Seed Community Meeting

Green Growth and Energy Transformation in Rajasthan

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GREEN GROWTH (imperatives of resource efficiency + environmental protection + economic growth + Employment generation)

Robust environmental policies + coherence w/ other policy domains, in particular innovation and industrial policies

Goes without saying – NO ONE ACTOR can achieve it.

Need is to have transition strategies - strengthening political discourses + forming societal coalitions.

Strategies to consider political economy of reforms, incorporate questions of social justice and address the interests of key stakeholders
In India – energy security concerns interlinked with pressing economic development issues

Initial focus on Focus on Energy Efficiency but lately focus on ambitious targets towards clean energy transformation

Some of the prominent initiatives by Government of India for transition to greener economy include: National Solar Mission, Smart Cities initiative –, Dedicated Freight Corridors, Mass Rapid Transport System, National Electricity Mobility Mission 2020, and Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Programme etc

CLEARLY – transition/ transformation is the way forward – Therefore, focus of Grow-GET is also Energy Transformation
TRANSFORMATION HOW?

- Transformation will also be affected by natural endowments, financial resources and technological advancements.
- Let's revisit the last three points of the first slide – this is the key!!!
- Therefore, Grow-GET focusses on forming societal coalitions – SEED Community.
- Project has 4 chapters – 4 SEED Communities.
DEVELOPMENTS THUS FAR

- Formed/in the process of forming SCs in Rajasthan, West Bengal, National (Delhi), Brussels
- Some catalytic projects (discuss point 3 then 2) identified (one on one discussions and previous meetings), some others can be identified. For ex, Solar Roof Top (Middle class argument) and Rural Electrification
- What is a catalytic project: can be scaled up, be transformative, e.g., by unleashing structural game changers causing long term effects, far beyond the initial impact, serve as a success story, become a platform for discourse alliance (e.g., the narrative resonates with a variety of discourse communities and introduces the common frame within which the stakeholder redefines the interests), Bring together a transactional coalition between interest groups, technical, commercial, political feasibility
- Introduced the project to the environment committee
- SC members in Rajasthan: Deputy Speaker, Environment Committee, Relevant departments (frequent transfers), US (ideators and Peer Group)
KEY ISSUES IN RAJASTHAN

- Finance – reconfigured centre-state relations, UDAY
- Elections
- Consumer awareness
- Banks
- Policy maker awareness
- Clarity on technology
- Skill development

Could be many more….
THANK YOU