


Seed Community Meeting


**Green Growth and Energy
Transformation in Rajasthan**

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

- ▶ 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
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INDIAN CONTEXT

- ▶ 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
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TRANSFORMATION HOW?

- ▶ Transformation will also be affected by natural endowments, financial resources and technological advancements
 - ▶ Lets 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
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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)
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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





