

GERMI Wins the JSW and Times of India powered Earth Care Award 2015 – Best Innovation for Climate Protection

GERMI, Gujarat government's autonomous research institute for research and development in the energy sector has developed a novel PPP concept, resulting in rapid solar rooftop uptake and finding replication in other states. The program aims at maximizing installations of solar systems on rooftops of private homes as well as commercial and government buildings.



These were part of the eight awards given in different categories including innovation, industry and small & medium enterprise. The awards honoured entities that have demonstrated excellence in climate change mitigation and adaptation. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Union power and renewable energy minister Shri Piyush Goyal honoured the winners and shared the stage with the green heroes at an impressive ceremony at Hotel ITC Maurya Delhi on 11th September 2015.



About the **JSW and Times of India - Earth Care Award**

Launched in 2007-08, the Earth Care Awards is a joint initiative of the JSW Foundation (social arm of the JSW Group) and TOI. It seeks to identify and foster actions with special reference to mitigation and adaptation imperatives related to climate change across sectors. In 2011, this initiative extended its reach to all SAARC countries and the 2015 awardees were selected by a six-member jury headed by eminent scientist and former DG of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research R. A. Mashelkar.

“Rooftop systems are a very good way of ensuring the 3 important E’s; namely – **Energy** since it will provide easy access to clean energy; **Employment** since it will give impetus to employment and entrepreneurial opportunities; and it serves as a great **Enabler** initiative towards advancement in skill development and creating greater ability in the society”, says Dr. Omkar Jani, Principal Research Scientist – Solar Research Wing, GERMI.

GERMI is a non-profit Trust and Society, a centre for excellence in industry learning and a recognized Scientific and Industrial Research Organization recognized by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India and is set up to develop human resource assets to cater to the renewable as well as non-renewable energy sectors; improve knowledge base of policy makers and technologists and provide a competitive edge to leaders to compete in the global arena.