

Inaugural

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**Cordially invite you to the Inaugural Ceremony of
International Conference On**

**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY: AN AGENDA FOR INDIA @ 2047
Reimagining Law, Policy, and Innovation for Energy Justice**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant
Chief Justice of India

**has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest to deliver the Inaugural Address
in the august presence of**

Shri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

**On Saturday 18th April, 2026 at 12:00 P.M.
Shangri-La, Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS,
Chief Secretary, Karnataka
&
Organising Secretary

Prof. (Dr.) S. Sivakumar
President, CLEA
& Senior Professor,
Indian Law Institute &
Conference Chair

Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.K. Singh
Judge, High Court of Karnataka
&
Chairperson, Organising Committee

Please be seated by 11:50 A.M.

Program Overleaf

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Programme

12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. | Saturday 18th April, 2026

11:50 A.M.	Arrival of Dignitaries
12:00 P.M.	Welcome Address by Hon'ble Mr. Justice D. K. Singh , Judge, High Court of Karnataka & Chairperson, Conference Organising Committee
12:10 P.M.	Introductory Address by Prof. (Dr.) S. Sivakumar , President, CLEA & Senior Professor, Indian Law Institute & Member, NALSA & Conference Chair
12:20 P.M.	Special Address by Hon'ble Mr Justice Vibhu Bakhru , Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka & Chief Advisor, Conference Organising Committee
12:30 P.M.	Special Address by Dr. R Venkataramani , Ld. Attorney General for India & Patron, CLEA
12:40 P.M.	Address by Guest of Honour, Shri Siddaramaiah , Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka
12:55 P.M.	Inaugural Address by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant , Chief Justice of India
1:20 P.M.	Vote of Thanks by Shri K.J. George , Hon'ble Minister for Energy, Government of Karnataka
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM:	Lunch in Honour of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India Hosted by Government of Karnataka

***Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Ruchi Sharma D**, Joint General Secretary, CLEA & Director, Commonwealth Institute for Justice, Education and Research, CIJER & Conference Secretary





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Department of Energy, Govt of Karnataka

Session Schedule

18th & 19th April, 2026

Venue: Shangri-La, Bengaluru, Karnataka



Session I:

18th APRIL 2026 | 03:00 P.M. – 4:45 P.M

ENERGY GOVERNANCE, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY JUSTICE

Sub-themes

- * Global and national climate change commitments and their implications for energy governance.
- * Energy justice, equitable access to energy and balancing sustainability with economic development.
- * Federal and comparative perspectives on energy governance, including the evolving role of States and sub-national actors.
- * Environmental regulation, carbon markets, ESG frameworks and corporate accountability in the energy sector.
- * Legal, policy and institutional challenges in achieving a just and inclusive energy transition.

Welcome Address (3 minutes): Dr. Anita Patil, Associate Professor, Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru & Joint Secretary, CLEA-Asia

Chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.B. Varale, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Co-chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aparesh Kumar, Chief Justice, High Court of Telangana

Keynote Speaker (10 minutes): Mr. Gaurav Gupta, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Energy, Government of Karnataka

Speakers (8 minutes each)	Discussants (5 minutes each)
1.Hon'ble Smt. Justice Anu Sivaraman , Judge, High Court of Karnataka	1.Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amit Rawal , Former Judge, High Court of Kerala
2.Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Mehta , Judge, High Court of Delhi	2.Ms. Aishwarya Bhati , Additional Solicitor General of India
3.Hon'ble Smt. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua , Judge, High Court of Himachal Pradesh	3.Mr. Amit Bhatt , Managing Director, The International Council on Clean Transportation
4.Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S. Shekhawat , Judge, High Court of Punjab and Haryana	
5.Mr. Jatinder Jay Cheema , Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India	

Moderator: Prof. (Dr.) Kokila Lankathilake Konasinghe, Vice President, CLEA-Asia; Head, Department of Public and International Law, University of Colombo

Vote of Thanks (3 minutes): Dr. Malavika J., Assistant Professor, The Kerala Law Academy Law College & Member, CLEA-Asia

Rapporteurs:

- 1. Ms. Afreen Afshar Alam**, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi
- 2. Ms. Kalyani S. Vinod**, Assistant Professor, St. Dominic's College of Law, Kerala
- 3. Mr. Narayana Sharma**, Assistant Professor, KG Shah Law School, Mumbai

4:45 – 5:10 | High - Tea

Session II

18TH APRIL 2026 | 5:15 PM – 7:00 PM

ENERGY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DIGITALISATION OF ENERGY SYSTEMS

Sub-themes

- * Artificial Intelligence, data governance, ESG frameworks, and emerging regulatory challenges in the energy sector.
- * Digital transformation of energy systems including smart grids, digital infrastructure and distributed energy resources.
- * Energy storage, battery ecosystems and emerging technological innovations in the power sector.
- * Cybersecurity, data protection and technological risks in modern energy systems.
- * Legal, regulatory and ESG-oriented policy frameworks supporting innovation, research and digital transformation in energy governance.

Welcome Address (3 minutes): Prof. Madhubrata Mohanty, Professor, Siksha O Anusandhan University

Chair (10 minutes): Dr. R Venkataramani, Ld. Attorney General for India

Co-chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice Soumen Sen, Chief Justice, High Court of Kerala

Keynote Speaker (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rohantha Abeysuriya PC, President of the Court of Appeal, Sri Lanka

Speakers (8 minutes each)	Discussants (5 minutes each)
1. Hon'ble Dr. Justice Pushendra Singh Bhati , Judge, High Court of Rajasthan	1. Ms. Kavita Prasad , Director General of Audit
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Suraj Govinda Raj , Judge, High Court of Karnataka	2. Ms. Preeta AK , Advocate, High Court of Kerala
3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Saurabh Banerjee , Judge, High Court of Delhi	3. Ms. Nabila Zehra , Convener, CLEA & Head of Publishing, Commonwealth Institute for Justice, Education and Research
4. Mr. A.S. Ponnanna , Legal advisor to Chief Minister of Karnataka	4. Ms. Ayushi Parashar , Business Analyst - Global Cyber Security and AI Compliance, HSBC
5. Prof. (Dr.) VC Vivekanandan , Vice Chancellor, Hidayatullah National Law University & Executive Member, CLEA-Asia	

Moderator: Barrister Prashantha Barua, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh & Vice-President, CLEA-Asia

Vote of Thanks (3 minutes): Dr. P George Giri, Advocate, Supreme Court of India

Rapporteurs

1. **Mr. Sharyaurai Riang**, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi
2. **Ms. Devisree G.S.**, Research Scholar, Centre for Advanced Legal Studies, CALSAR, Kerala Law Academy Law College.
3. **Ms. Palki Kashyap**, Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru

8:00 PM: Cultural Program | 9:00 PM: Conference Dinner

Venue: Bengaluru Palace

Session III

DAY 2: 19th APRIL, 2026 | 9:30 AM – 11:20 AM

RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION AND ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNANCE

Sub-themes

- * Legal and regulatory frameworks enabling renewable energy expansion and sustainable energy transitions.
- * Emerging energy systems including green hydrogen, offshore wind, bioenergy and new technologies.
- * Infrastructure governance including land acquisition, environmental approvals and regulatory compliance.
- * Energy infrastructure planning, transmission networks and regional energy connectivity.
- * Socio-economic and environmental considerations in renewable energy development.

Welcome Address (3 minutes): Dr. Vikram Singh Arya, Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Secretary, CLEA Asia

Chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Co-chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim

Keynote Speaker (10 minutes): Mr. P. Ravi Kumar, I.A.S (Retd.)
Chairman, Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC)

Speakers (8 minutes each)	Discussants (5 minutes each)
1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.M. Shyam Prasad, Judge, High Court of Karnataka	1. Dr. Ruchi Sharma D, Joint General Secretary, CLEA & Director, Commonwealth Institute for Justice, Education and Research (CIJER)
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice E.V. Venugopal, Judge, High Court of Telangana	
3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Lakshminarayanan, Judge, High Court of Madras	
4. Mr. Chandramouli Kasina, Executive Director, Sustainability, Safety, Environment and Ash Management, SSEA	
5. Mr. Loknath Behera, IPS (Retd.), Managing Director, Kochi Metro Rail Limited	

Moderator: Dr. Giri Sankar S. S., Vice President, CLEA-Asia; Principal, St. Dominic's College of Law, Kerala

Vote of Thanks (3 minutes): Ms. Payal Ajmera, Visiting Faculty, G. J. Advani Law College, Mumbai & Joint Convener, CLEA-Asia

Rapporteurs:

1. **Ms. Sheenam Thakur,** Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi
2. **Ms. Juney Reena Chacko,** Research Scholar, Centre for Advanced Legal Studies, CALSAR, Kerala Law Academy Law College
3. **Ms. Shatakshi Gauriar,** Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru

11:15 AM – 11:35 | High - Tea

Session IV

DAY 2: 19th APRIL, 2026 | 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM

ENERGY MARKETS, FEDERALISM AND INVESTMENT FRAMEWORKS

Sub-themes

- * Evolving energy markets, grid stability and regulatory challenges in the electricity sector.
- * Federal dynamics of energy governance and the role of regulatory institutions.
- * Investment frameworks, financing mechanisms and public–private partnerships in energy infrastructure.
- * Legal reforms and regulatory developments under the Electricity Act, 2003 and emerging sectoral policies.
- * International cooperation, trade and cross-border dimensions of energy markets.

Welcome Address (3 minutes): Mr. K. R. R. Aiyappamani, Advocate & Vice President, CLEA-India

Chair (10 minutes): Hon’ble Mr. Justice Aravind Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Co-chair (10 minutes): Hon’ble Smt. Justice Sunita Agarwal, Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat

Keynote Speaker (10 minutes): Mr. Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson and Ex-Officio Secretary to the Government of India, Central Electricity Authority

Speakers (8 minutes each)

1. **Hon’ble Dr. Justice A.K. Jayasankaran Nambiar**, Judge, High Court of Kerala
2. **Hon’ble Smt. Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya**, Judge, High Court of Telangana
3. **Hon’ble Mr. Justice P. Sam Koshy**, Judge, High Court of Telangana
4. **Hon’ble Ms. Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju**, Judge, High Court of Karnataka
5. **Mr. Upendra Tripathy**, IAS, (Retd), Former Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, MNRE

Moderator: Prof. (Dr.) Gigimon V. S., Professor & Director, Amity Law School, Mumbai & Executive Member, CLEA-Asia (India)

Vote of Thanks (3 minutes): Mrs. Renjini Ponnann Sheela, Assistant Professor, The Kerala Law Academy Law College & Member, CLEA (Australia)

Rapporteurs

1. **Mr. Avadhesh Deo Pandey**, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi
2. **Mr. Rajvansh Verma**, Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru
3. **Ms. Khadija Damana**, Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru

1:30 PM – 2:10 PM | Lunch

Special Session V

DAY 2: 19th APRIL, 2026 | 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

SHOWCASING INDIA'S POWER SECTOR: INNOVATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Chair: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rohantha Abeyesuriya PC, President of the Court of Appeal, Sri Lanka

Theme:

A special interactive session featuring leaders from India's power sector showcasing key projects, innovations, and infrastructure developments shaping the country's energy future. Participating organisations will make presentations highlighting major achievements in renewable energy, transmission, power distribution, and emerging technologies.

Objective:

To provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the rapid transformation of India's energy infrastructure, policy initiatives, and technological advancements supporting India's energy transition towards Net Zero and Energy Security by 2047.

Presentations (5-7 minutes each):

1. **Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL)**
2. **Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd (KPTCL)**
3. **Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Ltd (KREDL)**
4. **Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM)**
5. **M/s Apraava Energy Private Limited**

Facilitated by Barrister Prashantha Barua, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh & Vice-President, CLEA-Asia

