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Prime Minister

MESSAGE

I am pleased that the fourth India – US Energy Partnership Summit is being organized in Washington DC by TERI-North America and Yale University. The Partnership Summit is a particularly welcome initiative because energy is a key global challenge in this century and also constitutes one of the key pillars of the India-US Strategic Partnership.

Access to clean, reliable and affordable sources of energy is a major policy priority for India, which seeks to pursue economic growth of 8-9% per year in a sustainable manner. This is imperative to give all our people a life of equity, opportunity and prosperity.

The scale of energy challenges in India requires not just investments, but also innovation in how we produce and consume energy. India's energy strategy places particular emphasis on clean and renewable energy and its efficient use. Our target is to increase renewable energy capacity from 25000 MW in 2012 to 55000 MW in 2017. Our National Solar Mission aims to achieve a capacity of 22000 MW by 2022. The rapid increase in national solar capacity from 8 MW in 2010 to 1700 MW in 2013 and the continuing increase in installed capacity for wind energy is a reflection of our commitment to enhancing renewable energy's share in our overall energy mix. Our National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency and our National Mission on Sustainable Habitat have taken major strides in promoting efficient uses of energy in industry, transport, buildings and households.

In recent years, through the India-US Energy Dialogue, our bilateral cooperation has made remarkable progress in seeking solutions to the energy challenges of our times. President Obama and I have launched a number of bilateral energy initiatives, especially in the areas of clean and renewable energy and energy efficiency.

I am confident that this commendable initiative of TERI and Yale University will bring our energy experts into deeper engagement in an area of great importance for the prosperity of our two nations and for a sustainable future for our world.

I wish TERI and Yale University a very successful Partnership Summit.

(Manmohan Singh)

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