





Andhra Pradesh & Telangana State Chapter Web Meeting

Technical Committee Meeting of Energy Meter Division to discuss on the Pluggable Communication Module in Standard Bid Document

Webinar on Electricity Infrastructure Cyber Security & Resilience: "SUPPLIES CHAINED"



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6 Upcoming Events

Surgeprotech Tutorial -A series of 4 webinars on Surge Arresters

25 January & 2 February, 2022

Virtual Training Session on Standardization and Testing of Transformers

28 January, 2022

Courtesy Visit at TSTRANSCO CMD & Director

January 6, 2022

Attended by:

Mr Jesse Inaparthi, State Head (AP & TS)

Key points discussed:

Mr T. Jagath Reddy, Director, TSTRANSCO shared about newly launched handbook on Substations by TSTRANSCO and requested IEEMA to share a story in IEEMA Journal.



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January 7, 2022

Attended by:

Chairman & Vice Chairman, SRC; State Chapter members and State Head (AP & TS)

Key points discussed:

State of industry, increasing the regional membership and few local issues.

Outcome:

To meet the state utility heads and energy secretaries by state wise members.



DT & PT Chair/Vice Chair meeting with CRGO Lamination Processors on CRGO Shortage & Unprecedented Price Rise for submitting IEEMA's inputs to Ministry of Power

January 6, 8 & 12, 2022

Attended by:

Chairman, Vice Chairman of IEEMA Distribution Transformer & Power Transformer Division, CRGO Lamination Processors from Amod Stampings, Jaybee Laminations, Vardhman Stampings, KRYFS Power Components & Katyaini Products (P) Ltd. and IEEMA Officials

Key points discussed:

- Total capacity, Quantity processed & issues in procurement
- Issues with CoC on Laminations
- Difference in Prices in India and other countries
- Requirement v/s availability of CRGO for processing
- Issues in procurement directly from mills
- Proposals or suggestions for improving the availability

Action taken:

A Draft presentation is under preparation for submission to the Ministry of Power.

Outcome:

IEEMA is working in coordination with members, mills, CRGO Lamination Processors and Ministry of Power to improve the availability of CRGO in India.

Technical Committee Meeting of Energy Meter Division to discuss on the Pluggable Communication Module in Standard Bid Document

January 7, 2022

Attended by:

IEEMA Members & Officials

Key points discussed:

 TC members have shared information that Annexure-F requirement of SBD has started coming up in recent AMI RFP's /tenders. Various members expressed their views about the challenges in implementing the requirements.

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The common pluggable module requirement in Annexure-F of SBD, does not have proper design level clarity and is practically not possible to implement for the purpose of interoperability, even mechanical interoperability.

Action taken:

Common pluggable module requirements are shared with Technical Committee for comments.

Outcome:

TC members were requested to share their inputs with IEEMA for consolidation and further discussion in the next meeting.

Webinar on Electricity Infrastructure **Cyber Security & Resilience: "SUPPLIES** CHAINED"

January 10, 2022

Attended by:

Sh Vishal Kapoor, Joint Secretary, MoP, GOI; Sh M. A. K. P Singh, Chief Engineer(IT), Central Electricity Authority; Sh Anand Shankar (Chief GM (Information Security), PGCIL); Mr Rajesh Rathi (Global Executive Board Member, International Society of Automation & Managing Director, Control Infotech Pvt. Ltd); Mr Mario Jardim (Cyber security Leader, Schneider Electric France); IEEMA Members & Officials

More than 220 delegates from central, state and private utilities, CPSUs, Govt. Bodies, Industry, consultants, and officials working in cyber security domain participated in the webinar

Key points discussed:

- Peep into the prevalent and emerging Cyber Threat Landscape.
- Trustworthy Vendors Ecosystem Imperatives and developing the appropriate Policies, Standards and Regulatory Framework.
- Govt. strategy and preparedness to make Indian • Electricity infrastructure secure & resilient.
- Utilities perspective & initiatives on securing the • Infrastructure
- Industry perspective & initiatives to support Govt. • strategies and initiatives.
- Understanding Global perspective and strategies • to make the Supply Chain Robust & Trustworthy. Look into the European approaches and initiatives.

Action taken:

More such webinars are being planned from the Smart Grid Division as a way forward.

Outcome:

- Measures taken to avoid cyber threats while maintaining operational efficiency.
- Stakeholders' roles and responsibilities in ensuring a trusted Supply Chain Ecosystem and making the Indian Electricity Infrastructure Comprehensively Secure and Resilient.
- Methods to secure integration of clean energy resources.





Meeting with Sh Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble **Commerce & Industry Minister**

January 12, 2022

A meeting was called by Sh Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister, with all Industry Associations to assess the economic and industry scenario during the third wave of COVID and seek suggestions.

Several Industry Associations, including IEEMA represented by Mr Vipul Ray, President, Mr Rohit Pathak, Vice President, Ms Charu Mathur, Director General, Mr J Pande, Dy. Director General and Mr Sudeep Sarkar, Director, IEEMA, attended this meeting.

President and Senior Vice President, IEEMA spoke on the following:

- There is recovery of the Indian electrical industry with approx. 15% of growth and also export resilience. IEEMA thanked the Government of India for bringing PLI Scheme for Semiconductors and CRGO Steel.
- IEEMA expressed concern on rise in commodity prices leading to difficulty in supplies under the fixed price contracts. Liquidity Damages needs to be waived off along with incorporation of Price Variation to save the industry.
- IEEMA is working closely with the Department of Heavy Industry, Government of India, to realize the vision of India@2047 with the theme of growth in consumption of electricity from 1200 KWH to 10,000 KWH and its nature of supply.
- There is a need to attract the global funds for start-up eco-system in the areas of Storage Battery technology and e-mobility.
- Negotiation with existing Free Trade Agreements needs to be carried out for reciprocal acceptance of test certificates.

Following were the concluding remarks by the Hon'ble Minister:

- India's Exports target of USD 400 bn right on track. USD 300 bn achieved by December 2021. Exports till 7th January recorded as USD 7.5 bn.
- India is considered as a trusted supplier by the international community.
- Free Trade Agreement with UAE is near conclusion. More Agreements with Austria, UK, CANADA, Israel in pipeline based on mutual recognitions. Industries needs to upgrade quality, standards and testing facilities. Associations needs to propose for better laboratories and help the Government in this regard.
- Industries needs to give feedback on specific issues with Trade Agreements and Non-Tariff Barriers.
- About the issues of higher imports under India-Korea CEPA Agreement signed in 2009, there were Ministerial dialogue a day before. Govt. is trying to renegotiate on extending the scope.
- Imports under "others" categories (which is nearly 1/3rd of existing 11,000 HSN codes) should stop and industries needs to guide the Government on

the right classification of HSN code. Department of Commerce ready to share the data on imports.

- Government of India worked on the 'Single Window System' to lessen paperwork and ease businesses. However, there are less registrations which needs to be populated by the industries.
- R&D (for business growth) cannot be a part of CSR activity (Social Commitment).
- Large companies should pay to the MSMEs in time to support them and improve their liquidity and working capital.
- Specific reporting on delayed payment from PSUs to take this forward.
- PLI on Battery Storage is there to support.

