

MOVERS AND SHAKERS AT THE VIBRANT SHOW

Gujarat aims at 10,000MW solar energy in three years

Raj Gopal, additional chief secretary (energy and petrochemicals), Government of Gujarat, mentioned in a briefing that the state aims at producing 10,000MW of electricity through solar sources in next three years. "Request for proposal (RFP) for first phase of solar park at Dholera – 1,000MW out of total 5,000MW – has already been issued as test studies have been conducted. Another 5,000MW will come from wind," he said. Upendra Tripathy, director general of International Solar Alliance (ISA) conducted a round-table at VGGGS on Saturday with representatives from India and African countries. "India and three other neighbours will get benefits from euro 60 million pledged by European Investment Bank (EIB) to popularize renewable energy," he said.

IIT-Gn invites companies to set up base on campus

IIT-Gandhinagar director Prof Sudhir Jain and senior officials were seen at VGGGS venues, interacting with startups and organizations. Nirmal Jha, advisor (industry partnership) at IIT-Gn's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre (IIEC), said that the purpose was to create awareness about the innovation park and facilities to attract firms. Officials said that the space rent will be linked to the innovation the firm manages to do – higher the research output, lower the rent. The firms will also be allowed to use facilities like labs and library so that the students can be benefited by industry exposure, they added.



Had 'good conversations' with Gujarat firms: Kentucky gov

Matt Bevin, governor of the US' Kentucky state, was part of launch of 'US-India Partnership: Road to Prosperity' report for 2019 at VGGGS on Saturday. The report was jointly prepared by KPMG and US-India Business Council (USIBC). Talking to TOI, Bevin mentioned that they had 'good conversations' with various Gujarat-based firms for collaboration. "Gujarat and Kentucky have a lot in common – especially the strong manufacturing sector – and I see potential for partnership. During the lunch with the Gujarat CM, he mentioned agriculture as his core area. We are excited to explore possibilities. I don't want to name the firms but we had good conversations. Both the sides are engaging in conversation for partnership," he said.

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