



SESI Team with Chinese Delegation at Chinese Embassy, New Delhi

President SESI invited as a Speaker in 2nd India Solar Energy Summit

Lnoppen from China organized 2nd India Solar Energy Summit on 23-24 February, 2012 at New Delhi. Mr. Ajay Prakash Shrivastava, President, SESI gave a presentation on “State Governments Initiatives and Plans” for solar. Mr. Raghvendra Agarwal, Mr. Prafulla Pathak, G.C. Members and Mr. Jagat S Jawa, DG, SESI also took part in the Summit.

GERMI introduces solar technician course.

Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute introduced the novel initiative wherein a batch of teachers from different ITIs in Gujarat was trained. GERMI stands tall by accomplishing the designing and developing of one month course syllabus for the ITI's in Gujarat. The trained teachers will be instrumental in train-

ing student batches and give training to the technicians for the large solar industry. With this, GERMI sets a benchmark for the rest of the country to follow.

The seeds of this initiative were sown when the Directorate of Technical Education (DET), GoG approached GERMI to train their staff and introduce solar course to the ITIs. The commitment of the team under the able leadership of its heads made it possible to accomplish this task in a short span of one month. To implement the course GERMI partnered with Underwriters Laboratory Pvt. Ltd. for the technical resource inputs.

Thus a total of 18 ITI teachers / supervisors from 10 ITI colleges across Gujarat were trained. They are now ready to start the course and contribute to the manpower de-

velopment of solar technicians. This initiative would also benefit the students to get better placements on one hand and the industries gets the trained manpower on the other. This greatly helps the industries to plan, build and operate Mega Watt scale power projects. Apart from organization of the training programme, GERMI has assisted DET to set up a solar lab at one of the ITI's at Patan District. It is in the process of writing text books for the ITI course. The syllabus has been approved by the Gujarat Council of Vocational Training—the State nodal agency. The present ‘Training of Trainers’ workshop was conducted in a participative mode, wherein the participants had suggested a few points on the course and other topics of interests to the students. Their experiences added value to further consolidate the learnings and completeness of the syllabus. This training becomes a platform for discussion between the trainers as well as the trainees.

With the success of this workshop, Directorate of Employment and Training has expressed interest to send all its teachers / supervisors to GERMI for training on a regular basis and this opens a new arena for developing skills through the solar vocational trainings.



ITI staff attentively learning solar practicals