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Union Minister for New & Renewable Energy Shri Pralhad Joshi visits IREDA Office

Shri Pralhad Joshi, the Hon'ble Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, lauded IREDA for historic performance when he visited the Registered Office of IREDA at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 30th August 2024. During his visit, the Minister reviewed IREDA's performance and strategic roadmap for the future, followed by an interactive session with senior officials.

Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of IREDA, extended a warm welcome to Shri Joshi, Shri Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and other senior officials. During the review meeting, Shri Das highlighted IREDA's remarkable achievements over the past four years, particularly in the areas of Ease of Doing Business, digitalization, automation, establishment of International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in GIFT City – Gujarat, and also put forward the company's plans to contribute towards the Government of India's target of generating 500 GW of non-fossil-based electricity by 2030, in line with the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'. Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty, Director (Finance) and other senior officials were also present at the meeting.

Shri Joshi praised IREDA for its pioneering role in the renewable energy sector since its inception and its significant growth over the last four years. He encouraged IREDA to expand its financing in Rooftop Solar, PM Surya Ghar Initiative, PM-KUSUM scheme and other smaller renewable energy projects to connect the public, farmers and small-scale industries with green energy solutions.

CMD Shri Das delivered a comprehensive presentation showcasing IREDA's strategic roadmap to transition from a 'Navratna' to a 'Maharatna' CPSE by 2030. He also underscores the company's major fundraising efforts through FPO and QIP, aiming to raise approximately ₹4,500 Cr. to strengthen its operations and support the speedy growth of the green energy sector. To mark the occasion, Shri Pralhad Joshi also participated in the #एक-पेड़-माँ-के-नाम (#Plant4Mother) campaign by planting sapling at the India Habitat Centre, symbolizing his commitment to environmental sustainability.



IREDA Board Approves Up to ₹4500 Crore Equity Capital Raise

The Board of Directors of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) has granted in-principle approval for raising up to ₹4500 Crore in equity capital in a board meeting held on 29th August 2024. This will be achieved through one or more methods, including Further Public Offer (FPO), Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP), Rights Issue, Preferential Issue or a combination of these, as per applicable regulations.

The decision is subject to approval from the Government of India and other statutory/regulatory approvals. The specific number of securities to be issued will be decided at a later stage. This move is aimed at enhancing IREDA's capacity to fund renewable energy projects and support sustainable development initiatives.



IREDA secures International Credit Rating from S&P

IREDA achieved a significant milestone by securing its international credit rating today, which brings it a step closer to its enhanced global presence. The International Credit Rating Agency, S&P Global Ratings Limited assigned 'BBB-' long-term and 'A-3' short-term issuer credit ratings to IREDA, with Outlook 'Stable'.

This rating will enable IREDA to expand its reach in the international market, tapping into attractive sources of funding and supporting its borrowing plan. In the rating update released by S&P Global, it stated: "We rate IREDA one notch above our starting point for rating finance companies (fincos) in India to reflect ongoing government support."

Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director, IREDA, expressed delight on the achievement, stating, "The international credit rating assigned to IREDA is a testament to our commitment to upholding the highest standards of corporate governance and maintaining the trust of our investors and stakeholders. This rating will support our efforts to secure funds at competitive rates and enhance our footprint in global markets. We remain focused on maintaining our strong market position, robust financial performance, and exemplary corporate governance to drive sustainable development."

IREDA BOARD APPROVES PROPOSAL TO RAISE ₹4,500 CR

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NEW DELHI: The board of state-owned Ireda on Thursday approved a proposal to raise ₹4,500 crore.

The funds will be raised in one or more tranches through further public offer (FPO)/qualified institutional placement (QIP)/rights issue/preferential issue or any other permitted mode or combination, subject to the statutory or government approval, Ireda said in an exchange filing.

The type and the number of securities to be issued shall be decided subsequently, it said.

Ireda (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency), under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, is engaged in providing finance to mainly renewable energy projects.

The fundraising assumes significance as India has an ambitious target of having 500 GW renewable energy by 2030 and needs to add about 50 GW capacity per annum to achieve the goal.



IREDA and BHEL discuss joint efforts to accelerate India's Renewable Energy growth

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) recently explored collaboration opportunities to expedite the nation's renewable energy development. Shri Pradip Kumar Das (CMD-IREDA), and Shri Koppu Sadashiv Murthy (CMD-BHEL), shared their thoughts and discussed joint efforts to accelerate progress towards India's ambitious target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel-based installed capacity by 2030.

The leaders jointly focused on strategies to support the Government of India's renewable energy goals and emphasised the significance of their collaboration. Shri Rajesh Kumar Dwivedi (Director Finance-BHEL) also attended the meeting and shared his insights during the discussion.

Emphasizing the importance of the collaboration, CMD, IREDA said, "The synergy between IREDA and BHEL will significantly contribute to India's renewable energy ambitions. Together, we aim to enhance the pace of project execution and provide robust financing solutions to support Govt. of India in achieving the 500 GW target by 2030. This partnership is a step towards securing a sustainable energy future for India, in line with the nation's Viksit Bharat vision for 2047."

Both the organisations reaffirmed their commitment to overcoming the challenges in renewable energy sector and significantly contributing towards a cleaner and greener India.





CMD outlines commitment to Maintain Asset Quality at the 17th Stakeholders' Meet

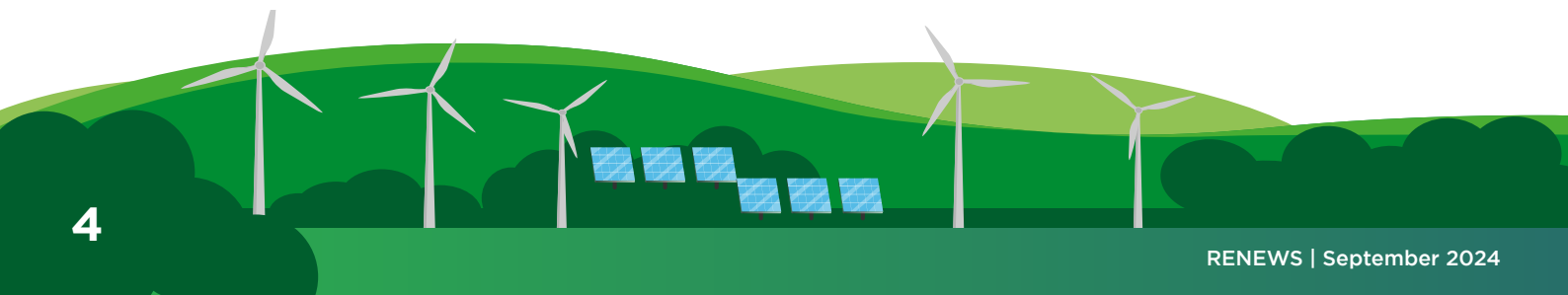
IREDA conducted its 17th Stakeholders' Interaction Meet on 23rd August 2024, which became an important forum to engage in insightful discussions aimed at advancing the Renewable Energy sector. The virtual meeting, chaired by Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IREDA, saw widespread participation from borrowers across all RE sectors.

Shri Pradip Kumar Das emphasized the company's commitment to maintaining high asset quality. He said, "We are consistently working to improve our asset quality and will continue to handhold our customers and business partners as we collectively strive towards achieving the nation's target of 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel by 2030". The meeting also saw the participation of Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty, Director (Finance) and senior officials of IREDA, adding further depth to the discussions.

The event commenced with a detailed presentation highlighting IREDA's historic financial performance as of June 2024, along with recent business initiatives and key milestones achieved in the Renewable Energy sector. In addition to that was the Action Taken Report (ATR) presented on major suggestions like introduction of Line of Credit towards working capital requirements, digital signing of loan documents received during the previous interaction.

Expressing his gratitude, CMD thanked IREDA's business partners for their valuable feedback and suggestions, which have been instrumental in the company's historic growth over the past four years. "Post-listing of the company, our responsibility extends beyond just our customers; we are equally accountable to our investors," he noted, acknowledging the continued confidence and trust placed in IREDA by its investors.

The dialogue saw active participation from borrowers in the Solar, Wind, Hydro, Bio Energy and Emerging Technologies sectors engaged in productive discussions about sector-specific issues, state policies and other challenges. Many customers praised IREDA for its ease of doing business approach, paperless processes and speedy loan sanctions and disbursements.





Development of Sport Science Centre in Uttarakhand

IREDA has allocated ₹1.05 Cr. for the development of a Sport Science Centre in Uttarakhand. In this regard, a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed on 8th August 2024 between IREDA and SEWA-THDC - a THDCIL Sponsored not-for-profit registered society. The CSR project is sanctioned for the development of a Sport Science Centre Hall (approximately 298 sq. mt.) at Koteshwar, Tehri in Uttarakhand to support the training of Indian athletes in the Kayaking & Canoeing discipline.

The MoA was signed by Ms Durre Shahwar, Additional General Manager (HR), IREDA and Shri Amardeep, General Manager (S&E), THDCIL in the presence of Shri Pradip Kumar Das, CMD (IREDA), Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty, Director (Finance and Projects), IREDA, Shri Shallinder Singh, Director (Personnel), THDCIL and other Senior management of IREDA.



Speaking on the occasion, Shri Pradip Kumar Das highlighted that the development of Sport Science Centre Hall as a fundamental milestone towards the planned development of a world-class High-Performance Academy dedicated to the goal of long-term athlete development and excellence. He also emphasized that while the investment in sports related activities ensures improvement in health care, and IREDA intends to support such advanced facilities to the sportspersons for improvement in their overall health and performance.

Setting up new subsidiary to finance small Green Energy Projects

IREDA, riding on the success of its shares having risen four-fold since last year's listing, now plans to form a subsidiary to help finance small businesses and retail customers -seeking to set up rooftop solar and bioenergy projects or buy electric vehicles. Many small and micro businesses planning renewable projects such as rooftop solar, waste-to-energy, bioenergy projects or e-mobility "are not getting proper banking support" and this is where IREDA comes in.

IREDA sees this as an opportunity to ensure fund flows to those segments deprived of financing and expects its intervention to help develop the sector. "Since we have expertise in this field and are mandated to acquire expertise in new and emerging areas, we want to come into this field." Shri Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA said.

The proposed subsidiary will not directly lend to retail customers or small businesses. It will work with microfinance firms or other non-banking finance companies that are "domain experts" in certain segments or geographies.

Directly lending to retail customers would be difficult for the firm until full control mechanisms are place, Das said, adding that it wasn't "prudent" for a non- banking finance company (NBFC) to lend to another, but this was required to support the customer segment that doesn't get adequate banking support.

Emphasising that this model can work, Das cited the example of a ₹150-Cr. loan IREDA made one- and-a-half years back to another NBFC for e-rickshaw purchases. About 74,000 e-rickshaws were financed as the two NBFCs worked together to bring down the average borrowing cost for rickshaw owners to 17.6% from about 28-34% in the past.

IREDA has also set up a unit in the GIFT city of Gujarat. Once the unit becomes operational, it will be able to lend to renewable project developers in the country, which have both capex and revenues in foreign currency "There will be natural hedging, lending in forex, servicing in forex," Das said, adding that this will cut down hedging costs and make borrowings cheaper by 3.5-4.5%.

IREDA Plans to Set Up Arm to Finance Small Green Energy Projects

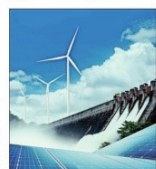
The new subsidiary would support solar, bioenergy, and e-mobility sectors

Sanjeev Choudhary

New Delhi: Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), the state-run shadow bank whose shares have risen four-fold since last year's listing, plans to form a subsidiary to help finance small businesses and retail customers seeking to set up rooftop solar and bioenergy projects or buy electric vehicles, its chairman has said. Many small and micro businesses planning renewable projects such as rooftop solar, waste-to-energy, bioenergy projects or e-mobility "are not getting proper banking support," IREDA chairman Pradip Kumar Das told ET.

IREDA sees this as an opportunity to ensure fund flows to those segments deprived of financing and expects its intervention to help develop the sector, Das said. "Since we have expertise in this field and are mandated to acquire expertise in new and emerging areas, we want to come into this field." IREDA is essentially a project finance company, and catering to small businesses and retail customers would require a "different mindset, system and process," Das said, explaining the need for a subsidiary to undertake the new business. "In the umbrella company, we don't want to mix things up."

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India's Green Journey Crosses New Milestone



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India's renewable energy capacity surpasses **200 GW**, with IREDA at the helm of this transformative journey

Working hand in hand with the Government to achieve the **500 GW RE** milestone by 2030

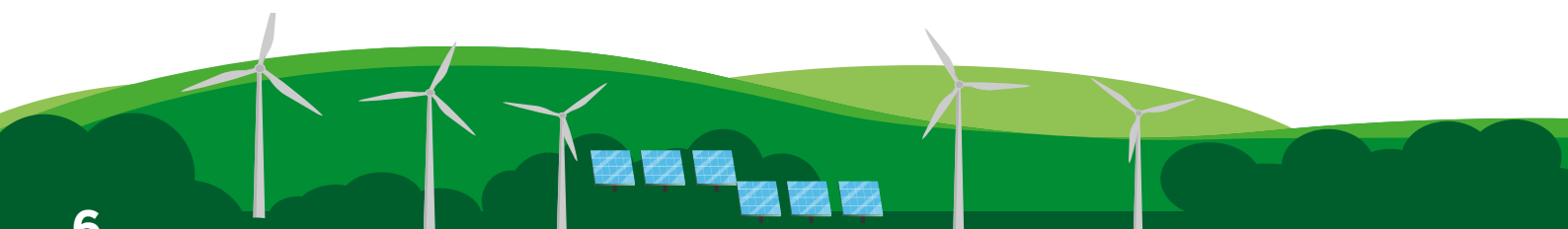




Photo Gallery

Empowering Odisha's Rise at Resurgent 2024



IREDA shined at the Resurgent Odisha 2024 trade show in Bhubaneswar, showcasing its role in the state's renewable journey and engaging in discussions on driving Odisha's manufacturing and export ambitions.



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