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## **Training workshop begins at ICFAI** **Solar power generation would lead** **to four million employment by 2022**

### **Agartala, November 17:**

A six-day training workshop on Solar Technicians got underway today at Kamalghat Campus of ICFAI University, Tripura with 30 technicians participating from across the State. One participant has also joined the workshop from Odisha. The workshop will continue till November 22 to train the participants on theoretical and practical aspects of solar power generation and its utilization.

Sponsored by Union Ministry for New and Renewable Energy, the week-long training workshop is jointly organized by ICFAI University Tripura and N B Institute of Rural Technology. The workshop was formally inaugurated by local MLA Haricharan Sarkar and graced by Dr. S P Gan Chowdhury, an eminent Solar Power Researcher and head of Arkaneer, as Special guest. The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Prof. Biplab Halder, the Pro Vice Chancellor of host University.

The deliberations during the inaugural session revealed some important information about methodical change in power generation scenario across the globe in general and in India in particular. Dr. S P Gan Chowdhury in his key note address informed that with the course of time the usage of solar power has recorded a considerable rise across the world which has also generated sizeable employment.

He said, most of the countries have adopted a policy to generate more power through solar system and spread its usage among the mass. Dr. Gan Chowdhury informed that the National Solar Mission has taken a target of generating 100,000 MW solar power in India by 2022 and this will lead to employment to 4 million people.

He further said, Tripura will also benefit from this national target and added that by 2022 about 2200 MW solar power will be generated in Tripura and it will create direct and indirect employment for 40 thousand people.

Earlier, in his inaugural speech MLA Haricharan Sarkar acclaimed the joint endeavor ICFAI University Tripura and N B Institute of Rural Technology towards organizing such training workshop for the solar technicians. He opined that the trainee technicians would be able to learn new things during the week-long workshop which would help them execute new projects at respective areas.

Prof. Biplab Halder, the Pro Vice Chancellor of ICFAI University, in his key note address hoped that solar power generation would take a shape of cottage industry across the country. It would have direct and indirect impact on the socio-economic condition of rural people, he said and added that with course of time people would en-masse generate solar power and sell off surplus power.

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