

Conference on Industry solutions workshop on best practices and techniques for inclusive and sustainable industrial development in Tamil Nadu at Ranipet on 30th June 2023

The objective of the workshop deliberates upon and disseminate opportunities for inclusive and sustainable industrial development in identified focus sectors as well as emerging sectors in Tamil Nadu, by showcasing achievements of UNIDO's interventions and demonstrations in the State and/or relevant to the State.

The dignitaries on the dais included;

- Sh. Hans Raj Verma (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Tamilnadu & CMD, TIIC
- Ms S. Valarmathi (IAS), District Collector, Ranipet
- Sh. R. Selvam (IAS), Executive Director, Council for Leather Export
- Dr. Rene Van Berkel, UNIDO Representative & Head, India



In the event, the participants came from the industrial/institutional sectors, located in and around Ranipet. 180-200 peoples participated in the conference.

The inaugural session was followed by the technical session that saw presentations of UNIDO's several projects being implemented in Tamil Nadu, the details are given below.

1. Promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy in selected MSME clusters (implemented in collaboration with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE));
2. Firm-level demonstration of technologies and productivity enhancement for the pulp and paper sector (implemented with support from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT));
3. Promoting market transformation of energy efficient technologies in small and medium

enterprise clusters (implemented in collaboration with the Ministry for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)),

4. Promoting business models for increasing penetration and scaling up of solar energy (implemented in collaboration with the Ministry for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME))
5. Professionalism, Responsibility and Innovation Driving Excellence (joint programme with Automotive Components Manufacturers Association (ACMA) and Ministry of Heavy Industry)



6. Policies for digitalization and the Fourth Industrial Revolution (implemented with support from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA))

The conference focused to support MSME industries in Tamilnadu for industrial solution based on the UNIDO supports industrialization that work for markets, for the environment and for people and communities involved in, and affected by, industrial activity.

Its activities in India address:

- Competitiveness and resilience of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);
- Solutions for climate,
- Resources and environment; and
- Strategy and policy for industrial transformation.

During the event, the local industries are requested UNIDO to implement a project in the MSME sectors to reduce carbon foot print area especially in Leather Industry. The President Rice mill association has also requested UNIDO to implement Solar project especially for hot water and hot air requirement for the process heat application.

After the event, the Additional Chief Secretary cum CMD of TIIC and UNIDO Country Representative were visited the RANITEC to see the Concentrating Solar Thermal project installed for the wastewater treatment.