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For an energy-efficient FUTURE

Dr R Harikumar, Director, Energy Management Centre, envisions achieving maximum energy efficiency in all sectors with the participation of people

Kerala is predominantly a consumerist state with energy consumed mainly in the domestic sector. This highlights the importance of energy conservation in the domestic sector. Energy Management Centre (EMC) aims to facilitate efficient management of all forms of energy, to promote energy efficiency, energy conservation and to develop new sources of energy as well as novel energy technologies. This will help in facilitating the use of energy on a sustainable basis.

There is a wide scope of energy efficiency improvement opportunities from large scale industries to the level of a small lamp used in our houses. EMC is carrying out awareness programs for improving the energy efficiency level right from its inception with increased focus on domestic sector.

A small contribution towards energy conservation in each house can positively impact the energy requirement of the State in total. Buildings also consume a lot of energy which includes electricity and other fuel sources like diesel, gas, etc. Also, there is a wide scope in improving

energy efficiency in MSME sector and agricultural sector. Most of the pumps used in agricultural sector are old and inefficient. Due to the subsidised cost of electricity, farmers are not aware of the energy loss using these old and inefficient pumps. EMC is currently in the process of training to farmers to create awareness on the use energy efficient pumps.

A few current activities of EMC include:

Go Electric campaign aims to spread awareness on the benefits of e-Mobility, EV Charging Infrastructure and safe electric cooking in India. There are mass awareness programs being conducted on the benefits of EVs and electric at state level.

Urja Kiran program, focuses on enhancing environmental awareness and fostering critical thinking and problem-solving approaches by helping people to become actively involved in the exploration of their immediate environment.

This is the era of renewable energy and energy storage. As for the future plans of EMC, by improving energy efficiency, energy use can be reduced and thus reduce the installed capacity of renewable energy power plants. EMC is working on policy level interventions for the same. Besides, awareness

creation among public for conserving energy voluntarily is the need of the hour. Research and development activities in energy efficiency sector are also in the pipeline. There are also plans to conduct certificate courses, training programs and capacity building programs under Energy Management Institute and create professionals with a greater outlook towards energy efficiency.



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