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Brief Profile of Ajit Pandit

Ajit Pandit, is one of the Founding Director of Idam Infrastructure Advisory Private Limited. He has more than 20 years of experience in dealing with varied aspects of energy and utilities sector in India. He brings with him the regulatory perspective and is well versed with risks and commercial arrangements associated with development, construction and implementation of various renewable energy generation schemes, transmission, evacuation, grid connectivity aspects and distribution schemes.

Ajit is recognized by the industry as expert on policy & regulatory matters concerning electricity industry and renewable energy sector in particular. He has assisted several Utilities, RE Developers and State Electricity Regulatory Commissions in addressing regulatory issues influencing growth of renewable energy sector in India and Bangladesh.

He is involved in several key initiatives in the solar energy development area such **as preparation of policy guidelines for grid connected and off grid solar energy projects under JNNSM Phase-I and phase II**. He has assisted **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Govt. of India** for development of Conceptual Framework for Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) mechanism for India and also supported **Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)** and **Indian Forum of Regulators (FOR)** for development of Procedures and framework for implementation of REC mechanism in India. He has also assisted FOR in developing uniform Renewable Energy Policy framework across States. He has also assisted CERC for development of Norms and Regulations for Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff determination, which can act as guidelines for States across India. He has worked on developing regulations for promoting off-grid renewable energy projects for FOR-CERC. As part of USAID PACE-D TA program, Ajit has supported several SNAs/SERCs/State Utilities in development and implementation of **Solar Rooftop framework** at state level. He has also supported State Electricity Regulatory Commission to develop preferential tariff and conducive regulatory regime for Municipal Solid Waste to Energy project in Maharashtra and Delhi. Ajit is currently supporting **Technical Committee of Forum of Regulators** to address challenges for RE Grid Integration, development of Forecasting & Scheduling and Balancing Framework, Deviation Settlement Mechanism, Ancillary market design at state level and supporting various implementation aspects thereof.

He has worked extensively with multilateral agencies such as World Bank, USAID, DFID, ADB, IREDA and international NGOs/Associations such as REEEP, Climate Works Foundation on issues associated with power sector reforms and clean energy development initiatives across Indian States.

He was invited as a member of a Task Force established by MNRE/CERC for grid integration of renewable energy projects and on resolving issues regarding implementation of Renewable Regulatory Fund (RRF) Mechanism. Ajit has written several theme papers/discussion papers and drafted policy/regulations to create enabling policy and regulatory framework.



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Ajit is a Graduate in Electrical Engineering from Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute (VJTI), Mumbai University and holds post-graduate degree of Master of Management Studies from Mumbai University.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:


- 2003 A Study Report for formulation of National Tariff Policy for renewable energy sources within India for MNES/IREDA
- 2006 An Approach Paper on long term development of renewable energy sources and Renewable Purchase Specification (RPS) Regulations within Maharashtra.
- 2006 Knowledge Partner for International Conference on Wind India 2006 by WISE.
- 2006 Knowledge Partner and Key Speaker on Grid integration issues for renewables and issues related to RPS implementation at 'Regulators' Retreat', Goa.
- 2007 Faculty at Induction Training Programmes for Wind Industry Professionals organized by WISE
- 2007 Speaker at Media Training Workshops conducted by MNRE/WISE.
- 2006 A Theme Paper on 'Transmission Expressways' for India Power Summit 2006 organised by NDTV Profit.
- 2007 Knowledge Partner for International Conference on Solar India 2007 by WISE
- 2008 Guest Speaker for Green Power 2008 organised by CII-GBC and delivered presentation on 'Renewable Tradable Certificates to advance Green Power in India'
- 2008 Faculty for WISE-USAID Training Programmes on 'Regulatory and Policy Framework for Market Development of Renewable Energy' for Regulators, Lenders, Utility representatives
- 2009 Development of Conceptual Framework for Renewable Energy Certificate mechanism for India for MNRE
- 2009 Assistance to CERC in formulating Feed-in Tariff Regulations for all Renewable Energy sources in India
- 2010 Assistance to MNRE/IREDA for development of Guidelines and implementation framework for Rooftop and Small Solar Generation Programme (RPSSGP) as part of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM)
- 2010 Assistance to CERC/FOR/NLDC for development of Procedures for accreditation, registration, issuance and redemption of RECs including Implementation Framework for REC mechanism within India
- 2011 Special invitee to FOR Working Group on development of policy framework for harnessing of Off-Grid renewable sources



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- 2012 Member of Technical Task Force by MNRE/NLDC for Grid Integration of Renewable Sources
- 2013-14 Member of Working Committees by MERC for development of RPO Compliance Monitoring framework and addressing connectivity and implementation issues for solar rooftop PV projects in Maharashtra
- 2015 Feed-in Tariff framework regulations for wind/solar projects for Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission
- 2016 Support to Technical Committee of FOR on Grid Integration and F&S framework for RE
- 2017 Development and implementation of RPO Compliance Monitoring framework and RPO Webtool for Rajasthan, Gujarat and implementation support to Technical Committee of FOR
- 2017 Support to 11 States for development, implementation and institutional capacity building support to SNAs/SERCs/State Utilities to facilitate deployment of Rooftop Solar PV framework at state level.

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