



## **Azure Power signs MoU with Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI) to launch the 'National Certification Programme' for high quality Rooftop Solar PV Systems**

*The programme to focus on developing and standardizing training modules for building a skilled workforce of Rooftop PV technicians in Gujarat*

**Gandhinagar, January 12, 2015** - Azure Power, the leader in the Indian Solar Industry today announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI), a Gujarat Government enterprise to launch the "National Certification Programme for Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic Installer."

Under this MoU, Azure Power and GERMI will work towards establishing a cooperative and supportive team with adequate resources including skilled manpower, capital equipment, facilities, amongst others for the effective implementation of the new certification.

The national certification will help in developing a skilled workforce and also transfer the knowledge and training techniques that Azure Power has gained, to empower the technical trainers from Gujarat for undertaking such skill building initiatives locally.

Speaking on the association, **Mr. Inderpreet Wadhwa, CEO and Founder Azure Power** said, "In order to meet the Governments vision of achieving 100 GW of Solar Power generation by 2022 will require a significant scale up of skill in the solar PV, engineering, construction and operations pan India. This initiative with GERMI will help us bridge up the skill gap between the industry while providing the youth employment as well as entrepreneurship opportunity in solar power .in the country."

While GERMI will comprehensively develop the training course curriculum, modules and provide certification to successful trainees of different institutions, Azure Power will recognize the certification program and promote it locally within its areas of activities. In addition, Azure Power will identify institutions for setting up training environment and promote the job placement of resultant skilled workforce.

Through such initiatives, Azure Power aims to further strengthen its contribution towards the country's economic development, environment and society by providing unique and distributed solar power service to communities, governments, and commercial customers throughout India.

### **About Azure Power**

Azure Power, is a new-age global & independent solar energy power producing company, combining the best of both worlds, cutting-edge international technology and harnessing the abundance of solar energy in India to offer clean and affordable solar energy to customers with zero upfront cost and operational expenses. Azure Power has been at the forefront of developments in the sector since its inception in 2007.



Azure Power has presence in 14 states. Azure has created a historic first success for private investment in renewable solar power generation in India. Azure Power is the lowest end-solar cost power producer in the industry and have been successful in bringing the power cost from INR 17 in 2009 to INR 5.89 in 2014. Azure Power has been the benchmark setter for the Indian Solar Industry with the first solar power plant launch in private sector at a mega scale in Punjab. The company also installed India's first megawatt scale solar rooftop project in Gandhi Nagar Gujarat and which was awarded the top 10 Public Private Partnership, 2013 by International Finance Corporation (IFC). Azure Power's Solar as a Service offering, manages the entire project process for its customers, reduces costs of generating electricity, and provides long term predictable pricing.