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## Dr. Jitendra Singh Inaugurates 7th Nuclear Energy Conclave In New Delhi

### India Energy Forum

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**USPA NEWS** - The Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (I/C), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh at the inauguration of the 7th Nuclear Energy Conclave, in New Delhi on November 03, 2015.

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that India's nuclear programme is ahead of many other nations and truly testifies the "Make in India" initiative. He was addressing the inaugural session of the "7th Nuclear Energy Conclave" organized by "India Energy Forum" on the theme "Creating conditions for rapid capacity addition on nuclear power in India" on November 3.

Allaying fears and apprehensions of some manufacturers and suppliers, Dr. Jitendra Singh reiterated that the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage (CLND) Act of 2010 does not place anybody at disadvantage. The Indian Nuclear Insurance Pool (INIP) will cover the operators' liability under the CLND Act, 2010 and adequately address the liability related concerns of national as well as international suppliers, he said. He appealed to the organizations like the "India Energy Forum" to help spreading awareness about India's nuclear programme and seek to clear public misgivings, if any.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has a natural scientific temper, the rapid strides in the past 18 months have vindicated the dream of Homi Bhabha, the founding father of India's nuclear programme. Today, India has become a front-runner in the world in the field of nuclear energy and has also successfully proved its ability to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, he added.

Dr. Jitendra Singh referred to the Department of Atomic Energy's social contribution in areas of health, literacy and clean drinking water and on the economic front, he emphasized the important future role of nuclear energy for long term energy security of India.

Referring to various important ongoing programmes, Dr. Jitendra Singh mentioned the 3-stage nuclear power programme with Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) in the first stage, Fast Breeder Reactors in the second stage and Thorium based reactors to be put up in the third stage. He stressed that although the programme is indigenous, India has also entered into agreements with several countries like France, Russia and USA to establish a large generation capacity.

Dr. Sekhar Basu, Chairman Atomic Energy Commission, Dr. Anil Kakodkar, former Chairman Atomic Energy Commission and Mr. PS Bami, President India Energy Forum also spoke in the inaugural session.

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