

## **Dr. Bibek Bandyopadhyay**

Dr. Bibek Bandyopadhyay was a student of physics at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandir Belurmath, at Visva Bharati Santiniketan and at University of Delhi. He completed a course in management from IRI Rome.

Dr Bandyopadhyay started his work in the field of solar energy in 1980 in Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, and continued to work in the same field at the Ministry of New and Renewable energy, Government of India till his superannuation in 2013. All these years he has thus been associated with and contributed in the development of this emerging energy technology that has now become one of the main sources of our energy. For many years, he served as the Director of the Solar Energy Centre, which is now the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) on the Gurgaon-Faridabad Road. As head of the Solar Energy Group of the Ministry, Dr Bandyopadhyay was associated in the formulation and launching of the National Solar Mission and its implementation in its initial years.

Dr Bandyopadhyay has now been engaged in teaching and research in energy, and also in advisory services in the technical and policy space. He has been serving as an associate editor of 'Solar Energy journal' and 'International Journal of Environment'. He has authored and edited a few books and a number of research papers, served as a Guest Editor for the international journal 'Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells' for its PVSEC 18 issue, and on the editorial boards of the 'Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews' 'Indian Journal of Engineering and Materials Science'.

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