

International Solar Alliance concludes the ISA Solar Awards 2020 Winners Meet


- *The International Solar Alliance Awards 2020 were institutionalized to raise awareness and incentivize the advancements made in the field of Solar Energy worldwide*
- *By establishing the Solar Awards, the ISA aimed to promote individuals, scientists, technicians, organizations working on the advancement of Solar Energy and Solar Technology within the ISA Member Countries*

New Delhi, 18th December 2020 – The International Solar Alliance (ISA) concluded the ISA Solar Awards 2020 Winners meet, today. These awards have been institutionalized to recognize the achievements and contributions of scientists, researchers, developers and institutions for their exemplary work in the field of Solar Energy and to provide a platform for the incubation of emerging innovations in the Solar technology. The Awards were presented to the winners at the ISA Host Country Awards Day Event which took place on 16th October 2020.

Following are the Award categories and winners for the 2020 Awards:

1. *ISA - Haryana Kalpana Chawla Solar Award*

The Government of Haryana, India has institutionalized the ISA Kalpana Chawla Haryana Solar Award to reward the best scientist, engineer or technologist who is actively involved in innovation, R&D, development and deployment of path-breaking technologies in the field of solar energy. The prize money for this Award is INR 4,851,000 (INR 2,425,500 each).



It has been awarded to:

Dr Aaasha Alnuaimi (United Arab Emirates) - Director-Solar Innovation Centre, Dubai Electricity and Water Authority; and

Dr Bhim Singh (India) - Central Electricity Authority (CEA) Chair Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology - Delhi

2. ISA Karnataka Visvesvaraya Solar Award


The Government of Karnataka, India has set up the ISA Karnataka Visvesvaraya Solar Award to recognize one country from each of the four regions of the ISA Member Countries, with the maximum installed capacity of floating solar energy.

The prize money for this Award is INR 900,000 for each country.

It has been awarded to **Japan** and **Netherlands** for their unique, advanced and state-of-the-art technology and installed Floating Solar Energy

3. ISA Diwakar Solar Award

The Award has been established with the gracious support of Shri. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways and Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. This award is for organizations who look after children with special needs and promote solar projects.





The prize money for this Award is INR 100,000 (INR 50,000 each).

It has been awarded to **Arpan Institute**, Haryana and **Arushi Society**, Madhya Pradesh for their support to Children with Special Needs and amplifying the use of Solar Energy.

KPMG India has been the official knowledge partner for the ISA Solar Awards 2020. The team was responsible for lending end-to-end services for overseeing the awards, from inception to outreach, as well as analysis and evaluation. A detailed and systematic process was carried out by KPMG India in order to execute the Awards efficiently.

The ISA Solar Awards 2020 Winners Meet welcome address was given by Sh. Ravi Kanth Medithi, Advisor, ISA. The event followed insightful presentations by the esteemed award winners: Dr Aaisha Alnuaimi and Dr Bhim Singh – Winners of the ISA - Haryana Kalpana Chawla Solar Award; Mr. Shingo MIYAMOTO - Minister (Economic & Development), representative of the Embassy of Japan in India; and Mr. Joost Geijer, Head - Economic, representative of the Embassy of Netherlands - the winners of the ISA Karnataka Visvesvaraya Solar Award; Mr. Sunil Mudgal, Arushi Society and Mr. Devander, Arpan Institute - winners of the ISA Diwakar Solar Award.

In the presentations, the winners spoke about their past career experience in the Solar Energy Sector, their current work, accolades received and their future endeavors in the

field. The representatives of the Embassies of Japan and Netherlands gave presentations on new and innovative Solar Technologies being deployed in their countries and what the future landscape of the Solar Energy sector in their countries look like. The presentations were followed by an insightful interactive session with the Award winners.

“The world is at a critical juncture now and is staring at an uncertain future in terms of energy production. All nations need to come together and formulate a mechanism to address energy needs through clean & sustainable methods like Solar. Combined efforts by the nations will form the pillar of a successful solar revolution. The ISA awards are an opportunity to recognize the brilliant minds who are not only doing exemplary work in the field of Solar Energy, but also set an example and inspire other individuals, institutions and nations to follow” **said Shri Upendra Tripathy, Director General, International Solar Alliance (ISA).**