

## **First 5 Day Sustainability/CSR Summer School Programme on “Strategizing CSR for Sustainable Development - Transformative Solutions to Protect the Planet and Enhance Human Well-being”**

The Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, IICA conducted its first 5-day Residential Sustainability/CSR Summer School Programme on **“Strategizing CSR for Sustainable Development - Transformative Solutions to Protect the Planet and Enhance Human Well-being”** for the Indian Corporates from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2015 at IICA campus, Manesar. The event saw participation of delegates from different sectors viz: power, engineering, steel, IT, petroleum, financial institutions, oil & gas, construction, CSR foundation etc. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Shri A.B. Chakraborty, CSO & Head, CESD IICA, setting the context, defining Inclusive Sustainable Growth and Development. The key speakers present during the inaugural session were Dr. Prodipto Ghosh, IAS (Retd), Former Secy MoEF, Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Country Manager/MD-India, Pratt & Whitney and Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, DG& CEO, IICA.

The inaugural session was followed by technical sessions that highlighted topics such as CSR Mandate – Post implementation and way forward actions, Sustainability Risks, Challenges and Opportunities, developing strategies, good practices and innovative technology solutions, designing CSR Projects within the National and Global requirements, Inclusive Growth with Sustainable Development as the key theme.

The programme had invited speakers from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Central Water Commission and Department of Public Enterprises to speak on relevant Govt. policies & the Analytic perspective of CSR projects/programmes. The programme had

illustrative practical case studies on project Implementation in the area of Renewable Energy (Wind-Solar Hybrid Solutions), Smart Microgrid, Vetiver eco-technology, protection of flora and fauna, animal welfare, Safe Drinking Water, Water Harvesting, Biogas applications, Biodiversity, Biomass & Solid Waste management etc.

The programme included a field visit to the National Institute of Solar Energy for the corporate delegates. The programme was concluded with a detailed discussion on the essentials of Sustainability Reporting, CSR project/programme Monitoring, Evaluation, Impact Assessment & Reporting, followed by certificate distribution at the hands of Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, DG & CEO, IICA.

