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## Bengal keen on solar, thermal mix

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**Kolkata:** The Bengal government wants to strike an intricate balance between solar and thermal power, with the climate crisis pushing for faster and drastic transition to renewable energy.

Solar for day time and thermal, with a judicious mix of battery storage, for night might be a plausible solution, experts said.

Additional chief secretary, power, S Suresh Kumar said: "Bengal is blessed with natural resources like a number of coal mines. We don't need to carry coal more than 20-30 km for power generation."

Solar power, however, costs half or less compared to thermal power station of the same capacity, and solar power generates more jobs, he said at the 14th environment and energy conclave of Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industries (BCC&I). An increasingly alert consumer will go for cheaper energy like solar power, he said.

According to Kumar, fear of job loss with the transition from thermal to solar was unfounded.

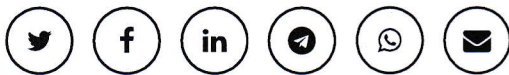
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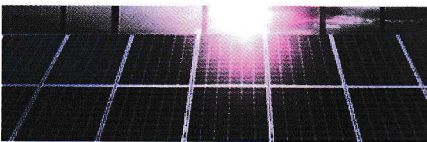
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কলকাতা

## ‘কার্বন-শূন্য’

‘দ্য বেঙ্গল চেম্বার অব কমার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রি’-র পক্ষ থেকে গত ২৬ ও ২৭ অগস্ট আয়োজিত হল ‘এনভায়রনমেন্ট অ্যান্ড এনার্জি কনক্রেড— জার্নি টুওয়ার্ডস নেট জিরো’। সহায়তায় ‘টাটা স্টিল’, ‘সিইএসসি’, ‘হলদিয়া পেট্রোকেমিক্যালস’ প্রভৃতি সংস্থা। ২০১৫ সালে ‘প্যারিস চুক্তি’-তে পৃথিবীকে কার্বন-শূন্য করে দীর্ঘস্থায়ী উন্নয়নের দিকে এগোনোর শপথ নেওয়া হয়। সেই উদ্দেশ্য নিয়েই এই অনুষ্ঠানের আলোচনা প্রবাহিত হয়। প্রথম দিন সঞ্চালনায় ছিলেন ‘টেরি’ সংস্থা থেকে মঞ্জিভ



সিং পুরী। আলোচনায় ছিলেন অস্ট্রেলিয়ার কনসাল জেনারেল রোয়ান এইনসওয়ার্থ ও ইতালীয় কনসাল জেনারেল জিয়ানলুকা রুবাগন্তি, পরিবেশ সচিব সুরেশ কুমার, ‘ইন্টারন্যাশনাল সোলার অ্যালায়েন্স’-এর নির্দেশক অজয় মাথুর প্রমুখ। দ্বিতীয় দিনও ছিল পরিবেশ বিষয়ক নানা আলোচনা। ছিল ‘গ্রিন প্ল্যানেট’, নবীকরণযোগ্য বিকল্প শক্তির ব্যবহার নিয়ে বক্তব্য। অনুষ্ঠানগুলি দেখা যেতে পারে <https://youtu.be/jGqwk8y6xw> লিঙ্ক থেকে।

# আজকাল

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## জলবায়ু নিয়ে আলোচনা

আজকালের প্রতিবেদন

বিশ্ব জুড়ে জলবায়ুগত পরিবর্তন ঘটছে। এমন পরিস্থিতিতে কার্বন নিঃসরণ কমাতে ব্যবসায়ীদের কী করণীয়? তা নিয়ে দু'দিনের আলোচনাচক্রের আয়োজন করেছিল বণিকসভা বেঙ্গল চেম্বার অফ কমার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রি (বিসিসি অ্যান্ড আই)। কার্বন নিঃসরণ কমিয়ে কীভাবে সবুজ শহর, ব্যবসার পাশাপাশি আরও বেশি কর্মসংস্থানের সুযোগ করা যায় তা নিয়ে আলোচনা করেন বিভিন্ন দেশের প্রতিনিধিরা। বৃহস্পতি এবং শুক্রবার হওয়া ১৪তম এনভায়রনমেন্ট অ্যান্ড এনার্জি কনফারেন্সের বিষয় ছিল: 'জার্নি টুওয়ার্ডস নেট জিরো'। ছিলেন রাজ্যের বিদ্যুৎ দপ্তরের অতিরিক্ত মুখ্য সচিব এস সুরেশ কুমার, কলকাতায় অস্ট্রেলিয়ার কনসাল জেনারেল রোওয়ান এনইসওয়ার্থ, ইতালির কনসাল জেনারেল জিয়ানলুকা রুবাগোন্তি, কলকাতায় আমেরিকার কনসাল জেনারেল মেলিন্ডা পাভেক, বিসিসি অ্যান্ড আই-র ভাইস প্রেসিডেন্ট তথা এনার্জি এবং এনভায়রনমেন্ট বিষয়ক কমিটির চেয়ারপার্সন গৌতম রায়, বিসিসি অ্যান্ড আই-র প্রেসিডেন্ট দেব এ মুখার্জি।

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### बंगाल चेंबर के एनर्जी कॉन्क्लेव में कार्बन न्यूट्रैलिटी पर जोर

**कोलकाता.** द बंगाल चेंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री की ओर से सालाना पर्यावरण व एनर्जी कॉन्क्लेव का आयोजन किया गया। यह अंतरराष्ट्रीय फोरम है, जहां मौसम परिवर्तन के प्रभाव और कारोबार की प्रतिक्रिया पर चर्चा होती है। कॉन्क्लेव के 14वें संस्करण का विषय कार्बन न्यूट्रैलिटी यानी नेट जीरो की ओर कदम बढ़ाने पर केंद्रित था। राज्य के बिजली विभाग के अतिरिक्त मुख्य सचिव एस सुरेश कुमार, ऑस्ट्रेलियाई कौंसुल जनरल रोवन एंसवर्थ, इटली के कौंसुल जनरल डॉ गियानलुका रुबागोटी, अमेरिकी कौंसुल जनरल मेलिंडा पावेक, बंगाल चेंबर की एनर्जी व इनवायरमेंट कमेटी के चेयरपर्सन गौतम रे तथा चेंबर के अध्यक्ष देव ए मुखर्जी इस अवसर पर उपस्थित थे। कार्यवाहक ब्रिटिश डेप्युटी हाई कमिश्नर सोफी रांस ने कहा कि मौसम परिवर्तन का सामना हमें करना ही होगा अन्यथा काफी देर हो जायेगी।

# Experts laud state's step to introduce electric buses

*Low carbon commute transition of Kol tipped as one of world's 7 best climate projects*

**SHAHERYAR HOSSAIN**

**KOLKATA:** Environmental experts lauded the Bengal government's initiative of introducing eco-friendly electric buses to bring down carbon emission.

"Bengal needs to be a player. It is playing an important role," said Manjeev Singh Puri, who served on the Board of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate and is on the Advisory Board of The Energy Resources Institute, during the two-day long 14th edition of Environment and Energy Conclave with theme 'Journey Towards Net Zero' in the city.

The conclave was attended by Dr Gianluca Rubagotti, Consul General, Consulate General of Italy, Rowan Ainsworth, Consul General, Australian Con-



sulate General, Kolkata and Suresh Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Power, government of West Bengal.

The low carbon commute transition of Kolkata with planned introduction of 5,000 e-buses and electrification of all ferries that run across the Ganges by 2030 won the world's seven best climate projects.

In October 2019, Kolkata had won prestigious C40 awards for city's green mobility at C40 World Mayor Summit.

"Australia and India have similar goals in reducing emissions with wide adoption of technologies. Australia's focus is on partnering with other countries to decarbonise and ensure our economies can work," said Ainsworth.

She reiterated that on clean hydrogen, India shares this focus with the national hydrogen mission and Australia has the National Hydrogen Strategy. Discussions of collaboration in this area with India are on. "Australian government is committed to technology driven energy transition just like India. Dialogues are held between the two countries for energy storage systems, energy efficiencies and renewable energy. Australia is proud to be a founding member of the International Solar Alliance," she pointed out.