

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

## Power Minister chairs the 4thFoundation Day celebrations of National Institute of Solar Energy, Gurugram

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Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Raj Kumar Singh, presided over the 4th Foundation Day celebrations of National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), at its campus in Gurugram, Haryana today.

While addressing scientists, research staff and other guests during the event, Shri Singh said that NISE should aim to establish itself as the World's leading institute in the field of solar energy through its world class R&D, Testing & Certification and Training and emerge as a 'Centre of Excellence'. NISE should strive further and set up regional centres for research and development in solar energy, Shri Singh added.

"There is no dearth of funds for R&D activities", Shri Singhsaid, while complimenting the scientists on the number of innovative prototype projects developed at NISE. Further, the Minister said that NISE should work quickly and patent some of the products and encouraged scientists to work out strategies for public-private collaborations to reach end-users.

Shri Singh also launched the Automation System for Customer Service Cellfor Testing Facilities at NISE. He was presented with a set of four books on Solar Energypublished by NISE. The Minister was particularly impressed with the solar powered RO water dispensing ATM, and the solar powered milk chilling unit. He urged upon NISE to work with central and state agriculture ministries, along with National Dairy Development Board to take up demonstration projects of the solar technologies developed at NISE.

Shri Singh also gave away awards to school children from Gurugram who won prizes for various competitions on Solar Energy, organized by NISE and conducted by Delhi Public School, Gurugram, held in the month of October 2017.

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