

National Workshop on Policy Frame Work for Biogas  
Programme for next 10 years  
October 5-6, 2006

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**Venue:** Senate room, IIT Delhi

**Participation :** By invitation

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India's biogas programme is one of the largest in the world, next only to China. The National Programme on Biogas Development was initiated in way back to 1981 and a target of more than 38.00 lakh family size biogas plants has been achieved out of total potential of 120 lakh. So far, biogas has mostly been used as fuel for cooking, lighting and running stationary engines. In the absence of commercial aspects of biogas as an alternative fuel, it's potential has not yet been fully utilized.

In the present era of energy crisis, biogas is emerging as an alternative fuel to replace diesel/petrol in vehicles. Biogas as bio-fuel may provide energy security to rural areas. It will create pollution-free environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Biogas therefore is better choice and has a very promising future in India due to the tropical location and very high population of livestock and availability of other feed materials suitable for biogas generation. There is need for devising a national policy frame work for biogas programme to get advantage of latest technologies related to biogas and make it a successful sustainable energy resource for the country.

In view of the above, there is an urgent need to strengthen Biogas Programme in an effective manner and to make a new national policy framework. In this contest, a “**National Workshop on Policy Frame Work on biogas programme for next 10 years**” is being organized at IIT Delhi during 5-6 Oct. 2006 with the assistance of Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, GOI.

Senior officers of the State Governments/ nodal agencies, Planning commission, Central Ministries, representative of Agricultural Universities, IITs, IIMs NITs and non-governmental organizations are expected to participate in it.

We are requesting Hon'ble Minister for Non-Conventional Energy Sources to inaugurate the workshop.

**Accommodation:**

Limited accommodation will be available to the participants on sharing basis in the Faculty Guest House of the Institute if informed in advance.

**Tentative Programme schedule**

Session /Time		Session details
<b>Day-1 5.10.2006</b>		
9.00- 10.00		<b>Registration</b>
10.00-11.00	Chief guest Honb'le Minister	<b>Inauguration</b>
Session-I ( Policy) 11.30am onwards	Chairman/ Co- Chairman Secretary MNES/ Advisor MNES	<b>Policy support w.r.t integrated energy policy</b> - Commercialized biogas plant - Socio-economic impact - Institutional financing aspects - Capacity Building - Biogas Development and training Centres, Training, publicity extension, etc. - Monitoring and evaluation - Human resource - Linkages with other related central Programme
<b>Day-2 6.10.2006</b>		
Session-II ( R&D) 9.00 am- 1.00 pm	Chairman Dr.B.S.Pathak	<b>Technology status R&amp;D issues</b>
		- Alternative feed stock
		- Biogas for transportation
		- Biogas engines for electricity
		- Purification and Bottling of biogas
		- Development of biogas based other equipment
		- Diversified use of digested slurry
Session-III (Proposals/ programme) 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Chairman DDG – ICAR/	<b>Suggestions by selected Nodal Departments/ Nodal Agencies,</b> CREDA, GAIC NEDCAP,Karnataka,Maharashtra, U.P., W.B., Uttaranchal etc.
Session-IV 4.15 pm....		<b>Finalization of Recommendations</b>
Session –V		<b>Valedictory</b>