programs to strengthen last-mile sales and service ecosystems. This collaboration marks a significant step toward building climate-resilient, DRE-powered livelihoods across Maharashtra.



## International Delegation Visit | Mozambique Ministry of Energy



CLEAN hosted a 12-member delegation from Mozambique's Ministry of Energy, ARENE, and FUNAE for a learning visit focused on off-grid electrification and productive use of energy. The visit included interactions with institutions such as ISA, MNRE, and Powering Livelihoods, along with four days of field visits to decentralized energy projects. These engagements enabled knowledge exchange on policy frameworks, implementation models, and ecosystem development for mini-grids and productive energy use. The visit provided valuable insights into how India's experience in decentralized renewable energy can inform the growth and scaling of Mozambique's mini-grid sector.



## Conference Participation | Indian Himalayan Region Climate Change Conclave

CLEAN participated in the two-day Indian Himalayan Region Climate Change Conclave inaugurated in Imphal, contributing to discussions on climate adaptation, resilience, and sustainable development in fragile mountain ecosystems. The conclave brought together policymakers, practitioners, and experts to deliberate on region-specific climate challenges and solutions.

## Panel & Exhibition Participation | NEREV Expo 2025



CLEAN participated in **NEREV Expo 2025 (FINER event)** held from 21–23 November 2025 at Sarusajai Stadium, Guwahati, Assam, engaging through both thought leadership and exhibition. Our Executive Director, Mr. Vedant Manore, joined a panel discussion on accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals through renewable energy in the North East, highlighting CLEAN's role as an ecosystem enabler for decentralised renewable energy and livelihood-focused solutions. At Booth, CLEAN and its members—Aboriginal Energy, Customized Energy Solutions, Himalayan Rocket Stove, and Resham Sutra—showcased innovative DRE technologies and business models, fostering dialogue with stakeholders on strengthening sustainable and locally anchored clean energy solutions in the region.



## National Workshop | Subnational Climate Leadership

CLEAN participated in the National Workshop on “Subnational Climate Leadership in Accelerating India’s Clean Energy Transition” held in Uttar Pradesh on 6–7 October 2025. The workshop focused on the role of states and subnational actors in advancing clean energy and climate action. CLEAN engaged in discussions on policy alignment, decentralised renewable energy adoption, and livelihood-linked climate solutions. The participation reinforced the importance of coordinated action between state governments, industry, and civil society to accelerate India’s clean energy transition while ensuring inclusive and locally relevant outcomes.

## Partner Convening | Good Energies

CLEAN participated in the Good Energies Partner Convening held on 4–5 December 2025 at AIC–SELCO Foundation, Guwahati, Assam. The convening brought together ecosystem partners to reflect on learnings, share experiences, and strengthen collaboration for advancing clean energy access and livelihoods. CLEAN contributed to discussions on decentralized renewable energy, enterprise support, and ecosystem building, particularly in underserved regions. The event provided an important platform for aligning strategies, deepening partnerships, and exploring collective approaches to scaling impact-driven clean energy solutions across diverse geographies.



## Watt Matters- Weekly Member Spotlights



**Watt Matters | Sistema.bio :** Empowering smallholder farmers across India with biodigesters that turn organic waste into clean energy, organic fertilizer, and climate-resilient livelihoods.



**Watt Matters | Dharmalife Foundation:** Building women-led rural enterprises at scale, empowering 25,000+ women entrepreneurs to drive livelihoods, markets, and grassroots change across India.



**Watt Matters | SANJOG Assam:** Driving grassroots development in Assam through clean energy-based microenterprises, climate-resilient farming, and inclusive rural initiatives.



**Watt Matters | Aboriginal Energy:** Powering underserved communities in Northeast India with clean, reliable renewable energy, ensuring no home, health centre, or institution is left in the dark.



**Watt Matters | A&D Solar Enterprise :** A women-led solar enterprise from Nagaland creating local jobs and delivering affordable, reliable, clean energy for communities and institutions.



**Watt Matters | Himalayan Rocket Stove:** Transforming high-altitude Himalayan homes with clean, efficient stoves that reduce smoke, save fuel, and improve health and livelihoods.

## PODCASTS



**UrjaTalk | Energy Kendra :** With Mr. Aliqyaan Sakarwala, Founder

A deep dive into decentralized solar, BESS applications for peak shaving and cost savings, and the policy shifts needed to scale energy storage in India.



**UrjaTalk | Greenwear® :** With Mr. Abhishek Pathak, Founder & Director

Exploring how clean energy is powering a sustainable textile value chain while enabling livelihoods for 500+ rural women artisans.



**UrjaTalk | Hydrogreens Agri Solutions :** With Mr. Vasanth Madhav Kamath

Understanding how solar-powered hydroponics is transforming livestock farming through rapid fodder growth and climate-smart agriculture.



## WEBINAR

CLEAN hosted a focused webinar with Mr. Suresh Krishna, Co-founder & CEO of Navaka Social Business Fund (Formerly Yunus Social Business Fund Bengaluru).

The webinar explored key challenges and opportunities in financing decentralised renewable energy (DRE) solutions. Mr. Suresh highlighted that most low-income households already access credit through MFIs and small finance banks, making alignment with existing borrowing cycles critical for DRE adoption. Discussions covered end-user financing, rural collateral constraints, and suitable debt-equity mixes for enterprises. Speakers emphasized leveraging government schemes, incubators, and blended finance for larger ventures, while advising DRE players to work with existing market models rather than altering MFI structures.



## MEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT

### ⚡ Powering healthcare, building resilience



SNL's 3.5 kVA solar energy systems are lighting up 44 rural health facilities across Manipur, ensuring reliable power for vaccination cold chains, diagnostics, lighting, and communication—even in off-grid and disaster-prone areas. This is more than electricity; it is about resilience, dignity, and equitable access to essential healthcare.

We are proud to share that Mr. Seth Moirangthem of SNL Solutions, Manipur, has been featured on Mann Ki Baat, recognising this impactful work. Congratulations to the entire SNL team for setting a powerful example of how decentralized renewable energy can transform lives.

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**2026**

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