

CSTEP CLEAN ENERGY CONCLAVE 2026

Transitioning Towards a Clean and Sustainable Power System

 5 and 6 October | New Delhi

Agenda

Time	Session	Details
Day 1: 5 October 2026		
3:00–3:45 p.m.	Inauguration	- Opening Remarks by Mr Abhishek Nath, Sector Head, Energy and Power, CSTEP - Welcome Address by Dr Jai Asundi, Executive Director, CSTEP - Special Address by Shri Harpreet Singh Pruthi, Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission - Keynote Address by Shri Manu Srivastava, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, New & Renewable Energy, Government of Madhya Pradesh
3:45–4:15 p.m. Tea Break		
4:15–5:00 p.m.	Interactive Session Power Sector: Where Do We Stand?	Moderators: - Ms Rishika Ranga, Senior Associate, Energy Policy and Regulations, CSTEP - Ms Merlin Francis, Senior Manager Communication - Content, Communications and Policy Engagement, CSTEP
5:00–6:00 p.m.	Plenary Session The Next 500 GW: What Will It Take?	Introduction: Mr Mallik EV, Senior Associate, Energy Policy and Regulations, CSTEP Moderator: Mr Thirumalai NC, Sector Head, Strategic Studies, CSTEP Panellists: - Ms Ammi Ruhama Toppo, Chief Engineer, Power System Planning & Appraisal-I, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) - Mr Deepak Gupta, Executive Vice President, ReNew - Mr Christopher Beaton, Director, Energy Program, Public Financial Flows, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) - Dr Anuvrat Joshi, Chairman, H Nu Energy Q&A



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		Launch of reports: - Least-Cost Resource Adequacy Assessment for APEPDCL: FY 2039–40 - Assessing the impact of distributed renewable energy (DRE) on the distribution network in Andhra Pradesh
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Fireside Chat Evolution of the Indian Power Sector	Speakers: - Dr Ajay Mathur, Professor of Practice, School of Public Policy, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi - Shri Alok Kumar, IAS (Retd), Director General, All India Discoms Association (AIDA)
6:45–7:00 p.m. Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks		
7:00 p.m. onwards Dinner		
Day 2: 6 October 2026		
9:30–10:00 a.m.	Opening Session	- Opening Remarks by Mr Abhishek Nath, Sector Head, Energy and Power, CSTEP - Special Address by Mr Subrahmanyam Pulipaka, CEO, National Solar Energy Federation of India - Keynote Address by Shri Anil Razdan, IAS (Retd), Former Secretary, Ministry of Power, Govt of India
10:00–11:30 a.m.	Racing Ahead, Wired Behind	Presentation: Mr Sairam Thandra, Senior Analyst, Transmission and Grid Planning, CSTEP Panel Discussion: Beyond Generation: How Do We Deliver Reliable Power to Every Home? Moderator: Mr Harikrishna KV, Group Head, Transmission and Grid Planning, CSTEP Panellists: - Shri Sushil Kumar Soonee, Founder Chief Executive Officer, Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO; now renamed as Grid Controller of India Limited [Grid-India]) - Shri SR Narsimhan, Former Chairman and Managing Director, Grid-India



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		- Dr Abhijit Abhyankar, Professor, Electrical Engineering Department, IIT Delhi - Mr Alok Kumar Jha, Senior Vice President, Head of Business Development, Indian Energy Exchange - Mr Alekhya Datta, Fellow & Director, Electricity and Renewables, The Energy and Resources Institute Q&A
11:30 a.m.–12:00 noon Tea Break		
12:00 noon–1:30 p.m.	Sun Down, Power On	Presentation: - Ms Shristy Srivastava, Senior Associate, Energy Storage, CSTEP - Ms Aedna Kurian, Analyst, Energy Storage, CSTEP Panel Discussion: What Will It Take to Make India's Power System More Flexible, Firm, and Reliable? Moderator: Dr Ammu Susanna Jacob, Group Head, Energy Storage, CSTEP Panellists: - Shri Manish Chaudhary, Joint Chief, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission - Shri Sivakumar V Vepakomma, Director (Power Systems), Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited - Mr Debmalya Sen, President, India Energy Storage Alliance - Dr Adarsh Nagarajan, Strategic Initiatives Advisor, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited - Dr Priyanka Paliwal, Associate Professor, Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal Q&A Launch of Policy Brief: Co-locating Solar and Battery Storage for Reliable Power Supply: A Techno-Economic Assessment
1:30–2:30 p.m. Lunch		
2:30–4:00 p.m.	Power Systems: A Modelling Perspective	Panel Discussion: Understanding Power Systems: Simulation, Modelling, and Forecasting Moderator: Mr Siddhartha Arora, Associate Director (Renewable Energy), NRDC India Panellists: Ms Rishu Garg, Group Head, Energy Policy and Regulations, CSTEP

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		- Mr Harikrishna KV, Group Head, Transmission and Grid Planning, CSTEP - Dr Ammu Susanna Jacob, Group Head, Energy Storage, CSTEP - Mr Shantanu Roy, Sector Coordinator, Renewables and Energy Conservation, CSTEP - Ms Spurthi Ravuri, Group Head, Green Mobility, CSTEP Q&A
4:00–4:30 p.m. Tea Break		
4:30–6:00 p.m.	The Utility of Tomorrow	Presentation: Mr Hanumanth Raju, Senior Associate, Energy Policy and Regulations, CSTEP Panel Discussion: What Will It Take to Transform Utilities for a Decarbonised, Decentralised, and Digitalised Energy Future? Moderator: Ms Rishu Garg, Group Head, Energy Policy and Regulations, CSTEP Panellists: - Shri Pankaj Batra, Senior Advisor, IRADe, and Former Chairperson, CEA - Shri Rahul Kumar, IAS, Managing Director, North Bihar Power Distribution Co Ltd - Prof Anoop Singh, Founder, Centre for Energy Regulation and Energy Analytics Lab, IIT Kanpur - Shri Satyendra Nath Kalita, Director (Regulatory Affairs), AIDA - Shri D Radhakrishna, Former Chairman, Tripura Electricity Regulatory Commission - Dr Harikumar, Director, Energy Management Centre, Kerala Q&A Launch of Report: Demand Flexibility for a Resilient Power Sector in Tamil Nadu
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Fireside Chat Powering What's Next: Voices on the Future of Energy	Speakers: - Ms Shloka Nath, Founder and CEO, Dorahi - Ms Shruti Sharma, Lead, Affordable Energy, IISD - Dr Indu K Murthy, Sector Head, Climate, Environment and Sustainability, CSTEP
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