

India's first Concentrated Solar Thermal online conference for industries

- Concentrated Solar Thermal Manufacturers' Group (CST) in India reaches out to the industries, that require steam and hot thermic oil for the processes, through the first ever online forum
- The online conference will discuss benefits, availability and installation of CST systems
- Presenters include manufacturers, end users (where the CST systems have been installed), project consultants and officials from MNRE and UNDP

3rd June 2013 - With support from MNRE and UNDP, the Concentrated Solar Thermal Manufacturers' Group is organizing the first ever online conference on CST systems and applications to reach out to the companies that require steam / hot thermic oil for their processes. The focus is to spread awareness on the CST technologies that can save millions of rupees that companies are currently spending on expensive fuels like LPG, PNG, and diesel among others.

The conference being organized on **5th June, World Environment Day**, will have manufacturers, end users (where the CST systems have been installed), project consultants and officials from MNRE and UNDP as the speakers. This is to strengthen the MNRE – UNDP initiative on spreading awareness on CST industry and its benefits.

The conference has been arranged to address the key issue of confidence in the CST technologies amongst the industry users. The topics of discussion will include availability, installation of CST systems and benefits of these systems. Interested people can register for the conference at the following address - <http://cliquesolar.com/hangoutcst.aspx> .

Speakers include –Dr. R P Goswami (MNRE), Dr. A K Singhal (UNDP), Mr. Amit Kumar (PWC), Dr. Sudhir Kumar (WISE), Prof. Ajay Chandak (Consultant), Mr. Dharam Gaur (Taylormade – Manufacturer), Mr. Abhishek Bhatewara (Clique Solar

- Manufacturer), Mr. Rajan Uttekar, Gajaraj Laundry (User) and Mr. Umesh Joshi (Mahindra & Mahindra).

Audience can watch the conference live on

- the MNRE website – www.mnre.gov.in
- Clique Solar website – www.cliquesolar.com or
- the following YouTube channel –

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CliqueSolarTV>

Speaking on the initiative Dr R P Goswami, Director, MNRE said, “Industrial Process Heat or the IPH domain is one area where solar energy can contribute significantly. A great need of low cost fuel remains unattended due to low awareness and confidence in the CST technologies. Confidence based issues can only be addressed through dialogue and that is what we are doing. MNRE in collaboration with UNDP is already organizing seminars and conferences at various locations in the country. The online initiative by this CST Manufacturers Group is a great initiative in that direction. I am sure that every step taken towards spreading awareness will add to the cause.”

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