

Workshop on Efficient Energy Management and Renewable Energy for South Asian Women to be held on April 21 – 25, 2008 at Muthoot Plaza, Thiruvananthapuram.

This five day workshop is being organised by USAID/SARI/E (United States Agency for International Development/South Asia Regional Initiative/Energy Programme) with the knowledge support of Energy Management Centre (EMC).

Energy Management Centre (EMC)- Kerala

Energy Management Centre (EMC)– Kerala is an autonomous Centre under Department of Power, Government of Kerala established in the year 1996 for promoting energy efficiency in all sectors of economy. It is the State Designated Agency to enforce Energy conservation Act 2001 in the State of Kerala.

EMC is formulating and implementing energy conservation and energy efficiency projects for all sectors for better energy management. 'Energy Clinic' - women specific energy efficiency project of EMC has got acceptance in national and international level. Energy Clinic (better known in local language as Oorja Clinic) is an energy conservation demonstration cum awareness programme targeting domestic sector energy management through women by creating energy conservation awareness among housewives. EMC's experience shows that by mere awareness on energy efficiency, 10-15% of the total energy could be saved. The Energy Clinic programme provides valuable information to the people on energy conservation, energy efficient equipment and gadgets, right methods of energy use to reduce wastage etc. As a part of Energy Clinic programme, EMC provides adequate training to the selected women volunteers to organise demonstration classes on energy conservation in different villages. Trained women volunteers display and demonstrate energy efficient gadgets to the gatherings during the clinic programme. The demonstration equipment and gadgets provided are CFL, Pressure Cooker, Thermal Cooker (Thaapabharani – a thermal cooker developed by EMC), Nutan Stove (High efficiency kerosene stove), all provided to them by EMC. The programme could attract a large number of people; mostly housewives and many have started practising energy conservation by adopting and using energy efficient equipment. Now EMC has 120 trained women volunteers throughout the State.

As a knowledge partners of this workshop, EMC will make a forum for sharing experiences on implementing such women specific energy efficiency projects

South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy (SARI/Energy) program

United States Agency for International Development/South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy (USAID/SARI/E) program was launched to promote energy security through increased trade, investment and access to clean sources of power and fuel. SARI/E activities focuses on strengthening

institutional capacity within Governments, regulatory bodies, utilities, NGOs, and the private sector through discrete events such as training workshops, seminars, formal courses, and study tours. These events will include participants from across the region, and be held at multiple sites thereby encouraging the establishment of formal and informal networks among the region's

About the programme

The main objective of this workshop are :

- Equip women representatives from South Asia with the necessary skills and knowledge of efficient energy management at household and community level.
- Familiarise women on best practices in energy efficiency and energy conservation especially for household appliances, and using those in the right methods to reduce energy wastage.
- Demonstrating renewable energy applications (solar cooker, solar lighting etc.).
- Encourage these women in maintaining sustainability and strengthening them in income generation activities
- Familiarise women in enhancing their social status, women empowerment and their role 'as agents of change'

Women representatives from NGOs, community organisations, small scale entrepreneurs dealing in clean energy system/appliances, Government sector participants, community leaders and policy makers from south asian regions will participate in the workshop.

After completion of the workshop, the participants will be made familiar with available energy efficient household appliances in the market, how to use clean energy systems/household appliances to reduce energy costs, reduce environmental pollution, improving indoor air quality and improve health conditions, create employment opportunities and start up income generation activities for self sufficiency.

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16 April 2008

The ADC to H. E the Governor of Kerala
Raj Bhavan
Thiruvananthapuram

Sir,

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At the outset, I express my sincere thanks for the acceptance of our invitation by His Excellency, the Governor of Kerala, for the inaugural function of the above programme. I am submitting herewith a write-up of the programme. A minute to minute programme of the function is also attached for kind approval.

This Centre will strictly adhere to the instructions issued in the reference cited

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

K M Dhariesan Unnithan
Director

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Shri. V. Sivankutty

Member of Legislative Assembly, Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram

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His Excellency the Governor of Kerala Shri. R. L Bhatia has kindly consented to inaugurate the programme.

I shall be obliged if you could kindly deliver a special address in the inaugural function to be held on 21 April 2008 at 10.30 AM at Muthoot Plaza, Thiruvnanthapuram. A write-up together with programme schedule is attached for kind perusal.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

K M Dharesan Unnithan
Director

