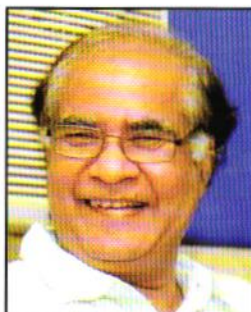


**"A Perspective on Energy Security & Sustainability for India"**



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### Abstract

The talk shall present energy demand scenarios (current and future) in the world and India. The pathways for realizing transition to low carbon energy foot prints shall be discussed. The giga challenges, magnitude of current efforts and directions to meet these challenges are an important part of the presentation. A few examples of key energy systems on the horizon, for meeting resource security criteria and sustained energy demands of India are dealt in a comprehensive manner. Pursuits of science to deliver technology outcomes in domains of materials, manufacturing and systems shall be discussed with examples. The talk shall also address intertwined issues of ethics and equity in meeting the aspirations of growing and resurgent India.