



SPEAKER



Reji Kumar Pillai

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Reji is the President of India Smart Grid Forum (www.indiasmartgrid.org) since its inception in 2011 and is also the Chairman of Global Smart Energy Federation since November 2016. He is an internationally renowned expert with nearly four decades of experience in the electricity sector in diverse functions covering the entire value chain and across continents. He is spearheading a mission to leverage technology to transform the electric grid in India and provide clean and reliable electricity to every citizen 24x7 at affordable cost. He is actively advocating for the “Right to Electricity Act” that will ensure lifeline supply of electricity to all citizens in India. Reji has played a pivotal role in several ground-breaking initiatives related to renewable energy, electric grid modernization, electric mobility, energy storage and digitalization in India during the past two decades. His current areas of research and work include: Grid Integrated Vehicles, District Cooling, Electric Cooking, Smart Grids as Anchor Infrastructure for Smart Cities, Grid Interactive Buildings and Campuses; Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Blockchain Applications for Utilities; Urban Air Mobility (UAM) Systems and the Future of Transportation; and Interconnection of Regional Grids in Asia - ASEAN, SAARC and GCC grids. In November 2016, Reji was unanimously elected as Chairman of Global Smart Grid Federation, now renamed as Global Smart Energy Federation (GSEF), a global umbrella organization of smart grid/energy associations and utilities from 16 countries and the European Union; and headquartered in Washington DC, USA. As an entrepreneur, Reji has built successful enterprises in India and overseas and exited them. He has studied Engineering, Finance, Management and Law; worked with NTPC and IBM and has been senior consultant with ADB, World Bank and USAID. A recognized thought leader in clean energy, smart grid technologies, smart cities and electric mobility, Reji is a popular key-note speaker at international symposiums and conferences on

these domains. He has also contributed to several articles, books, research reports and white papers on variety of topics.



Reena Suri

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Reena Suri joined India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF), a PPP initiative of Govt of India, in 2013 and is currently the Executive Director of ISGF. She brings over 20 years of experience in the Energy Sector. She is responsible for the research projects, advisory services, business development, training and capacity building programs, customer outreach activities, members relations and finances of ISGF. Reena has contributed to the various advisory services, whitepapers and research reports of ISGF on key Smart Grid domains such as: Smart Grid Roadmaps for Indian, SAARC and ASEAN Utilities; Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure; Blockchain for Electric Utilities; Energy Storage; Smart Metering Infrastructure; Customer Engagement etc. Reena is the founder-editor of the Smart Grid Bulletin published by ISGF since January 2014 which has online circulation of over 75,000 senior professionals in 120+ countries. She has spoken in multiple Indian and International conferences and workshops on various domains of Smart Grid.