



Haryana got 2nd prize in the country in energy efficiency index

Why in News?

On 14 December 2023, New and Renewable Energy Department of Haryana received the second award in the Best Performing State Designated Agency Category (Group-1) in Energy Efficiency Index.

Key Points:

- The award was presented to Haryana Energy Minister Chaudhary Ranjit Singh by President Draupadi Murmu at the 33rd National Energy Conservation Award 2023 ceremony held in New Delhi.
- Haryana's score in the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) for the year 2021-22 was 55 whereas with the collaborative efforts of DNRE/HREDA and other stakeholder departments of Haryana, it has achieved a score of 72 in SEEI 2023.
- The installed capacity of renewable energy in the state is 1534 MW and overall more than 24 percent electricity is being used from renewable energy.
- It may be noted that the scheme of National Energy Conservation Awards was started in the year 1991 by the Ministry of Energy, Government of India to honour industries and establishments for special efforts in reducing energy consumption.
- Under this award, these awards are issued under specific sectors/categories like industries, transport, buildings, institutions and equipment. There are around 65 indicators from these areas which assess the state's performance on a 100 point scale.
- The award under the Institution category of the award is given to the State Designated Agency (SDA) of the country for their active cooperation in policy, implementation and coordination with stakeholders.
- There are 4 groups under the SDA category: Group 1 contains states with consumption above 15 million tonnes oil equivalent MTOE, Group 2 contains states with consumption above 5-15 MTOE, Group 3 contains states with consumption above 1-5 MTOE and Group 4 contains states with consumption less than 1 MTOE.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is the central nodal agency for implementation of the Energy Conservation Act 2001. Whereas New Renewable Energy Department is Haryana State Designated Agency (SDA).

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