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### MESSAGE

**DST\_IEST SOLAR PV HUB** has been established at IEST, Shibpur through generous R&D grant from Department of Science and Technology with a view to establish state of art world class facility in India for fabrication, characterisation and testing of industry compatible solar cells and modules. The rapid development of solar cell and module science and technology towards achieving high efficiency and reduced cost demands intensive indigenous cutting edge research and development in tune with the needs of Indian industries. The mandate of the DST-IEST Solar Hub is to build up a solid technology foundation for “Make In India Mission” in the field of Solar Photovoltaic Energy as envisaged by our Hon’ble Prime Minister.

I do hope that **DST\_IEST SOLAR PV HUB** will be of great help not only to the educational and research institutes of India but also to the Indian Solar manufacturing industries. I strongly believe that IEST Shibpur, a reputed Institute of National Importance under Education Department, Government of India, will continue to provide this unique Solar PV Hub with all possible infrastructural support including manpower for its sustenance and its further development in cooperation with the DST, Government of India.

I am very pleased to learn that the **DST-IEST Solar PV Hub** and its website is being inaugurated by our Hon’ble Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal “Nishank”.

(Ashutosh Sharma)