CMD, IREDA Highlights Green Education and Skilling as Key to India's Renewable Goals

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Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA), stressed the urgent need for dedicated green skilling centers of excellence to prepare India's workforce for the nearly 3 million green jobs expected by 2030. Addressing the 7th International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE), organized by the Mobius Foundation at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, Shri Das underlined that India's clean energy transition hinges not only on technology and capital but also on a skilled workforce.

Highlighting IREDA's initiatives, Shri Das noted that the organization has become a fully paperless institution and is actively collaborating with academic institutions such as IITs to build a knowledge bank that fosters innovation and green skilling.

He emphasized that realizing India's renewable energy targets and the vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047* will require both massive capital inflows and skilled human resources. IREDA has already financed over 27 GW of renewable energy projects, catalyzing an estimated 6,00,000 construction jobs and 50,000 long-term operations and maintenance jobs.

Calling for collective action, Shri Das urged the government, industry, finance, academia, and civil society to work together to build a resilient and inclusive green economy.

Reaffirming IREDA's commitment, he said: *"Our mission is not only to finance renewable energy but also to support the broader ecosystem of knowledge, skills, and community development. Through impactful CSR initiatives in health, education, and rural infrastructure, we ensure that India's clean energy transition uplifts society at large."*

As part of Seva Pakhwada, IREDA has planned green energy education and renewable energy awareness programs in several schools across Delhi-NCR, reinforcing its commitment to youth engagement and community outreach.