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*The Climate Solver e-newsletter is a bi-annual update of WWF-India's innovation initiatives as well as other significant news from the cleantech innovation ecosystem.*

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## FOSTERING CLEANTECH INNOVATION IN SME SECTOR

Regional events on Climate Solver+ : Fostering Cleantech Innovation in SME sector in India were held in Pune, Bengaluru and Delhi, reaching out to over 300 cleantech innovation stakeholders. During these regional workshops, various stakeholders from the cleantech innovation ecosystem like local Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), industry associations, financial institutions, venture capitalists, government organizations, incubators, accelerators, Climate Solver partners, and previous Climate Solver awardees were invited to share their experiences and perspectives on the subject.

WWF-India partnered with CII (for Bangalore and Delhi) and CIIE (for Pune) for the regional events. Interaction and networking among SMEs and other stakeholders in the cleantech innovation was facilitated through these events, besides taking them through the climate solver initiatives. Previous Climate Solver awardees were invited to share their perspectives on the subject, as well as their experiences as a Climate Solver.

Another significant aspect covered in these events was to gain perspective and feedback on the clean energy innovation ecosystem, particularly from the SMEs in these regional hubs, and understand how various ecosystem actors engage with one another in the region. Inputs/feedback from the session would form basis for the primary research for the ongoing 'Clean Energy Innovation Ecosystem Study' being undertaken by WWF-India. [Read the full workshop proceedings here.](#)



From the top: Climate Solver+ events in Pune, Bangalore and Delhi.  
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# CLIMATE SOLVER CATCH UP

Green India Building Systems and Services Private Limited (GIBSS), Climate Solver 2012 India winner, received the Global Cleantech Innovation Award in San Francisco for its geothermal heat exchange air-conditioning solution. [Read more.](#)

Hon'ble HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the Smart Campus Initiative in Pune, which is powered by Smart Sense - an energy analytics platform developed by Ecolibrium Energy, WWF-India's Climate Solver 2013 winner. [Read here.](#)

Nomination for the 5th edition of Climate Solver awards closed on 31st March 2017, and has received applications from across the country. These are currently under evaluation.

Indian Angel Network is now a Climate Solver partner for the India chapter of the initiative. Other partners include CII, CIIE, TDB(GoI), NIF and NVI.

Six new climate solver Nordic companies honoured at the Cleantech Forum launch event in Helsinki, Finland. [Read the blog here.](#)



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## WHAT'S NEW IN CLEANTECH INNOVATION?

The Cleantech Group & WWF have launched the Global Cleantech Innovation Index 2017. India is ranked 29<sup>th</sup> on the index. [Read here.](#)

Oil major Shell to invest in clean-tech, mobility startups in India. [Read here.](#)

## OTHER EVENTS & INITIATIVES

4th Multi-sectorial Indo-Spanish Call For Technological Cooperation Projects that aims to promote and fund market - driven research and technology development as well as to encourage partnerships and business-led R&D&I collaborative projects in various fields including Clean

Technologies (Energy, Environment and Water). Potential projects will be funded by DST in India and CDTI in Spain. [Know more here.](#)

Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India, opens its second call for NIDHI - PRAYAS Scheme Prototyping Grants for Budding Entrepreneurs. [Know more here.](#)

MIT Climate CoLab is looking for high-impact proposals on addressing climate change. Seven new contests are now open on the platform, on a variety of climate-related sub-topics such as energy supplies, buildings, transportation, carbon pricing, & more. Winners will be invited to MIT, join the Climate CoLab winners' alumni, and be eligible for the \$10,000 Grand Prize—to be selected from among top proposals across contests. [Submit proposals here.](#)



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