



Bihar Environment Secretary Addresses Jakarta Futures Forum

Why in News?

Recently, **Secretary of the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bihar**, spoke at **Jakarta Futures Forum in Indonesia** to raise global awareness about the initiatives taken in both India and Bihar for **promoting [renewable sources of energy](#)**.

Key Points

- The panel discussion titled **'International Cooperation for Facilitating a Just and Inclusive Energy Transition'** included **Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General of [Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation \(BIMSTEC\)](#)**, and **Professor Eniya Listiani Dewi, Director General of New Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Indonesia**.
 - The secretary emphasized significant milestones, such as **India reaching 40% of its electric-generation capacity from non-fossil fuels** by November 2021, and Bihar pioneering the development of a **'Climate Resilient and Low Carbon Development Pathway' for the State**.
 - India has exceeded its commitment made at the **[United Nations' Conference of Parties \(COP\) 21 - Paris Summit](#)** by achieving 40% of its power capacity from non-fossil fuels several years ahead of schedule (originally targeted by 2023).
 - The country ranks **fourth globally in renewable energy installed capacity** (including large hydro), **fourth in wind power capacity, and fifth in solar power capacity** (according to **[REN21 Renewables 2023 Global Status Report](#)**).
- India's proactive steps towards **clean energy transition**, including commitments to achieve **50% cumulative electric power** installed capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030, energy independence by 2047, and net-zero emissions by 2070 were emphasized during the forum.
 - Bihar has successfully implemented various programs and schemes to mitigate climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in alignment with national objectives.
 - Flagship programmes such as **[Jal Jeevan Hariyali Mission](#)** which aims to rejuvenate water bodies, promote biodiversity conservation, and enhance green cover is being implemented in the state.
 - **Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency (BREDA)** is developing an updated **Renewable Energy Policy-2024**.
 - Bihar is the **first state** in the country to develop a **Climate Resilient and Low Carbon Development Pathway** for the state.
 - The state is also on the edge of finalizing the **Bihar State Action Plan on Climate Change**. The policies also advocate energy transition in the state.
- The secretary urged the nations to **strengthen international collaboration frameworks, increase support for developing countries**, and ensure that the energy transition addresses the needs of affected workers and communities.

Jakarta Futures Forum: Blue Horizons, Green Growth 2024

- The Embassy of India in Jakarta, in partnership with **Observer Research Foundation (ORF)**, and

the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia hosted the inaugural **Jakarta Futures Forum (JFF) on 2nd and 3rd May 2024.**

- JFF is a realization of a long-standing vision and a commitment from both countries to build a meaningful and inclusive future together.
- The success of this pilot project stands as a testimony to the fact that **collective effort and innovative solutions** can indeed bring the world not only together, but closer as well.
 - India and Indonesia have the ability and credentials to redefine what inclusion means across various sectors and issues, thereby, ensuring a fairer and more equitable world.
 - Inclusion must be at the forefront of the agenda, as reflected in the Indonesian and Indian G20 communiqués.

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