



# Renewable Energy Scenario in India

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# India's quadruple energy challenge

Growing energy  
demand

By 2030  
Energy demand >2X  
Electricity demand  $\approx$  3X

Economic growth,  
development, rise in  
population, urbanization



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Energy access & electrification

- 300 million people with limited or no access to electricity
- 50% households still use firewood for cooking
- Per capita consumption: India vs world (2011/12)
  - Energy: 0.6 vs 1.88 toe
  - Electricity: 884 vs 3044 kWh



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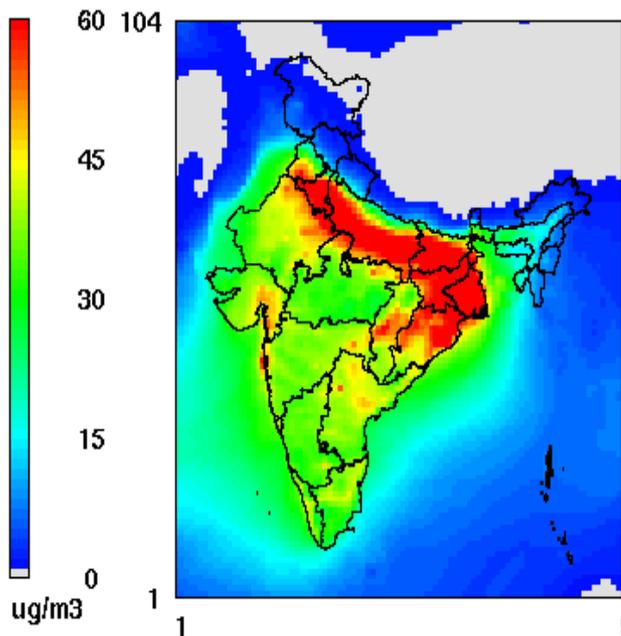
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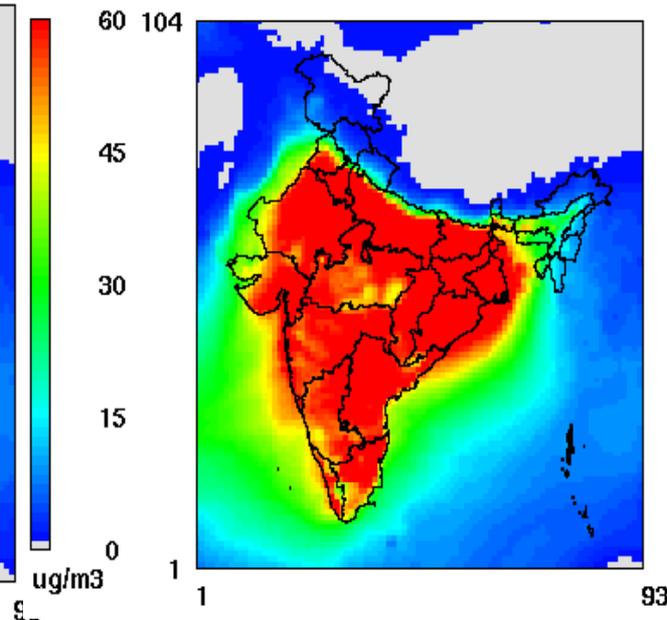
GHGs & local pollutants

- Fossil fuels ~70% of the primary energy supply (MOEF, 2012)
- Energy sector accounts for over 71% of total GHG emissions in India
- GHG intensity has been decreasing

PM2.5 (2011: Winter)



PM2.5 (2031: Winter)



- By 2011/12 most cities had exceeded ambient air quality standard
- Mortality from PM 2.5 was 0.57 million
- Air quality will worsen in BAU increasing the mortality to 3.36 million (2031/32)

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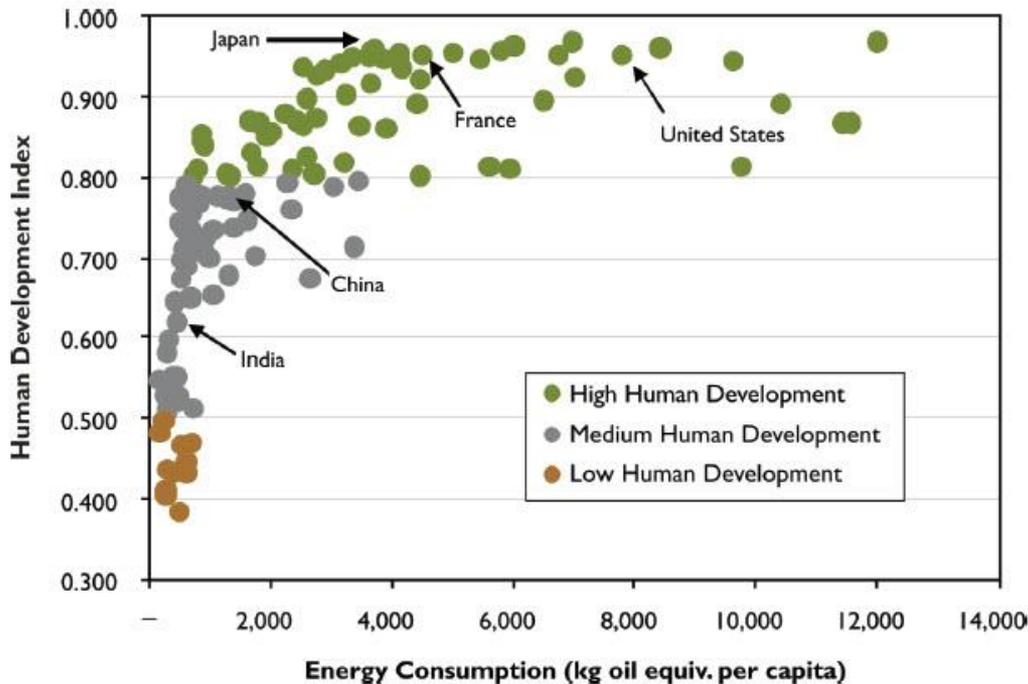
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High oil imports: 76% in 2011  
Coal imports: 23% in 2011



# Decarbonizing future energy growth is imperative



## India's NDC commitments at Paris

1. 33-35% reduction in emissions intensity of GDP by 2030 from 2005 levels
2. Achieving around 40% non fossil share by 2030 (conditional on GCF support)
3. Creating a carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 bn t CO<sub>2</sub>e through forests

- India: HDI level of 0.609 (2014) with global rank of 130
  - No country has been able to achieve a HDI > 0.9 without an annual energy availability >4 toe/capita

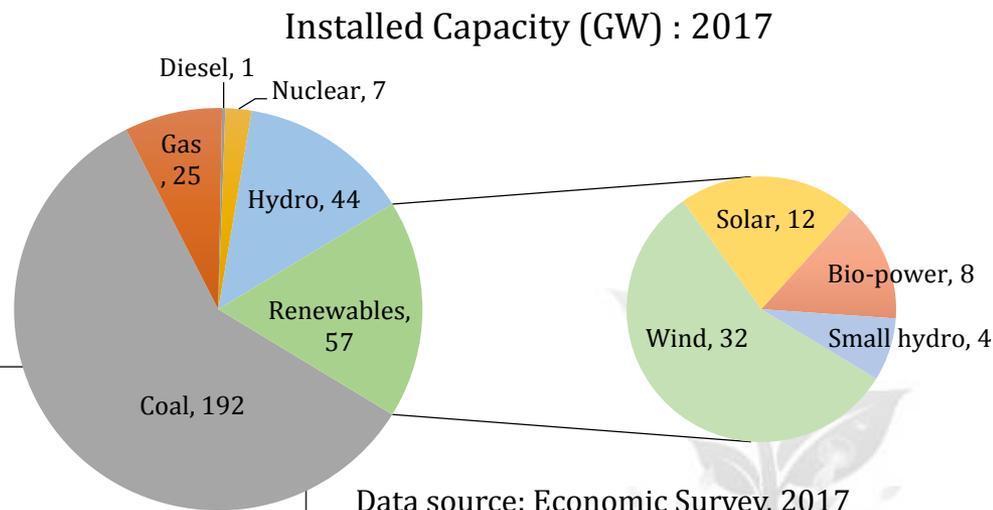
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## Segments

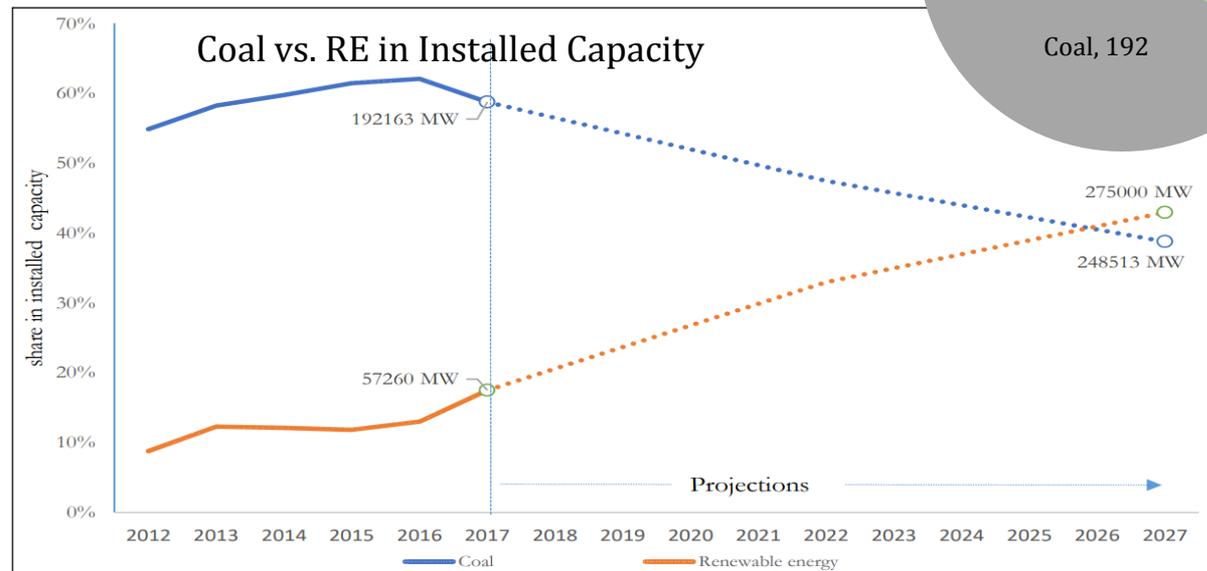
- Utility scale grid connected projects
- Small and rooftop solar
- Small energy grids
- Solar home systems & lanterns

**Ambition: 175 GW capacity by 2022**

100-solar; 60-wind; 10-biomass; 5-small hydro



Data source: Economic Survey, 2017



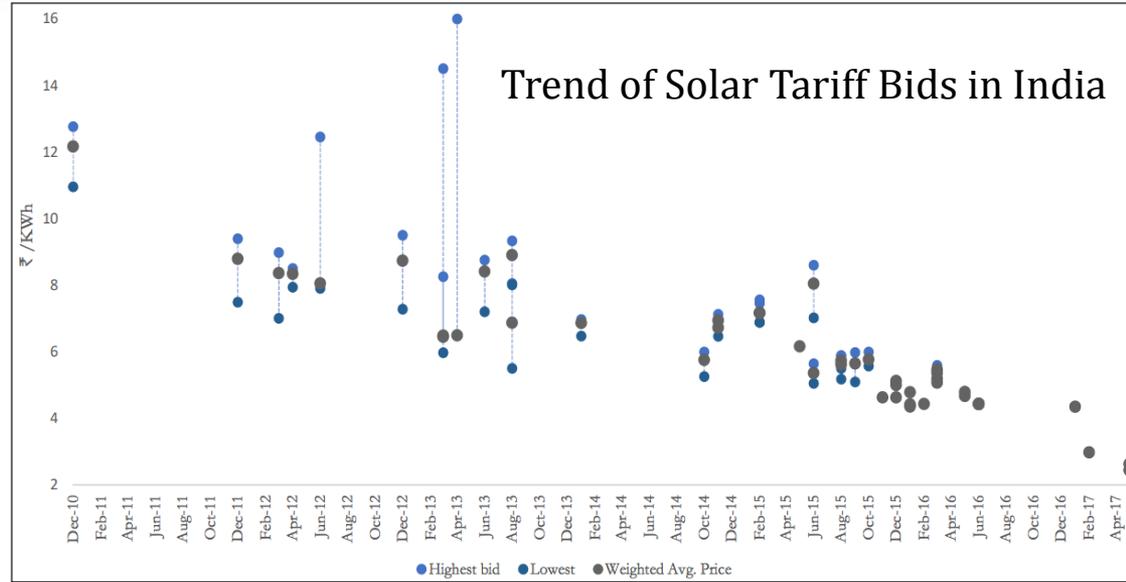
Source: Historical installed capacities from CEA Monthly Reports for March, for years from 2013 to 2017 and projections for installed capacity for coal and renewables from CEA (2016).

# India's renewable energy program: recent performance

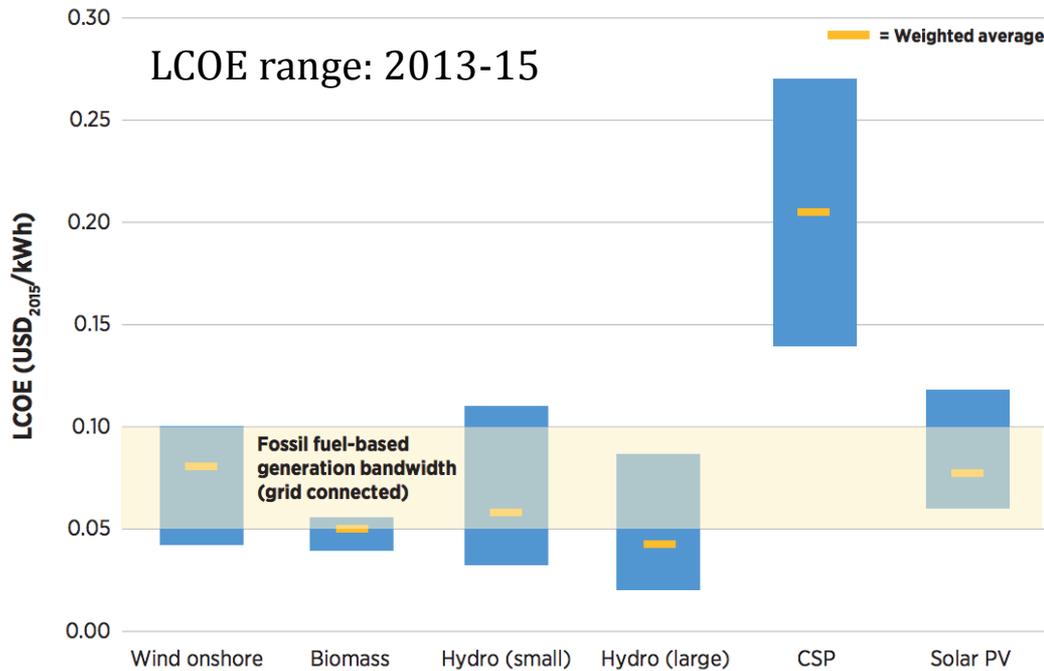
Category	Total installation (upto FY 2016)	Key incentives	Market size of investment (FY13-16)	Growth rate of annual installation (CAGR- FY13-16)	Estimated financing needs
Utility scale	42.7 GW	Solar: competitive auctions Wind etc.: feed-in tariffs (likely to be phased out for wind also), auctions; RPOs, fiscal incentives	\$26 bn	15% (wind:12%; solar:59%)	\$100 bn to reach 135GW target
Rooftop solar (1kw-1MW)	500 MW	Capital subsidy, net metering and feed-in-tariffs, competitive auctions, (for cluster of government buildings), high electricity tariffs for commercial /industry	\$0.6 bn	92%	\$48 bn to meet 40GW target
SEG (100W-50kW)	2.9 MW	Grants, subsidies, tax benefits	\$27m	40%	
Solar home systems (<100w)	7.3m units	Grants, subsidies	\$200m	47%	

Source: Compiled from "Financing India's clean energy transition", Bloomberg New Energy Finance, 2016; and other sources

# Solar success story



Economic Survey, 2017, Government of India



# Several challenges ahead

- Mobilizing investment
  - Limited pool of capital (primarily bank debt) at comparatively high cost
- Coal based generation still most economical
  - High costs of balancing RE based power
  - Economic Survey, 2017: Social cost of renewables is around 3 times that of coal at Rs11/Kwh (largely due to stranded assets) though the gap reduces as we move towards 2030
- Storage solutions
  - Currently not economically viable; may raise environmental and energy security concerns of their own
- Regulatory uncertainties and delays
  - RPOs (around 10%), must-run
- Competing land uses
  - Long-term
- Subsidies to fossil fuels and financial health of utilities



# Thank you

