

Workshop on Energy Security

Kochi, March 28

DR Michael Brett-Crowther, Editor-in-chief, the International journal of environment studies, UK will give the keynote address on 'Energy, society & the future,' at the one-day workshop on India's energy security organised by the Association of British Scholars and Cochin University of Science and Technology (Cusat) on March 29 at CMFRI auditorium.

The workshop is aimed at arousing the public awareness on an issue initiated by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam who had sounded the clarion call to Indians to look for alternative energy options. In the first session Dr P K Ghosh, Direc-

tor, CSMCRI, Bhavnagar will talk on the 'Jatropha Miracle'. Dr Anilkumar of Kerala Agricultural University will make a presentation on 'Jatropha' in Kerala. Jatropha is a non-edible oil which can be converted into bio-diesel when the former is inadequately produced. M Ravindran will talk on energy from environment. In his presentation, he will emphasise upon natural systems like the ocean offering a great potential for renewable energy generation. The ever-increasing energy demands combined with alarming depletion rate of fossil fuels stress the need for developing reliable and large resources of environmentally friendly renewable energy ●ENS

Workshop on 'Energy security, low carbon vista'

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Kochi, March 20: The Association of British Scholars-India, Kochi chapter, is organising a one-day workshop on 'Energy security, low carbon vista - India's options' at the CMFRI auditorium on March 29. The workshop is being organised in association with the British Council Chennai, School of Environment Studies, Cusat, Lakshadweep Administration and Taylor & Francis Group, the UK.

The workshop aims to create awareness about the urgent need to adopt alternative forms of energy in the light of rapid degradation of the environment through wanton consumption of fossils and carbon fuels. ABS president Jacob Chacko said that speakers from India and abroad will present papers on various low carbon options that India needs to pursue to delay the impending perils.

Topics such as bio-diesel and ethanol alternatives, the nuclear option, wind energy, tidal power and solar lighting will be discussed.

The recommendations of the workshop will be drafted into a document to be submitted to the Centre and the State Government.

Those interested in participating in the workshop can contact the Energy Workshop Secretariat, C/o School of Environment Studies, Cusat, Lakeside Campus, Fine Arts Avenue, Kochi. Call 0484-2381120 or email to abskochi@gmail.com.

The last date to confirm participation is March 24.