

2nd GLOBAL HYDROGEN & RENEWABLE ENERGY SUMMIT 2026

Scaling renewables for net zero

13th March 2026, Leela Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram

DRAFT AGENDA

Time	Event(s)	
	13 March 2026	
09:00- 9:30 Hrs	Registration at Reception and Facilitation Desk	
09:30-11:00 Hrs	<p>Welcome address: Dr. Ravi Gupta, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, Elets Technomedia</p> <p>Context setting: Shri Harshil R Meena IAS, CEO ANERT</p> <p>Opening Remarks Shri Minhaj Alam IAS, MD, KSEB</p> <p>Special address: K.R Jyothilal IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Kerala</p> <p>Keynote addresses: MNRE/DST</p> <p>Program Chair address Shri Puneet Kumar IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Power Department, Government of Kerala</p> <p>Guest of Honors address: Hon'ble Power Minister, Government of Kerala</p> <p>Chief Guest Address: Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala</p>	
11:00 – 11:30 Hrs.	Networking break & Visit to Expo – Minister will inaugurate	
11:30 – 11:45	Industry Presentation 1	
11:45 – 12:30 Hrs.	Panel Discussion 1: Building a Competitive Green Hydrogen Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus : Cost reduction, demand creation, policy enablers, industrial offtake • Ideal panellists: MNRE, PSU refineries, electrolyser manufacturers, investors 	Panel Discussion 2: Managing Renewables at the Grid Edge: Transition in a High-RE System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus : Grid stability, forecasting, Storage, DSM, market participation • Ideal panellists: EMC, KSEB, Power System expert, industry expert in RE and Discom
12:30 – 12:45 Hrs.	Industry Presentation 2 - Flagship hydrogen technology	
12:45 -13:30 Hrs.	Panel Discussion 3: Rooftop Solar to Utility-Scale RE: Managing Distributed Generation in Kerala <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus : Rooftop PV, prosumers, distribution challenges, regulatory evolution • Ideal panellists: KSEB, Power System expert, industry expert in RE and Discom 	Panel Discussion 4: Developing Green Hydrogen Hubs and Industrial Clusters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus : Cluster-based approach, ports, industrial demand aggregation • Ideal panellists: Industry Experts, PSU, Port authorities, end users
13:30-14:30 Hrs.	Networking Lunch	

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14:30 - 15:15 Hrs	Panel Discussion 5: Renewable Energy, Storage, and Grid Integration for Green Hydrogen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus : RE–hydrogen coupling, round-the-clock power, grid planning • Ideal panellists: Manufacturers, Industry Experts, Storage experts, Gov 	Panel Discussion 6: Reimagining Distribution: From Loss Reduction to Consumer-Centric Utilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus : AT&C loss reduction strategies, Smart metering & AMI-driven analytics, Distribution automation & reliability improvement, Fiscal health of DISCOMs • Ideal panellists: Gov, Electricity regulatory commissions, DISCOM Leaders, Technology & Solution Providers
15:15 – 15:45 Hrs.	Industry Presentation – Storage, smart grid, or digital RE integration solution	
15:45 - 16:00 Hrs	Networking Tea	
16:00 - 17:00 Hrs	Panel Discussion 7: Financing clean energy transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus : Green Financing & ESG Funding, Multilateral & Bank Financing, PPP Models, Investor Perspectives • Ideal panellists: Gov, PSUs, multilateral agencies, banks, investors, and developers 	Panel Discussion 8: Next-Gen Transmission Technologies for a Net-Zero Grid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus : HVDC, HTLS conductors & FACTS, Gas-insulated and digital substations, Transmission automation & condition monitoring, Cybersecurity and disaster resilience • Ideal panellists: Gov, system operators, utilities, OEMs, and global expertise.
17:00 – 17:45 Hrs	Panel Discussion 9: From Smart Grids to Intelligent Grids: AI, Digital Twins & Automation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Areas: AI-driven load forecasting & grid balancing, Digital twins for T&D asset management, Advanced SCADA, EMS & DERMS, Predictive maintenance & outage management • Suggested speakers- Utilities, system operators, Gov, Tech leaders, and deep-tech innovators. 	
17:45 – 18:00 Hrs	Closing address & vote of thanks	