Solar Lamp Initiative

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay has been working on an idea of “Energy Swaraj” which means localised energy generation aiming at self-sufficiency at the household level through decentralisation of resources. The initiative aims to facilitate localised solar solutions involving local communities in assembling, distribution, repair and maintenance of solar products. Next stage of the movement will be localised manufacture of solar products. The project has been christened Solar Urja through Location for Sustainability (SOULS). The initiative is currently being implemented in 10 Indian States as informed by IIT, Bombay.

2. Last year on 2nd October, the SOULS initiative organised a large workshop to take the message of “Energy Swaraj” to the masses on Gandhi Jayanti Day. In this workshop, more than 1.3 lakh students assembled their own solar study lamps all over India. The unique message of this event was “non-violence towards environment” that also signify the International Day of Non-Violence. A similar initiative is also being organised this year where participation of about 1 million children across India is expected.

3. The organisers has now planned to make this event into a global event and would be providing 500 lamp kits for each country to conduct a similar event on Gandhi Jayanti on 2 October 2019. The kits will be supplied to the respective Mission who will be then requested to identify 500 beneficiaries who can be trained to assemble these kits. More details are available at www.ggsy.in

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