

# Harnessing the Sun for 50 Years



**Commemorating the Golden Jubilee of Solar Photovoltaics in India**

**Indian Institute of Technology Bombay**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

## **Tentative Programme**

<b>Venue: Prof. B. Nag Auditorium, Victor Menezes Convention Centre (VMCC), IIT Bombay Campus</b>		
08:30 – 09:30	Registration and Breakfast	
09:30 – 09:45	Prof. Shireesh Kedare Director IIT Bombay	Welcome Address
09:45 – 10:00	Prof. B. G. Fernandes, PI NCPRE Prof. Anil Kottantharayil, PI PoTIC	Brief Overview about Solar PV Activities at IIT Bombay
10:00 – 10:30	Shri S. K. Sarangi, Secretary MNRE <b>(To be confirmed)</b>	Keynote Address: Growth of Solar PV in India 1976-2026
10:30 – 10:40	Prof. Juzer Vasi, IIT Bombay Dr. Rajiv Arya, Visiting Professor IIT Bombay	Idea Behind this Commemoration
10:40 – 11:10	Tea Break	
11:10 – 11:30	Dr. Bharat Bhargava Ex-CEL, Ex-MNRE	Early Manufacturing at Central Electronics Ltd. (CEL), and Launch of the National Solar Mission by MNRE
11:30 – 11:50	Mr. Sharwan Sangal Ex-CEL	Early Solar PV Systems by CEL deployed in India
11:50 – 12:10	Dr. Lawrence Kazmerski National Laboratory of the Rockies	Beginnings of Solar in the USA, and Genesis of the NREL Efficiency Chart
12:10 – 12:30	Dr. Ivan Saha Reliance Infrastructure, ex-ISRO	From Space PV to Private Sector Utility-Scale
12:30 – 12:50	Mr. Hemant Lamba, Auroville	Early Deployments of Solar in Auroville
12:50 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:20	Prof. S. P. Gonchaudhuri NB Institute for Rural Technology	PV in Sundarbans and Other Adventures
14:20 – 14:40	Dr. Rajiv Aya Ex-Solarex, Ex-CEO Moser Baer	Early USA-India Interactions and Setting up Moser-Baer Solar

14:40 – 15:00	Prof. Viresh Dutta Dept. of Energy Science and Engineering, IIT Delhi	Activities at the Thin Film Laboratory, IIT Delhi 1975-today
15:00 – 15:20	Mr. K. Subramanya Ex-CEO, Tata BP Solar	Establishing and Spreading solar business in India and taking Indian Solar technologies to the World
15:20 – 15:40	Dr. O. S. Sastry Ex-SEC, Ex-Director-General, NISE	Assessing Performance and Reliability of Early Solar Modules in India
15:40 – 16:00	Mr. Rabindra Satpathy Holtec Asia	Journey from Early Rural Solar to Nuclear
16:00 – 16:30	Tea Break	
16:30 – 17:50	Panel Discussion: The Next 50 Years of Solar in India (Panelists to be confirmed)	
17:50 – 18:00	Prof. Narendra Shiradkar, NCPRE	
	Concluding Remarks	