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A newsletter from Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation delivering news, research, and analysis covering the key pillars of the exponential energy transition—energy policy, the energy industry, climate change, and clean energy.



### **Focus**

#### **Building the Climate Narrative 2023**

To build the climate narrative for the year 2023, Shakti conducted its Annual Work Planning Workshop on January 24 and 25, 2023. This workshop is a congregation of experts from various sectors to collectively brainstorm and deliberate on critical challenges and barriers confronting sectors relevant to climate action and to ponder upon and conceptualise interventions and solutions.



#### Seminar: GEAPP's Vision and Priorities in India





Seminar Announcement

Shri Saurabh Kumar at Shakti office

At a seminar organised by Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation on February 13, 2023, Shri Saurabh Kumar, Head of Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP), India, spoke about GEAPP's Vision and Priorities in India

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#### **Shakti Awarded Rainmatter Foundation Grant**

Shakti has recently been awarded a grant from the Rainmatter Foundation for research by the newly established Climate Insights Unit. This grant will support the identification of emerging climate change issues and their intersection with the environment, ecology, and sustainable development. It will enable Shakti to pursue important questions and explore solutions related to climate action.





## Centrestage

Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation team members were invited to speak at various important platforms, events, and discussions as well as to participate in capacity building workshops. This is not just a recognition of the team's expertise and knowledge in a vast variety of topics about climate change and climate action but also an acknowledgment of Shakti as a respected knowledge partner. We showcase below some of the important events in which Shakti participated.

#### **World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS)**





The 22nd edition of the annual flagship event of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS), that focussed on the umbrella theme: Mainstreaming Sustainable Development and Climate Resilience for Collective Action, was held in February 2023. Dr Anshu Bharadwaj, CEO, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, moderated a session on 'G20 Leadership for a Green Development Pact'.

Trupti Deshpande, Senior Programme Manager, Electric Mobility, Shakti, participated in a session Towards Net-Zero Emission Target-Electric Vehicles in Freight, spoke about the 3 As - Ambition, Action, Accountability - for e-freight to become a reality in India which means to set an ambition, take required actions and be accountable for the actions to realise ambition towards EVs in freight.



#### Air Quality Action Forum (AQAF)

Shakti CEO, Dr Anshu Bhardwaj, spoke at a panel at the Annual Conference of the Air Quality Action Forum hosted by UNEP India, Climate & Clean Air Coalition, CERCA IITD and Paytm Foundation in the session on 'AQAF Needs Assessment Report.'

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# Roundtable Organised by the High Commission of Canada

Koyel Mandal, Chief of Programmes, Shakti, participated in a roundtable organised by the High Commission of Canada where he spoke about Shakti's strategy that includes a combination of policies and markets to enable climate action in India.





## **Insights**

#### **Union Budget 2023**



Green growth has been highlighted as one of the four transformative opportunities in "the first budget of Amrit Kaal", envisioned to shape the country's future leading up to its 100th year of independence in 2047.

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International Women's Day: Green GroWth - Enabling Gender Inclusivity and Empowerment Perspectives

As part of Women's Day Shakti promoted an inclusive greener future with an insightful article 'Green GroWth: Enabling Gender Inclusivity and Empowerment Perspectives' by Kruthika Jerome, Programme Manager, Climate Finance; Neha Kumar, Head, South Asia Programmes, Climate Bonds Initiative; Alisée Pornet, Head, Climate Finance and Energy Division, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), India.

# **Canberra Fellowship for Shubhashis Dey**

We would like to congratulate Shubhashis Dey, Director, Climate Policy and Climate Finance, Shakti, who has been invited by the Australian Government, to visit Australia under the Canberra Fellowships Program, as part of a select delegation of India's foremost climate, energy, sustainability, and environment policyshapers







# **University of Chicago Students Visit Shakti**

Shakti hosted students from The University of Chicago at their Delhi office as part of the university's 'Career Trek' programme. Shakti team members shared their professional journeys and gave the students an insight into the various aspects of Climate Change in the Indian context.





U-Chicago students engaging with Shakti team

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