

## Report on Re-Envis 2015

A seminar was organised by ENVIS centres of Gujarat Ecological Commission, Gandhinagar and TERI, New Delhi on 'Ecological Aspects of Renewable Energy Development in India' at GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar on 4th December 2015. Dr. Ashoka Ghosh and Rikeen Makwana participated the seminar.

Welcome address was given Mr. Prabir Sengupta, IAS (Retd.), Distinguished Fellow & Director, Knowledge Management Division, The Energy and Resources Institute. He highlighted the importance of the use of Renewable Energy and the impacts of fossil fuel and its dangers.

Mr. A K Saxena , IFS, Member Secretary , Gujarat Ecology Commission (GEC) & Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest [Land], Government of Gujarat said that our focused should not only be in the developing new technologies and its implementation but also to provide the database in which information is regularly updated for the use of Government which helps in making policies. It will be useful for the common people, scientists, policy makers and researchers.

Shri Abhay Kumar, Deputy Economic Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India gave the overview of ENVIS project. He gave the genesis of the ENVIS scheme as well as the present and future prospects of ENVIS. He gave the information of ENVIS Portal which is going to be launched for day to day monitoring of all 68 ENVIS websites.

Mr. Amit Kumar, Dean (Distance and Short-term Education), TERI University and Dr Sagar Agravat, Scientist C, Solar Research Wing, Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI) gave the information on new renewable technologies such as use of roof tops for residential house as well as for the industries in the Plenary Talk I.

Panel Discussion on Ecological Development Using Renewable Energy Options was chaired by Mr. Prabir Sengupta, Mr. Amit Kumar, Mr. A K Saxena and Mr. Bharat Pathak, IFS, Director, Gujarat Ecological Education and Research Foundation and Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest. They gave their views and all concluded of using the energy efficiently for the betterment of future generation.

Mr. Kunal Shah scientist of Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute gave presentation on conservation of ecology and environment through renewable energy sources.

Four ENVIS Centres – Gujarat Cleaner Production Centre, Centre for Environment Education, Consumer Education and Research Centre, National Institute of Occupational Health – participated and presented their activities.