

Pakistan Solar Association (PSA)

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Official Signing Ceremony between Pakistan Solar Association (PSA) and German Solar Association (BSW) held at offices of BMZ (German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation & Development) in Berlin on 17th Dec 2015. An important milestone achieved by PSA which is the result of a Declaration of Intent signed by Prime Minister Nawaz Shareef on his visit to Berlin in Nov 2014. Present on the occasion are Chairman BSW, Chairman and Vice Chairman PSA, Representative of Energy Department Punjab, Mr. Pfaefflin from German Ministry of Economic Affairs, Dr. Fecher and other officials from GIZ Pakistan, Ms. Afzaal from Pakistan Embassy Berlin, Dr. Birkholz from SMA Germany and other officials of BSW. Final presentation on this occasion was presented by Vice Chairman PSA Mr. Nauman Khan on behalf of Pakistan Solar Industry with comprehensive overview of business dynamics for solar in Pakistan and market entry strategy for German investors.

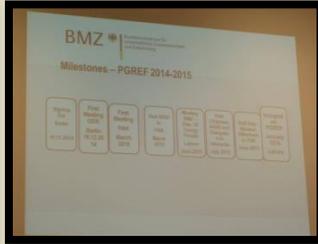


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PSA Members Reserve your Stall (on first come, first serve basis)

25th, 26th & 27th MARCH 2016

RENEWABLE ENERGY-POWER EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE

THE ONLY NATIONAL EVENT DEDICATED TO SOLAR POWER AND PV TECHNOLOGY

VENUE
FALETTI'S HOTEL LAHORE

PSA
PAKISTAN SOLAR ASSOCIATION

RESERVE YOUR STALL
(On First Come, First Serve Basis)

- Meet face to face with National & International energy professionals.
- Make new business contacts & generate sales leads.
- Get up to date with industry developments.
- Demonstrate & launch new products & technologies.
- Raise your company profile and change market perception.
- Extensive media exposure before, during & after the event.

PSA Inside:

PSA welcome our new Members.

1. Xiph Technologies (Pvt) Ltd.
2. Sleek Solar.
3. HZ International.
4. Unique Solar Tech.

National:

Solar tariff cut by 27pc for new plants.



The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Wednesday cut upfront tariff for new solar power plants by more than 27 per cent, mainly due to declining solar photovoltaic (PV) prices in the global market.

Under the new regime, the regulator set two different upfront rates for solar plants in the country's South and North regions with generation capacity ranging between 1 and 100MW.

It said the new tariff would be 11.35 cents to 11.53 cents per kWh for North region and 10.72 to 10.89 per kWh for South region.

Through the new rates, an attempt has been made "not only to create a balance between the interest of the consumers and the investors but also to encourage investment at the same time".

National:

Small Farmers to get interest free loans on solar tube-wells.

The Government plans to launch a scheme very soon to provide interest free loans to farmers for setting up new solar tube-wells, Radio Pakistan reported on Sunday.



Under this scheme mark-up free loans will be provided for thirty thousand tube-wells in the next three years. All farmers with land holdings up to 12.5 acres will be eligible to apply for this loan.

National:

Pakistan can achieve highest solar power potential by 2020.



Pakistan has a potential of producing 92 percent of its electricity requirements through solar energy at a rate that's amongst the highest in the world. The group of study reports that Pakistan has a potential of producing 92 percent of its electricity requirements via solar energy, at a rate that's amongst the highest in the world. Around 58.1 percent of that electricity can be produced by solar plants and 15 percent via Concentrated Solar Plants (CSP).

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\$3bn invested in renewable energy sector in one year.



An amount of \$3 billion has been invested in the field of renewable energy over the past one year, indicating the investment potential and interest of investors in the sector. This was said by Chief Executive Officer of the Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB), Amjad Ali Awan, on Sunday. He said that Pakistan had become a choice destination of investors because of the potential in this sector, robust policy framework, lucrative tariff structures and bankable security documents. "The government is taking steps to harness the potential of renewable energy, diversify energy mix and ensure energy security."

Regional:

China aims to quadruple solar installations by 2020.



By 2020, the National Energy Agency expects installations to reach 150GW, Xinhua revealed. Beijing has already upped its target for this year by 30%, raising concerns about whether the grid can cope. Nearly a tenth of solar power generated in the first six months couldn't be delivered due to network

constraints, the NEA said.

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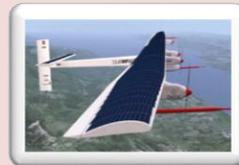
In a bid to raise awareness about the importance of solar energy, a solar dome, first of its kind in the country, is set to come up on the outskirts of Kolkata.

The solar dome will not only serve to raise awareness about solar energy, it will also act as a museum displaying various usages of the unconventional energy as well as a tourist spot, West Bengal Power Minister Manish Gupta told PTI.

The entire dome will be covered by solar panels which, in turn, will produce electricity to run the project and will also provide power to the nearby Eco-Park at Rajarhat.

Global:

Solar Impulse2 ready to fly again by April 20, 2016.



GENEVA (AFP) – The sun-powered plane Solar Impulse 2, grounded in Hawaii since the summer for repairs, will be ready to fly again by April 20, the project's spokeswoman told AFP Wednesday. The plane completed nearly half of an unprecedented round-the-world journey without using a drop of fuel before battery pack damage during a grueling five-day leg from Japan to Hawaii in July forced its grounding. The aircraft took off from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on March 9, powered by 17,000 solar cells, with the aim of promoting renewable energy through a round-the-world flight.



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