

Association of Renewable Energy of States (AREAS)

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In news- The Association of Renewable Energy of States (AREAS) celebrated its 7th Foundation Day recently. AREAS Telephone Directory 2021 was also launched in digital form.

About AREAS-

- Association of Renewable Energy Agencies (AREAS) **came into existence in 2014** on the initiative of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- All State Nodal Agencies (SNAs) for renewable energy are members of AREAS.
- Union Minister for New & Renewable Energy is the Patron of the Association and **Secretary, MNRE is the ex-officio President of the Association.**
- SNAs interact and learn from each other's experiences and also share their best practices and knowledge regarding technologies and schemes/ programmes.

Under AREAS the following **three Standing Committees** are constituted:

- Standing Committee on Technology and Resource Assessment
- Standing Committee on Policy and Finance
- Standing Committee on IT & IMS

The mission of the MNRE is to ensure:

- **Energy Security:** Development and deployment of alternative fuels like hydrogen, bio-fuels and synthetic fuels and their applications to contribute towards bridging the gap between domestic oil supply and demand; lesser dependency on oil imports.
- **Increase in the share of clean power:** Renewables like

wind, hydro, solar, geothermal, bio & tidal power to supplement fossil fuel based electricity generation.

- **Energy Availability and Access:** Supplement energy needs of cooking, heating, motive power and captive generation in rural, urban, industrial and commercial sectors.
- **Energy Affordability:** Cost-competitive, convenient, safe, affordable and reliable energy supply options.

Energy Equity: Per-capita energy consumption at par with the global average level by 2050, through a sustainable and diverse fuel- mix.