

Speakers



Mani Khurana is a Senior Energy Specialist with the World Bank. Working for over thirteen years in World Bank and leading investment projects and analytical activities across energy sector value chain, she has been leading the Bank 's power sector engagement in India.

The engagements include financing of the critical power infrastructure and providing technical assistance to improve the operational efficiency and financial sustainability of the power sector utilities. She is also leading the solar rooftop project which provides access to finance at concessional rates to solar rooftop developers.

She has co-authored many World Bank studies including a study on Financial performance of India 's power sector: Beyond Crisis. She has been an integral part of other WB studies including Lighting Rural India: Experience of Rural Load Segregation Scheme in States, Rethinking Power sector reforms.

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Dr. Amit Jain is a renewable energy specialist with the World Bank. Apart from holding a degree in engineering, he is also a Fulbright Scholar at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Colorado and holds a Ph.D. in solar engineering. His previous assignments include the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Clinton Foundation in Asia and Africa. He has worked on large-scale solar park loans, small-scale energy access projects like equity investments in mini grid companies and in interdisciplinary fields like waste to energy and climate change projects in Southeast Asia. Amit has authored two books on climate change policy and waste to energy and has international peer reviewed journal publications. His hobbies include scuba diving, hiking, badminton and outdoor sports.



Abhishek Ranjan is the Additional Vice President and Head of Renewables, DSM & EE and Energy Analytics at BSES Rajdhani Power (BRPL) Limited, New Delhi. Abhishek has about two decades of experience in Power and Information Technology sectors in India. He started his career with Infosys Technologies Limited, an IT company based in India, where he worked on development of enterprise applications for a major US utility and a technology MNC. Abhishek Ranjan is currently leading a team in the areas of Energy Efficiency & Demand Side Management, Renewable Integration and Rooftop Solar, grid level Energy Storage solutions, EV charging infrastructure, Power scheduling & demand forecasting and Energy Analytics at BRPL. BRPL serves over 2.5 Million consumers over an area of 750 sq. Km in Southern and Western parts of national capital Territory of Delhi, India.



Amitesh Kumar Sinha was appointed as the Joint Secretary at the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India in 2019. He is responsible for handling areas like Agri Pump Scheme, Solar Street Light, Solar Home Light, UNDP/GEF Project on Scale up of Access to Clean Energy for Rural Productive Uses, MNRE-DFID Project on Energy Access Policy Fund, solar pumps, micro grids, KUSUM, solar off grid programs, R&D coordination & monitoring, all administrative matters of SECI, solar manufacturing scheme amongst others.

He is an Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) officer of 1997 batch.

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Dr. Anuvrat Joshi is responsible for developing Cleantech Solar's activities in India and joined the company from First Solar. In his capacity as Project Finance Director, Anuvrat led the acquisition, sale and financing of over USD 1 billion of solar projects. Previously, he was with the investment banking divisions of Credit Suisse and Deutsche Bank with a focus on the power sector including renewables. He then moved to First Solar, New York, leading M&A and project finance activities during 2009-14.

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K P Baiju is working as DGM in Credit Policy and Procedures Department (CPPD) of SBI Corporate branch, Nariman point. He has been associated with SBI from last 32 years. Mr. Baiju leads the Green initiatives with respect to Policy requirement for SBI. He is leading the prestigious initiative of US\$ 625 mn World Bank- SBI line of credit for propagation of rooftop solar sector to achieve the ambitious target of 100 GW Solar installations by 2022. Mr K P baiju also heads the project Implementation Unit (PIU) in SBI.



Nithyanandam Yuvaraj DINESH Babu is working with Ernst&Young (EY), serving as its Team Leader for The World Bank funded, State Bank of India operated 5-year \$12.93 million Grid Connected Solar Rooftop PV Technical Assistance Program for 17 States in India since August 2017. Prior to this, he was working with Nexant, serving as its Chief of Party for the USAID-funded, 6-year, \$22 million Partnership to Advance Clean Energy – Deployment project in India. Dinesh has more than 25 years of experience in the fields of climate change, clean energy, and sustainable development and worked with IREDA and TERI in India and Asia Carbon and IDEAcarbon in Singapore and United Kingdom besides USAID's LEAD Program in Bangkok.