

## **India set new benchmarks for Energy Storage, Electric vehicles, 24x7 Electricity access to all and Renewable at Energy Storage India 2018**

- Policy makers, World renowned experts, thought leaders and industry stakeholders discussed the roadmap to accelerate adoption of energy storage in India
- Addressed the key drivers to implement country's ambitious National Energy Storage Mission

**New Delhi; 11.01.2018:** Addressing the larger issues, challenges, emerging trends and wide array of opportunities for Energy Storage, Micro-grids and Electric Vehicle solutions in India **Energy Storage India (ESI) 2018** today started with a big bang. **Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry of India** delivered a special welcome address emphasizing need for Energy Storage for greener, cleaner and more stable grid in India.

ESI 2018 is organized by India Energy Storage Alliance and is supported by **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government bodies including Invest India, Start-up India, Skill Council** and other industry pioneers such as Fluence, EnerBlu and Delta Electronics. ESI 2018 showcases new avenues, ideas, and advanced technologies in Energy Storage space to implement the awaited National Energy Storage mission. This event opened new doors to **accelerate Make in India, EV transformation and much anticipated dream of electricity to all** by developing the country as a global manufacturing hub for advance energy storage technologies.

Addressing ESI 2018, **Honourable Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Suresh Prabhu** said, *"Energy storage can change the dynamics of energy profile of the world and thus energy storage is a critical component in global energy strategy. We should be the leaders, we should invest in R&D."* He encouraged participants to work together globally for R&D considering local needs. He anticipated that ESI 2018 will help in addressing various issues related to energy storage ecosystem.

**Mr. RV Deshpande, Minister of Large and Medium Scale Industries and Infrastructure Development, Govt. of Karnataka (First state to release electric vehicle and energy storage policy in India)** was the keynote speaker for electric vehicle session. Other eminent dignitaries including **Pankaj Batra**, Member, Planning, CEA, **Reji Pillai**, President, India Smart Grid Forum, **Karthick Athmanathan**, Head-EV & eMobility, Ashok Leyland, **Daniel Elliot**, President & CEO, EnerBlu and **Ajay Goel**, COO, Sun Mobility, shared their valuable insights on the critical role of energy storage infrastructure in mass scale shift to electrification of Indian railways and electric

vehicles (EVs). Addressed by **Saurabh Kumar**, MD, EESL, **Naveen Munjal**, MD, Hero Electric, **Anil Chutani**, Vice President, ACME CleanTech Solutions, **Pramod Kulkarni**, **Customized Energy Solutions-USA** and other key players, **Electric Vehicles session** paved new hope to accelerate India's ambitious target of EV transformation.

In its endeavour to make India a global investment and manufacturing hub for energy storage, the **Make in India session** created an impactful ideas exchange platform for veterans such as **Manuj Khurana**, AVP, Invest India, **Daniel Elliot**, President & CEO, EnerBlu, **Hiren Shah**, Sr. Director, Energy Storage, Delta Electronics India Pvt Ltd, **Anant Nahata**, MD, Exicom Tele Systems, **Arun Tripathy**, Head, Energy Storage, Hero Future Energies and **Subodh Kumar**, CGM, India Oil.

An interesting session on **Renewable integration** was attended by **Dr. P. C. Maithani**, Director, MNRE, **Pranav Mehta**, Chairman, NSEFI, **Dr. K. Balaraman**, Director General, NIWE, **Dr. O. S. Shastri**, Programme Director, ISA, **S. K. Soonee**, Former CEO, POSOCO, **Vishwanathan Iyer**, **Sterling & Wilson**, **Naresh Panchal**, **Suzlon** and highlighted the significance of energy storage innovation in enabling RE integration in the country.

Highlighting the impact of ESI 2018 with respect to India's need for advance energy storage technologies in current promising scenario and positive policy framework, **Dr. Rahul Walawalkar**, Executive Director, Indian Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) said, *"ESI 2018 has proved itself as the largest transformation platform by setting right expectation for India's ambition to become a global pioneer in renewable, micro grids and electric vehicles. This event has gained global attention and recognition with participation from more than 1000+ industry experts, 100+ speakers, 50+ exhibitors and partners participating from over 25 countries. With the fifth edition of Energy Storage India, we are confident that 2018 will be the year of the action, where we will start seeing the large scale deployments of energy storage technologies."*

*"From being the industry awareness generator and knowledge hub to the successful draft roadmap announced in 2015-16 for energy storage and micro-grids, now IESA's honest efforts can expect the actual Energy Storage Mission to be announced within the next three to six months," he further added.*

With the boom in EV and energy storage start-up disruption, IESA launched **India's first start-up competition & innovation pavilion** with the support of Startup India, Mumbai Angel Network, TiE- Delhi, Sangam ventures and GESA. ESI 2018 also hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> IESA Awards recognising the best in Energy storage, Electric Vehicle and Micro Grid industry. ACME Cleantech Solutions Pvt Ltd. received the award in the Energy Storage Project of the Year category for Electric Vehicles project and EXICOM Tele Systems Ltd. bagged the award in Energy Storage Company of the Year category.

**About India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA):**

IESA was launched in 2012 to assess the market potential of Energy Storage Technologies in India, through an active dialogue and subsequent analysis among the various stakeholders to make the Indian industry and power sector aware of the tremendous need for Energy Storage in the very near future. It aims to make India a global hub for research and manufacturing of advanced energy storage technologies by 2022.

IESA website: <http://indiaesa.info/about-iesa>

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