

Training of Trainers (ToT)

GERMI successfully trains 2nd batch of **ITI** teachers on **Introduction** of Solar **Technician** Course' at eight different ITIS

Shri. Panneervel, IAS, Principal Secretary-Labor and Employment, Govt. of Gujarat encouraging participants during the closing ceremony, Smt. Sonal Mishra, IAS Director, Directorate of Employment and Training, Dr. T. Harinarayana, Director, GERMI-RIIC, Shri. B.M. Parikh, Additional Director, Employment and Training and Shri Amin Petiwala, Secretary, GERMI

batch of 18 teachers from eight Adifferent ITIs (Industrial Training Institutes) of Gujarat was successfully trained in the Solar PV Technician course. In turn these teachers would go back to their respective ITIs and train youths to acquire skills to work in the upcoming solar parks.

The batch of 18 was the second to be trained by GERMI (Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute) at a three-day extensive workshop organised at the GERMI-PDPU campus from 8th to 10th February. The 18 teachers came in from ITIs of Deesa, Patan, Banaskantha, Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Chandkheda, Jamnagar and Keshod.

GERMI facilitates the Directorate of Employment and Training, Government of Gujarat to steadily progress ahead towards launching vocational courses on Solar PV

Technicians in the ITIs. These teachers would further the mission of the government to implement a one month course, wherein the youths would acquire skills to work in solar parks. On one hand this would help the youth to gain employment and on the other the solar industry would get trained manpower to build, operate and maintain the solar plants.

Besides training the trainer programme, GERMI has also contributed to the establishment of Solar Technician Laboratories at six ITI's - Chandkheda, Balisana, Deesa, Himatnagar, Keshod and Patan. Positive support was extended by the Energy and Petrochemical Department, Govt. of Gujarat and Gujarat Power Corporation Limited (GPCL) and Directorate of Employment and three-day training was conducted in a participative mode.

The valedictory function was attended by Shri P. Paneerwel, IAS, Principal Secretary, Gujarat Labour & Employment Department, Smt. Sonal Mishra, IAS, Director, Directorate of Employment and Training, Gujarat and Prof. T. Harinarayana, Director, GERMI-Research, Innovation and Incubation Centre and other top officials of Directorate of Employment and Training and GERMI.

GERMI has become the nodal agency on Solar Photovoltaic Technician course for Directorate of Employment and Training, Government of Gujarat. GERMI is also planning to take up such programmes on a national level for all ITIs of other states as well.