



Prof Matthew Leach

Professor Of Energy and Environmental Systems,
MECS Programme Lead for Clean Energy, Finance
and Data Analysis

Matt is Professor of Energy and Environmental Systems and leads work within the MECS programme on data analysis and modelling. He is a chartered engineer and has been researching and teaching on energy policy, low carbon technologies, decentralized energy system and energy modelling for more than 30 years.

Within MECS, Matthew's work has included development of tools and analysis for the costs of cooking, and the financial, environmental and social costs and benefits of cooking transitions, applied for numerous countries in Africa and South and Southeast Asia. Most recently he has been supporting development of digital data carbon credit methodologies for modern cooking.






Dr Ajay Mathur


Director General
International Solar Alliance

Dr Mathur has spearheaded the implementation of solar energy projects and capacity building projects in many developing countries, and of the publication of annual progress reports on solar technology, markets and investments. The ISA is a treaty –based inter-governmental organization with 119 member countries, which aims to make solar as the energy-of-choice in its member countries. Recently, the ISA has embarked on the creation of a Solar Facility to mitigate the risks associated with solar investments in African Countries, and launched a programme to identify and strengthen solar startups in that continent. Prior to joining ISA, Dr. Mathur was Director General of the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and a member of the Prime Minister of India's Council on Climate Change.

He was co-chair of the global Energy Transitions Commission and the Clean Cooling Initiatives of the One Planet Summit. He earlier headed the Indian Bureau of Energy Efficiency and was responsible for its foundational programmes, which mainstreamed energy efficiency through initiatives such as the Star Labelling

	<p>program for appliances, the Energy Conservation Building Code, and the Perform, Achieve & Trade program for energy-intensive industries.</p> <p>Dr Mathur received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the (then) University of Roorkee and a Master's and PhD degrees from the University of Illinois. He has also received the Distinguished Alumnus Awards from both his alma maters</p>
 <p>Ms Archana Chauhan Head-Energy Sector Reform British High Commission, New Delhi</p>	<p>Archana heads the Energy Sector Policy Reforms at British High Commission, New Delhi where she leads the UK-India Bilateral programme called Accelerating Smart Power and Renewable Energy in India (ASPiRE) which majorly provides support in smart Power and renewables sector in India. She is energy professional with an experience of over 12 years in energy and power sector, particularly in the areas of energy efficiency, renewables and electric mobility. Archana possesses expertise in collaborating with central and state government in India on energy policies, policy implementation and various business models for the emerging energy sector. Previously, Archana headed the National electric bus programme in Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL).</p>
	<p>Shri Vishal Kapoor is the Chief Executive Officer of EESL. He is a practicing Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, UK. He also holds a post graduate degree in Public Administration from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; and has attended the advanced</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Mr Vishal Kapoor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Executive Officer Energy Efficiency Services Ltd</p>	<p>management program in Public Policy from Indian School of Business.</p> <p>From his previous assignments in Indian Railways, he has rich experience of railway traction, freight cars, design and operations & maintenance. At MoP, he is looking after distribution sector, official languages and social media. He has been instrumental in formulating the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme for operational and financial turnaround of distribution utilities. Bringing with him a vast field experience and managing big manpower deployments, he is leveraging his professional-cum-policy background to contribute to the policy responses of Government, in order to bring improvements in the electricity distribution sector.</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Milind Deore,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary Bureau of Energy Efficiency</p>	<p>Milind Deore is currently serving as the Secretary of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), bringing over 22 years of experience in the energy sector, including more than 12 years at BEE. His extensive experience spans policy development, program implementation, and international collaboration, making him a leading figure in India’s energy efficiency landscape.</p> <p>At BEE, Milind leads key initiatives under the Energy Conservation Act, including the Perform, Achieve, and Trade (PAT) Scheme, the Standards and Labelling (S&L) Program, and energy efficiency initiatives targeting MSMEs, DISCOMs, and other critical sectors. Under his guidance, the National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) and the National Painting Competition have expanded. Milind has also been instrumental in developing the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI), a comprehensive tool for assessing energy efficiency performance across states, fostering healthy competition, and motivating states to adopt best practices.</p> <p>His work has also strengthened the execution of energy audits and energy accounting in DISCOMs, enforced</p>

	<p>compliance in energy-intensive sectors under the PAT scheme, and enhanced energy efficiency in small and medium enterprises (SMEs) through targeted resource mapping and audits.</p> <p>He is also instrumental in the development and release of the Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) notification, which sets India’s renewable energy consumption goals from 2024 to 2030. In addition to national programs, Milind has played a pivotal role in managing internationally funded projects. He has led the Project Management Units for GEF-funded energy efficiency programs in collaboration with UNIDO and the World Bank, which target improvements across 60 industrial clusters in India’s SME sector. These programs have driven the deployment of cutting-edge technologies and enhanced energy efficiency in small and medium industries.</p> <p>Milind holds a postgraduate degree in engineering, a business degree, and is a Certified Energy Auditor accredited by the Government of India. His strategic leadership continues to drive energy efficiency advancements in India, contributing significantly to the country’s sustainable energy transition on both national and international fronts.</p>
 <p>Dr Nick Rousseau</p>	<p>Nick has over 20 years of experience of working in UK Government – his final role was Head of International Innovation Strategy at the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills. Nick led the innovation strand of the Newton programme and Government to Government policy dialogues. Nick’s consultancy, Unconventional Connections, focuses on innovation collaboration included work funded by DfID on harnessing the UK’s strengths in clean energy technology to increase access to clean energy in Africa and SE Asia. Nick has a personal interest in sustainable solutions to local and global food-related challenges – in 2015 he set up the Woven Network – UK-based</p>

<p>International Liaison Manager MECS Programme</p>	<p>network for those working on insect protein. Nick holds BA, MSc and PhD degrees in psychology from the universities of Cambridge, Loughborough and Sheffield with a focus on psychology and user centred system design. Within the MECS project, Nick is one of the International Liaison Managers for India.</p>
 <p>Mr Vimal Kumar MECS India Lead & Cofounder Finovista</p>	<p>Mr Vimal is Co-founder of Finovista, works extensively in the areas of In-country Representation, Program Management Consulting, Technology Transfer and Capacity Building. He possesses extensive expertise and experience in managing various National, Bilateral and Multilateral programs and Indo-German GINSEP's Ambassador. At Finovista, he leads prestigious programs viz, India-UK Future Telecom Partnership Prog (UK Govt), UK-India Innovation Partnership Initiative (UKIPI) under COP26 (UK Govt), Tech4Good Innovation Challenge (German Govt), Social Enterprise (So Enterprising) Development (Indian Govt), Promotion of CSIR Knowledgebase etc. Additionally, during the association with Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA), as a Head of Strategy & Partnership, conceptualized and managed Bilateral Collaborative Industrial R&D Programs with Canada, Finland, Israel, Italy, Spain, South Korea, UK etc. Vimal believes in integrating Innovation and Finance for societal development and economic growth.</p>
	<p>Lokesh Chandra Dube is senior Manager, Standard Development & Innovation at Gold Standard and a Visiting Research Fellow (Climate Change Policy, Research Carbon Management, GHG Inventorization, Carbon Forestry & REDD+ and Carbon Finance) at IISD-CMI. Lokesh is involved in IISD-CMI, particularly various knowledge initiatives, with Carbon Management School (CMS) and Business Sustainability School (BSS) as a Key Resource Person in various popular Knowledge Dissemination Platforms, such as AECTP and running</p>

<p>Dr Lokesh Chandra Dube,</p> <p>Senior Manager</p> <p>Standard Development and Innovation,</p> <p>Gold Standard</p>	<p>various Online and Correspondence Courses on a regular basis.</p> <p>Lokesh is an expert on Climate Change Science and Policy, who is working on the preparation of India's Third National Communication and Biennial Update Report at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). He was instrumental in preparing India's first and second Biennial Update Reports and was part of India's National Delegation to UNFCCC at COP 25 in Madrid, Spain. Lokesh started his career with Emergent Ventures India (EVI) as a consultant, where he developed a Framework for Programmatic CDM in Renewable Energy for Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India and estimated Bamboo based Mitigation Potential for National Bamboo Mission. He has also authored a new CDM Methodology. He has worked as Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Auditor with TÜV NORD Group, where he Validated and Verified over 60 Mitigation CDM Projects of UNFCCC.</p> <p>Lokesh is also a Fellow of International Society for Tropical Ecology and a recipient of Aquaguard Young Scientist Award-2005 from Eureka Forbes. He has been recently nominated by the Government of India to the Roster of Experts of UNFCCC. With extensive training on GHG Inventories, he is a qualified Reviewer for the National Communication and Biennial Reports submitted to UNFCCC. He was also an Expert Reviewer for IPCC Special Reports on Global Warming of 1.5oC and on Climate Change and Land. With a Master Degree in Environment Management from Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun and an M. Phil. in Energy and Environment from Devi Ahilya University, Indore, India. Lokesh has also qualified UGC-NET for Lectureship in Environmental Science. Moreover, he is pursuing his Doctoral research work, in addition to his manifold additional professional involvements, in his daily day-to-day life.</p>
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Mr Manish Dabkara



Chairman & MD,
EKI Energy Services Ltd

Manish Dabkara is the Chairman & MD of EKI Energy Services Ltd. - a leading Carbon Credit Developer & Supplier across the globe. He founded EKI (erstwhile EnKing International) in the year 2008 with the objective to lead companies worldwide to a future of net-zero carbon emissions. Under Manish's leadership, EKI has grown to become a catalyst for carbon offsets not only within India but globally and has supplied over 200+ million offsets as on date. Today, the company has over 3500 clients across 40+ countries globally.

A subject matter expert in the field of energy, climate change, carbon and quality management, Manish is a Certified Energy Auditor & Manager under Govt. of India's - Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Ministry of Power). He also has certifications in quality and management from IIM-A, IIM Indore, CII and GIZ, in addition to a Masters in Technology in Energy Management.

He is amongst Fortune's 40Under40 for the year 2022. Manish is also an elected member of the State Council (MP) of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2022-23, He is also the first President elect of the Carbon Markets Association of India – a strategic alliance of India's climate market experts. Manish is a recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award 2014 & Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Achievements in Business "Climate Change – International Industry" by Indian Solidarity Council, New Delhi.

Manish is amongst India's Top 15 self-made rich under the age of 40, ranking 13th in the IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 and Under Self-Made Rich List 2022. He also ranks amongst the top 500 richest in the country in the combined list of all age groups in the same Hurun India list. He is the only businessman from the climate change and carbon credit industry in the list and he is also the only industrialist from a non-technology background to be ranked amongst the top in the list.

	<p>Recently, he is also been awarded as Hurun India Impact Entrepreneur of the Year 2022.</p>
 <p>Mr Sriskandh Subramanian Chief Sustainability Officer Micro Energy Credits</p>	<p>Sriskandh oversees the carbon program of MEC. He has worked on global sustainability issues for over 15 years. He has previously worked as the Head of Standard Development at the Gold Standard Foundation and serves on the Registration and Issuance Team of the UNFCCC. Sriskandh oversees the carbon program of MicroEnergy Credits. He has worked on global sustainability issues for close to 20 years. He has previously worked as the Head of Standard Development at the Gold Standard Foundation and has been a co-author of several of the cookstove methodologies used in the sector. He previously served on the Registration and Issuance Team of the UNFCCC. MicroEnergy Credits has been active in the clean cooking space for nearly two decades and recently achieved the first registration and issuance of carbon credits using the MECS-supported Gold Standard metered methodology.</p>
 <p>Ms Snigdha Verma Head, Carbon Credits</p>	<p>Ms. Snigdha Verma represents a venture of the Ministry of Power, Government of India — Convergence Energy Services Ltd. (CESL). At CESL, she oversees carbon credit asset creation and monetization from Gram UJALA and Public E-Mobility programs. Ms. Verma graduated with a Master of Science in Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University, Pennsylvania, in 2010. She started her development policy career at The World Bank / IFC in Washington DC where she worked for half a decade, contributing to knowledge papers including Good Practices for Financial Consumer Protection. She returned to India and started serving ‘Solar Mamas’ at Barefoot College, a not-for-profit social enterprise, leading projects in Assam Tea Plantations.</p>

<p>Convergence Energy Services Ltd.</p>	<p>Ms. Verma has been interviewed by She Inspires program of Sansad (Rajya Sabha) TV, invited as a fellow by Monash University – Melbourne, Australia, and received the “Women in Power” Award for 2024 by India Smart Grid Forum. She regularly writes for and presents at global institutions such as Booz Allen Hamilton, Carbon Copy, The Climate Group, and UN Women.</p>
<div data-bbox="264 792 649 1162" data-label="Image"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Abhishek Sharma Director Bureau of Energy Efficiency</p>	<p>Mr. Abhishek Sharma is the Joint Director of BEE and prior to this he had been associated with Energy efficiency and renewable energy management centre, With wide experience of over 14 years.</p>
	<p>Dr Debajit Palit has more than 25 years of experience working in the field of renewable energy and energy transition, clean energy access (SDG7), electricity policy and regulation, rural electrification, decentralized electricity solutions, energy-gender-poverty nexus, and water-energy-food nexus. He has been listed in the Top 2% World’s Scientists (last 3 years in a row) by Stanford University and Elsevier BV.</p> <p>Before joining the NTPC School of Business in April 2022, Dr. Palit was associated with The Energy and</p>



Dr Debajit Palit,


Professor of Energy

NTPC School of Business

Resources Institute (TERI), an independent global research and policy think-tank, from 1998 to March 2022. At TERI, he has completed nearly 200 analytical, action research and implementation projects in the field of clean energy technology, resource assessment & energy planning, decentralised energy project implementation, rural electrification policy and regulation, monitoring, evaluation, impact assessment and capacity building. He has managed around 70 projects as Principal Investigator/Team Leader including the award-winning Lighting a Billion Lives Initiative (awarded PMI Project of Year award in the NGO category in 2013) and OASYS South Asia (Green Gown award in 2015 by Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges, UK). From 2012 to 2022, Dr. Palit was leading the Social Transformation/Rural Energy and Livelihoods Division in TERI as the Associate Director/Director and Senior Fellow, supervising a multidisciplinary team of 20+ research professionals and technical staff.

Dr Palit possesses vast national and international experience, working in projects for UN organisations, Bilateral organisations, The World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and national governments across 17 countries in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. He has written widely on energy access and rural electrification issues and has published 3 books and around 145 research papers in peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings, books, and magazines. He is a sought-out speaker on rural energy issues, renewable energy mini-grids – technology and business models, water-energy-food, energy-livelihood, and energy-gender-poverty nexus and has participated in more than 100 national and international conferences and workshops across Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. Dr. Palit is conversant with policy and programme formulation and has been part of various Government of India Committees and National/International Expert Groups on Energy & Rural

	<p>Electrification and Jury Member for academic & corporate awards.</p> <p>Dr Palit holds a Master’s degree in Physics and Ph.D. in Energy Policy. The title of his doctoral thesis is “Towards convergence of grid and decentralised electricity solutions for effective rural electrification”</p>
 <p>Mr Pemba Lepcha Chief Engineer-Cum-Nodal Officer SDA SDA Sikkim</p>	<p>Pemba Lepcha is an electrical Engineer and working for Power Department Government of Sikkim as Chief Engineer-cum-Nodal Officer, State Designated Agency. I have been working on Energy conservation since 2009 when I was Assistant Engineer then. I had introduced first EV in the state of Sikkim in the year 2021 among success stories in Energy Efficiency “Interest free loan for procurement of energy efficient 5star electric appliances for the government employees was implemented through SECF etc.</p>
 <p>Dr Parveen Dhamija Former Adviser- Skill Council for Green Jobs Former Adviser / Scientist G, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy</p>	<p>Dr Parveen Dhamija is currently Advisor, Skill Council for Green Jobs (SCGJ), New Delhi for skill development in renewable energy and sustainable development and Former Scientist ‘G’ / Advisor of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.</p> <p>Dr Parveen Dhamija has more than three decades of vast experience and expertise in development, promotion, adoption and monitoring of different renewable technologies with special focus on Biomass based technologies for promoting clean cooking to reduce indoor air pollution for improving health of women and reducing their drudgery by coordinating National Programmes of Biogas, Improved Chulhas, Women and Renewable Energy Development Village Energy Security and promotion of new technologies like Fuel Cells Hydrogen energy, Battery Operated Vehicles, Geothermal Energy and Tidal Energy.</p>

	<p>Dr Parveen Dhamija was also Head of the State Nodal Agency and State Designated Agency for Government of Delhi for promotion of renewable energy, improving energy efficiency and climate change activities in the State of Delhi.</p>
 <p>Mr Manoj Mahata Energy Advisor Implementation of Energy Plan GIZ India</p>	<p>Manoj has total 25 years for experience, of which 20 years are in development sector. His academic accomplishments are BE (Mechanical), MBA (Materials, HR) and PGD in Marketing,</p> <p>Area of Expertise and Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design and management of Bi/Multi-lateral development co-operation - Design and Implementation of development program/strategies/approach - Multi-sectoral strategic energy planning (assisted 6 state Govt so far) - Rural development for small and micro enterprise development - Exposure to various energy sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mini-grid - Bio-energy - DRE applications - Policy/regulatory analysis - Cooking energy and technologies - Value chain assessment and development
	<p><i>Akanksha is the Head of the ClimateTech and Digital Utilities programmes at the GSMA. She specialises in the use of information and communications technology for social good and effective climate action. Akanksha has led key research pieces and investments focussed on tech business models linked to energy, water, sanitation, climate resilience and adaptation as well as climate finance in low- and middle-income countries across Asia and Africa.</i></p> <p><i>An avid reader and a public speaker, Akanksha has been with the GSMA for over a decade. Prior to this, Akanksha worked with a power and utilities research</i></p>

<p>Ms Akanksha Sharma, Head of ClimateTech and Digital Utilities, GSMA</p>	<p><i>firm in India. A psychology graduate, Akanksha did her Master's in Business Management in India, the country she was born and raised in.</i></p>
<div data-bbox="258 468 647 887" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Ms Swetha Ravi Kumar, Head of FSR Global, Florence School of Regulation</p>	<p>Swetha is the Executive Director of FSR Global. She is responsible for the development of the research, training and policy dialogue activities of FSR Global, which focuses on strengthening the global south-south and north-south transcontinental knowledge exchange. Some of the key project areas she is currently focused on include; Smart Grid Observatory for India, Resource Adequacy Planning and Modelling for India, Digitalisation of the Power Sector, Regulation for SDG 7; Electric Vehicles – Mobility meets the Power Sector etc.</p> <p>She also holds the position of Vice President Communications at the International Association for Energy Economics and the Indian Association for Energy Economics and is also the Chair of 'The Energy Network' a women platform for energy professionals.</p> <p>She has previously worked at FMO Dutch Development Bank, Netherlands; Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE, Germany; Confederation of Indian Industry – Green Business Centre, India; Assistive Technology Lab BVRIT, India and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), India.</p> <p>Swetha has a Master's degree in Sustainable Energy Engineering from KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Erasmus Scholar), Sweden; an Advanced Management Program from the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM B), India; and holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, India.</p>



Chef Divya Bose

Senior Lecturer

Institute of Hotel Management,

PUSA, New Delhi

Chef Divya Bose, the culinary knight in white, whose vibrant passion for creating delightful dishes knows no bounds. Cooking, for her, is more than an art; it's a deep-rooted sense of pride and devotion. As a professional Chef Trainer (Senior Lecturer) specializing in Bakery and Confectionery at the Institute of Hotel Management, Pusa, New Delhi, Chef Divya brings a wealth of experience to the table. She holds a Master's Degree and is a certified hospitality trainer. With over seventeen years of experience in the hospitality and academic sectors, she has worked at various levels and with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds. Adding to her already impressive profile, she has also served as a Freelance Food Consultant, specializing in product development, operations consulting, and more. Chef Divya is not just a chef; she's a mentor and leader for her students and the people around her. This becomes evident when she led her team to secure 4th position at the North India Patisserie competition and guided a student to win a SILVER Medal in the plated dessert category at AAHAR 2013. Her guidance has helped students win international competition like 'International Young Chef's Challenge' at Gualin China in 2018. Her own incredible journey in the culinary world began at IHM Pusa, New Delhi, where she won an intra-collegiate Chef competition and was awarded for preparing the "Best Plated Dessert" at an All India Bakery Skills competition. She even secured the fourth position as part of the Kitchen team at the WGSQA QUEST. Chef Divya Bose's passion extends beyond the kitchen. She's a thinker, a learner, and a firm believer in hard work and honesty. Her approach to work is pragmatic and analytical, and she excels as a team player, motivating her team members to unite their individual talents towards a common goal.

Soumanil has 14+ years of working with Industries and Government Ecosystems in Market Research, Content



Mr Soumanil Mukherjee

Consultant,
Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to
the Govt of India

Writing, Product Marketing, and Business Development. His previous stints were with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the Skill Development and Livelihood, Membership, Culture & Sports departments, and Government sectors. He has worked extensively in the K-12 and Higher Education segment and managed bulk assessments through sector skill councils for multiple employment-linked skill training schemes by the Govt of India. One of the CSR projects he delivered which were undertaken by CII was for 'Saksham' project of DFCCIL that won "Golden Peacock Award for sustainability" in the year 2016. Over the last few years, he also helped two Start-ups from SaaS Industry and large Ed-Tech companies in different capacities. Soumanil is an MBA from IMT Ghaziabad with specializations in International Business, Brand Management and Strategic Management. Under his current role in the Strategic Alliances Division, he is responsible for facilitating partnerships among State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and India's research & start-ups innovation ecosystem.



Mr Ravi Shankar Chaudhary

Secretary General
Consumer Electronics and Appliances
Manufacturers Association

Mr. Ravi Shankar Chaudhary is an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management (Ahmedabad) and has approximately 15 years of global experience in areas such as Public Sector Advisory, Government Relations, Governance and reforms, Policy Formulation, and implementation, with a focus on Electronics and IT sectors. Ravi has worked on numerous projects for central and state governments in India, Africa, and West Asia. Ravi has worked extensively in government advisory during his stint with Government Consulting functions of Deloitte and Wipro. Ravi has handled projects funded by international development agencies such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Union Development Fund, etc. as well as large business conglomerates. Ravi's additional credentials are a Harvard Certification in 'Management Essentials' and he is a certified 'Wipro Learning Champion'.



Mr Md Mazher Alam,
GM (Mktg. Strategy)
Indian Oil Corporation Ltd

Mohd. Mazher Alam GM (Marketing Strategy) ,IOCL


An astute & result oriented Oil Industry professional with 27+ years of extensive experience in Leading and Managing Teams including General Administration, Business Planning, Product Management, Sales, Retail, Project Management, Product Development and Channel Management, Safety Administration, Security and Fire Administration, materials management


Honed skills in handling day to day activities in co-ordination with internal / external departments for smooth functioning of the organization and reaching new levels of productivity in every field.



Proven skills in breaking new avenues & driving revenue growth and proactively conducting opportunity analysis by keeping abreast of latest technology and resources. Skills in developing relationships with key decision-makers in target organizations for revenue.

Ensured successful ramp up of business assignments; while working in coordination with clients & ensuring effective service deliverables. Proficient in developing & streamlining systems with proven ability to enhance operational/ administrative effectiveness and meet operational goals within the cost, time & quality parameters.

Exceptional work ethic, routinely use available time to solve organizational problems, ability to work without the need for direct supervision, multi-tasking, and timely completion of all assignments. Heading battery swapping initiative of Indian Oil with Sun Mobility and future business proposals

	<p>Driving Indian Oil’s Indoor Solar Cooking project from empanelment of vendors to commercialization of the product in the market. Looking after Advanced data analytics initiative “I-DEA” for solving uses cases of LPG, HR using data driven insights.</p> <p>Mazher is an alumnus of IIT Delhi With his extensive experience and diverse skill set, Mazher contributions to India's Energy Industry earned him recognition and respect among his peers.</p>
 <p>Mr Nitin Bhatt Deputy General Manager (Sales & Public Relations) Energy Efficiency Services Ltd</p>	<p>Mr Nitin Bhatt is currently serving as Deputy General Manager at EESL under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, bringing over a decade of expertise to the field of Energy Efficiency. Notably, he has served as the State Head for Punjab and Haryana, spearheading the successful implementation of UJALA, a national flagship scheme of the Government of India. His innovative execution strategy led to the program's success in both states. He is also a former Member of the Advisory Board of Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission.</p> <p>In recognition of his outstanding achievements, Mr. Bhatt was entrusted with replicating UJALA scheme in Malaysia, which he effectively implemented. Leveraging his exceptional project management skills, he is now actively contributing his knowledge to IMT GT – JBC (Indonesia Malaysia Thailand Growth Triangle – Joint Business Council). His focus includes implementing various Energy Efficiency measures, with a special emphasis on the Eco-Schools program in the region.</p> <p>Mr. Bhatt plays a pivotal role as the project head for all Energy Efficiency initiatives in the Union Territory of Ladakh. This encompasses diverse projects such as the distribution of Inverter LED bulbs, implementation of space heating solutions, Energy Management Systems, and Clean Cooking Schemes. These efforts align with the national vision of achieving a 'Carbon Neutral</p>

	<p>Ladakh,' showcasing his commitment to sustainable practices.</p> <p>Adding another feather to his cap, Mr. Bhatt has been entrusted with the role of 'Program Head' for the recently launched 'National Efficient Cooking Programme' by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy, which reflects his leadership and expertise in the energy sector.</p> <p>Mr Bhatt is an alumnus of the prestigious University of Rajasthan, where he pursued his bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature, subsequently followed by a master's in Art History, Criticism and Conservation. He also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in TV Journalism, along with a second master of arts degree in Mass Communication from Guru Jambheshwar University. He also went on to complete his LLB from Choudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut. Steadfastly passionate about education, Mr. Bhatt is also currently pursuing a PhD in Journalism & Mass Communication.</p>
 <p>Ms Anubha Shukla Chief Commercial Officer Husk Power Systems</p>	<p>Ms Anubha Shukla is a driving force in the world of sustainable energy and rural empowerment.</p> <p>With a knack for turning complex challenges into tangible solutions, she has successfully scaled businesses from modest beginnings to multi-million-dollar enterprises. With over a decade of experience in renewables strategy, business development, marketing, and sales. Tempered by experience at industry power houses L&T, Hilti, and Mahindra Susten, Anubha has spearheaded impactful projects across the automotive and energy sectors for the past fourteen years. As the Chief Commercial Officer at Husk Power Systems, Anubha is the driving force of the company's Direct-to-Rural (D2R) platform, revolutionizing the way rural consumers' access essential products and services across India and Africa. Her innovative approach, combining e-commerce, retail, and offline channels</p>

	<p>with credit financing, enables Husk to effectively deliver energy solutions and products to rural communities.</p> <p>With a vision to transform overlooked markets through the D2R space, Anubha is relentlessly pursuing a better world and disrupting the rural tech and energy and scape. Her unwavering commitment to sustainable development and social impact is evident in her work, making her a true pioneer in the field.</p>
 <p>Ms Reena Suri Executive Director India Smart Grid Forum</p>	<p>Ms Reena Suri, Executive Director of the India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF) since 2013, brings over 20 years of rich experience in the energy sector. She has played a key role in various ISGF projects, including the Electrification Plan for Public Transportation, Blockchain for Electric Utilities, Energy Storage Roadmap for India, Smart Grid Roadmap, and developing smart grid and EV infrastructure plans for the SAARC Region. Reena also led the World Bank EV Project in Kolkata. As the founder-editor of the Smart Grid Bulletin, Reena has been a voice for smart grid advancements since 2013. She is passionate about increasing gender diversity in the energy sector, leading initiatives to improve networking and mentoring programs for women, raise awareness and technology skills among women, and attract women to technical education by showcasing inspiring role models.</p>
 <p>Gopal k Nariya</p>	<p>Mr Gopal.K. Nariya has 30 years of experience in power distribution, transmission and generation. He is the Vice President, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited. Currently, he oversees Central Engineering Services, Automation, Demand side management, PAT, Energy Audit and Analytics, Non-Tariff Income, O & M – Asset Master Management. Previously, he has occupied leadership roles at Reliance Infrastructure Limited, GIPCL (subsidiary of erstwhile GEB) and the Ahmadabad</p>

<p>Vice-President BSES Rajdhani Power Limited</p>	<p>Electricity Company Limited. Mr Nariya has pursued graduation in B.E(Electrical) from No</p>
<div data-bbox="293 371 620 672" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="245 712 667 848" data-label="Caption"> <p>Dr Jyoti Parikh Executive Director Integrated Research and Action for Development,</p> </div>	<p>Dr Jyoti K Parikh, Executive Director and Founding Director of IRADe. She was a member of the former Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change – India. She served as energy consultant to the World Bank, the U.S. Department of Energy, EU, Brussels and U.N. agencies. She has served as an advisor to various ministries for the Government of India and has held national and international Appointments. She was on the Board of directors Executive Director Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) 2001-2004 and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), MoUD, Gol. She has served on several International Journal editorial boards, and as a reviewer. She obtained her M.Sc. from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1964 and Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1967. She has guided 12 Ph.D. theses and given lectures in more than 40 countries worldwide.</p>
<div data-bbox="250 1686 660 2011" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>Sumedha Awasthy has 6 years of experience in renewable energy, climate change, rural enterprise capacity building and energy efficiency sector.</p> <p>Prior to joining CLASP, she was working at the Centre for Science and Environment where she designed the clean cooking program and was responsible for renewable energy projects.</p>

<p>Ms Sumedha Awasthy</p> <p>Associate</p> <p>CLASP</p>	<p>At The International Institute for Energy Conservation, she was engaged in the State Action plan for Climate Change Revision and Development of Monitoring and Evaluation Framework in Bihar, Assam, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh. She worked on OPM funded project ‘Community-Led Action Plan on Climate Change in Chhattisgarh. Also, she was a team member in the project “GHG accounting and Capacity Building for the Cities of Jaipur, Bhopal, Mysore, Vijayawada, and Guntur”. She conducted a city-level sectoral analysis of GHG emissions, detailed city-level sectorial data collation and analysis, and made presentations for the city-level training workshops on GHG accounting. She was part of the team for the OPM-funded project “Supporting Farmer Producer Companies for Value Chain Development in Maharashtra” in which she supported the Government of Maharashtra in designing an indicator-based, Comprehensive FPC Rating Tool and trained the government staff on the same. Further, she designed training modules for FPC’s on how to make bankable business models. She was also part of the world bank RISE team and conducted an evaluation for 43 countries.</p> <p>She is part of the Clean Cooking Alliance mentorship program. Outside of work, she volunteers for a not-for-profit working to create awareness about breast cancer. She enjoys traveling and baking.</p> <p>Sumedha holds a master’s degree in Resource Management and Design Application from the University of Delhi, India, and has done a certificate course from Harvard Business School on Sustainable Business Practices</p>
	<p>journey at EESL, assuming the mantle of Head of Sales and PR. With a trove of two decades of experience glistening in his repertoire, he had</p>



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Chief General Manager / Head
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previously graced telecom and manufacturing giants like Airtel, Sleepwell, and Vodafone. At EESL, Animesh's virtuosity shone, orchestrating triumph after triumph in the realm of campaigns. He pioneered the Channel Partner Program, expertly weaving partnerships, expanded the Distribution Network, and painted vibrant portraits of brand presence through Digital Marketing. Animesh's pièce de résistance, however, lay in his fervent commitment to advancing the Digital India program, earning him accolades across numerous platforms, a testament to his dedication in shaping EESL digital destiny.

Mr PR Kumar *,
Managing Director and CEO,
Noida Power Company Ltd
(NPCL)

Dr. Rudrodip Majumdar joined NIAS on August 23rd, 2019. He has a PhD in Nuclear Engineering from North Carolina University in the USA and an MTech in Nuclear Engineering from IIT Kanpur. Before joining NIAS Rudrodip worked as an Institute Postdoctoral Fellow at IIT Bombay and as a Postdoctoral Research



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Assistant at North Carolina State University. Rudrodip's research interests broadly lie in renewable and clean energy, nuclear and plasma fusion energy, industrial applications of plasma, and the analysis of energy-efficient sustainable systems. He has 31 International Journal articles, 16 International Conference proceedings papers, and 11 invited Book Chapters in edited International Monographs. His research on urban sustainability has been quoted in popular media such as Deccan Herald, News Karnataka, and Bangalore Mirror.

Apart from academics, Rudrodip takes great interest in Wildlife Conservation, Nature Photography, Creative Writing, and Indian Classical Music. He was a subscriber & member of Greenpeace USA. He also previously worked closely with a Non-profit Organization named "Poribesh", towards the rescue and conservation of local and rare small mammals (e.g. civet cats) in Kolkata, West Bengal.



Ms Puja Saha

Junior Energy Advisor
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Puja Saha is a dedicated professional with a strong background in Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development. She holds an M.Tech in Alternate Hydro Energy Systems from Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT-R), India and a B.Sc. in Electrical, Electronic & Communication Engineering from Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST), Bangladesh. As a Junior Energy Advisor at GIZ Bangladesh, Puja has led impactful projects, including initiatives focused on solar energy, electric vehicles, and clean cooking solutions, demonstrating exceptional leadership. Her commitment to advancing sustainable energy practices is further reflected in her role with EnDev Bangladesh, where she is leading efforts to promote clean cooking technologies.

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He co-led the Solar Urja through Localisation for Sustainability (SoULS) initiative at IIT Bombay, which involves a range of activities towards decentralised renewable (solar) energy access, including skilling, technology development, technology diffusion, adoption & sustainability, rural entrepreneurship & small industries development, etc. Through SoULS, he is also working with several development agencies (State/ NGOs/ etc), and rural communities. The initiative has received several awards including the IEEE Empower a Billion Lives Global Award in 2019. He currently serves as the Secretary of the Operations Research Society of India (ORSI)- Mumbai Chapter, is a member of the System Dynamics Society and the Society of Operations Management. He has organised two international conferences in 2012 and 2018. Dr Jayendran completed his Doctorate in Systems & Industrial Engineering, and Masters in Systems Engineering, both from the University of Arizona, Tucson in 2005 and 2002 respectively. He obtained his bachelor's degree, MSc (Tech) in Engineering Technology from the premier undergraduate institute

	<p>in India, Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani, in 2000.</p>
<div data-bbox="327 450 633 730" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="327 840 584 873">Ms Sheetal Rastogi</p> <p data-bbox="379 911 531 943">Co-founder</p> <p data-bbox="220 983 694 1086">Lead - Strategy & Outreach, Finovista, MECS Programme in India</p>	<p>Sheetal holds over 16 years of experience in developing strategy and execution roadmaps for new business initiatives. She has a diverse background of working with leading firms in Banking & Finance, Manufacturing, and Specialty Retail. At Finovista, Sheetal has been leading strategy and programme execution has led to the execution of multiple innovation support and entrepreneurship development programmes in Finovista, some of which were on specific thematic areas like Clean Cooking, Bamboo Innovation Challenge, and Women entrepreneurship programmes. Under MECS Programme, in India, Sheetal has been instrumental in leading the executions of the various initiatives under the programme, planning and strategizing new initiatives and concepts "Talk Series" & "Modern Energy Cooking Forum 2022". She has also been the lead for the work under building strong evidence on electric cooking through India eCookbook – Cooking Study Design & Development, project In-depth exploration of 100% cooking with electricity, field trail of electric cooking for 14 households, electric cooking appliance mapping.</p>
<div data-bbox="316 1536 643 1859" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="359 1899 552 1930">Mr Sunil Mani</p> <p data-bbox="363 1968 547 2000">Policy Advisor</p>	<p>Sunil is a policy advisor for IISD’s Energy program with research focusing on clean cooking, energy access, just energy transitions, and budgeting for net-zero scenarios in India.</p> <p>Before joining IISD, Sunil worked as a researcher for seven years at the Council on Energy, Environment and Water, studying the energy access situation for households and community use in India (through a multidimensional lens), and on devising corrective policy measures.</p>

<p>International Institute for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Based in India, Sunil completed both his undergraduate and Master's degree in quantitative economics from Delhi University and Shiv Nadar University, respectively, and quantitative research has been at the core of most of his work</p>
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