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### ISGF's Distribution Utility Meet (DUM 2023) in Kochi, Kerala

The **7th Edition of ISGF's Distribution Utility Meet (DUM 2023)** an Annual Conference and Exhibition for Electricity Distribution Companies, held from 02 to 03 November 2023 at Le Méridien, Convention Centre, Kochi, Kerela **in partnership with KSEB Limited and the Energy Department of the Government of Kerala**.

DUM 2023 provided a unique platform for all the DISCOM community to share each other's experiences in dealing with eff orts towards energy transition, grid modernization and digitalization on a fast track as we leapfrog towards a Net Zero power sector in India. In the post pandemic world, it is imperative that utilities do not make the same mistakes but learn from each other, and from global expertise/ experiences. Experts from leading utilities from USA, Europe, Japan, South Korea and Japan will be invited to participate in DUM 2023 and share their valuable experiences.

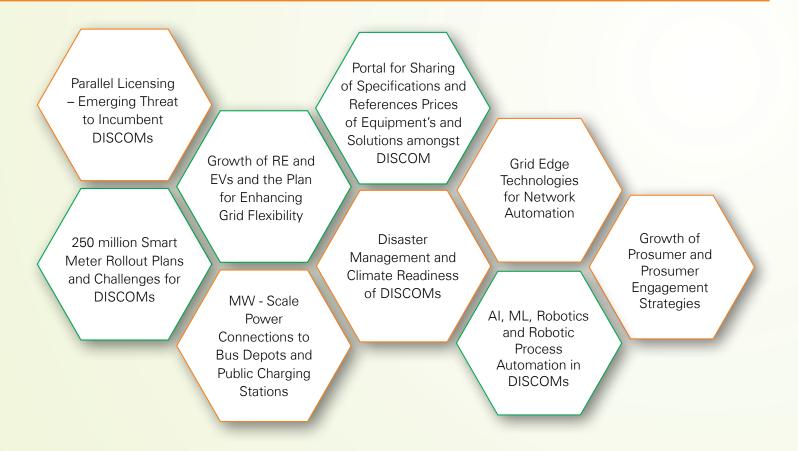


Inaugural Session Speakers (L-R): Rajan N. Khobragade, Debasish Banerjee, Praveer Sinha, Jishnu Barua, KR Jyothilal, Reji Kumar Pillai





#### **Themes for DUM 2023 Conference**



The event was highly appreciated and well received by the participants who included key policy and decision-makers from the Energy Departments of several State Governments, senior officials from Regulatory Commissions and DISCOMs, Academia and Research from over 25+ states of India, and senior utility experts from overseas.

The conference provided ample opportunities for you to engage in intellectually stimulating discussions with other speakers and subject matter experts. From the overwhelming feedback we have received, DUM 2023 was an astounding success, attended by over 325 Delegates, 40 Utilities, 38 Partners and Exhibitors, and 56 Eminent Speakers from India and Overseas.

We are happy to announce that we have finalized **17-18 October 2024** as the dates for the **8th Edition of Distribution Utility Meet** (DUM 2024) which will be held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

### Key Highlights of DUM 2023







### Agenda for DUM 2023

02 November 2023   Thursday					
10 :30 - 11:30	Inauguration of Conference and Exhibition				
11:30 - 12:00	Tea Break				
12:00 - 13:30	Session -1: DISCOM Collaboration Portal for Equipment Standardisation and Cost Sharing				
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Break				
14:30 - 16:30	Session - 2: Growth of RE and EV; and the Plan for Enhancing Grid Flexibility				
16:30 - 18:00	Session - 3: Planning for Transport Electrification - MW-Scale Power Connections to Bus Depots and Public Charging Stations				
18:00 - 19:30	Plenary Session: Parallel Licenses and other Emerging Threats to DISCOMs				
19:30 PM - Onwards	Welcome Dinner and Cultural Program				
03 November 2023   Frid	ay				
10:00 - 11:30	Session - 4: Disaster Management and Climate Readiness of Utilities				
11:30 - 13:00	Session - 5: Rollout of 250 Million Smart Meters – Progress and Challenges				
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break				
14:00 - 16:00	Session - 6: New Innovations for Net Zero Power Sector AI, ML and Blockchain Applications Grid Edge Technologies New Cabling Method Grid Integrated Energy Positive Buildings				
16:00 - 17:00	Session- 7: Rise of the Prosumer and Prosumer Engagement Strategies for Net Zero Power Systems				
17:00 - 17:30	Valedictory Session				
17:30 - 19:30	Cruise in the Backwater				

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### **Glimpses of DUM 2023 Conference Sessions**

Plenary Session: Parallel Licenses and Other Emerging Opportunities to Discoms



Speakers (L-R): Raj Pratap Singh, Sanjay Banga, PK Pujari, Prabir Neogi, Satyendra R. Pandey, Manan Thapar, Reji Kumar Pillai

#### Session-1: Growth of RE And EV; and the Plan for Enhancing Grid Flexibility (Session Partner: GIZ)



Speakers (L-R): KR Jyothilal, Alok Tandon, Ravi Seethapathy, Killian McKenna, Zakir Rather, Hans Peter Waldl, Sharvari Patki, Nilesh Kane, Narayankumar Sreekumar, Sainath Bandhakavi, Vishal Kumar, Reji Kumar Pillai

#### Session-2: Discom Collaboration Platform for Economic Procurement (Session Partner: KSEB)



Speakers (L-R): Rajan N. Khobragade, HC Sharma, VK Srivastava, Rajesh Sharma, Reena Suri

#### **Session-3: Planning For Transport Electrification**



Speakers (L-R): Rajan N. Khobragade, KR Jyothilal, Girish Ghatikar, Arvind Jadhav, Reji Kumar Pillai, Mukesh Dadhich, Ramkrishna Singh, Arindam Maitra, SK Senapati

#### Session-4: Rollout of 250 Million Smart Meters – Progress And Challenges (Session Partner: Wirepas)



Speakers (L-R): Ashish Sahay, Rajan N. Khobragade, Vivek Kumar Dewangan, Sanjay Dubey, Ashish Kumar Goel, Saurav Shah, Anil Rawal, Reji Kumar Pillai, Atul Kumar Bali, Sandip Sinha

Session-5: Disaster Management and Climate Readiness of Utilities



Speakes (L-R): Reji Kumar Pillai, Amit Tripathi, Killian McKenna, Vyshali Sagar, Ravi Seethapathy, RR Mehta, Saloni Goel, Raj Kumar Rastogi, Ashutosh Sharma





Session-6: New Innovations for Net Zero Power Sector (Session Partner: L&T Ptd Digital Energy Solutions)



Speakers (L-R): Meenakshi Vashisht, Reena Suri, Devanand P, Rajan N. Khobragade, Chintamani Chitnis, Sanjay Dubey, KR Jyothilal, Gopal Nariya, Pritam Muppari, Manish Patel, Sunil Kumar, SK Senapati, Vetrivel Kuppusamy, Rrahul Sethi, Reji Kumar Pillai

Session-7: Rise of the "Prosumer" and Prosumer **Engagement Strategies for Net Zero Power Systems** 



Speakers (L-R): Reji Kumar Pillai, Anand Menon, Rahul Tongia, Alok Mishra, Anjali Vishwakarma, Birendra Choudhary

#### **Valedictory Session**



Speakers (L-R): KR Jyothilal, Reji Kumar Pillai, Ashish Kumar Goel, Rajan N. Khobragade

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### **Glimpses of DUM 2023 Cultural Program**









### **Glimpses of DUM 2023 Exhibition**

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#### **APAR Industries**



#### Kerala Electrical and Allied Engineering Company Limited



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#### **Traco Cable Company Limited**



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#### **Exhibition Wide View**













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### **DUM 2023 Participating Utilities**







### **Announcing Distribution Utility Meet (DUM) 2024**





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