

Text of the pre-recorded video message for the UN High Level Dialogue on Energy 2021 by the Hon'ble Minister, Power & New and Renewable Energy, Government of India

Your Excellency Mr António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my profound pleasure to join you for the High-Level Dialogue on Energy, as one of the Global Champions for Energy Transition. I thank the Secretary General for initiating this Dialogue.

The global pandemic tragically affected lives across the world. It also brought out our collective resilience, resolve and can-do spirit. India has administered more than 772 million doses to its citizens, making our vaccination programme one of the world's largest and fastest. We have also distributed more than 66 million vaccines to other countries (As on 29th May 2021).

Today, as we discuss energy transition, energy access and finance, I would like to reiterate the importance of being fully sensitive to the energy-mix and national circumstances of different countries. There cannot be a one-size-fits-all solution.

India has set for itself ambitious targets for the energy transition and we have taken many bold steps towards achieving our targets. We achieved universal access to electricity by electrifying more than 18000 villages in under 1000 days and more than 28 million households in just 18 months in what was the largest expansion of access in such a short time anywhere in the world.

As a result of our endeavours, India's installed non-fossil fuel based electricity generation capacity today stands at more than 153 GW, which comes to more than 39% of our total installed power generation capacity. We have a further 63 GW under installation and 29 GW under bid. This comes to 245 GW overall. We have set an ambitious target of 450 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030. We are all set to launch a National Hydrogen Energy Mission to scale up in a major way the use of Green Hydrogen toward decarbonisation of the economy. The mission would make India a global hub for Green Hydrogen production and export. We are also continuing to work on improving energy efficiency across various sectors and several renewable

energy based citizen centric measures like solarisation of agriculture and the rooftop solar program.

India's Energy Compacts which we submitted to the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy reflect our endeavours and commitment toward energy transition. Our partners in the public and private sectors have further committed to transformative goals through their own energy compacts. I thank them for their commitment to clean energy.

Excellencies, we all agree that the energy transition has to be just, inclusive and equitable, leaving no one behind. The entire international community needs to come together and work on the time tested principle of “common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities”- with the developed countries supporting the transition in developing countries through technology transfer and affordable financing. The **International Solar Alliance** with 98 signatories, co-founded by India and France, is a multilateral initiative targeted in this direction. I congratulate the Alliance for the extremely effective work they have been doing in facilitating development and deployment of solar energy technologies across the globe.

Excellencies, the world needs partnerships built on foundations of trust. For us, the world is a family — *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*- which is a saying we have in Sanskrit. Let us resolve and join hands to work together for the sustainable development of our people and the planet.
