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## **Adani Green Energy Limited**

**Analyst Visit to Solar Plant  
Kamuthi – Tamil Nadu**

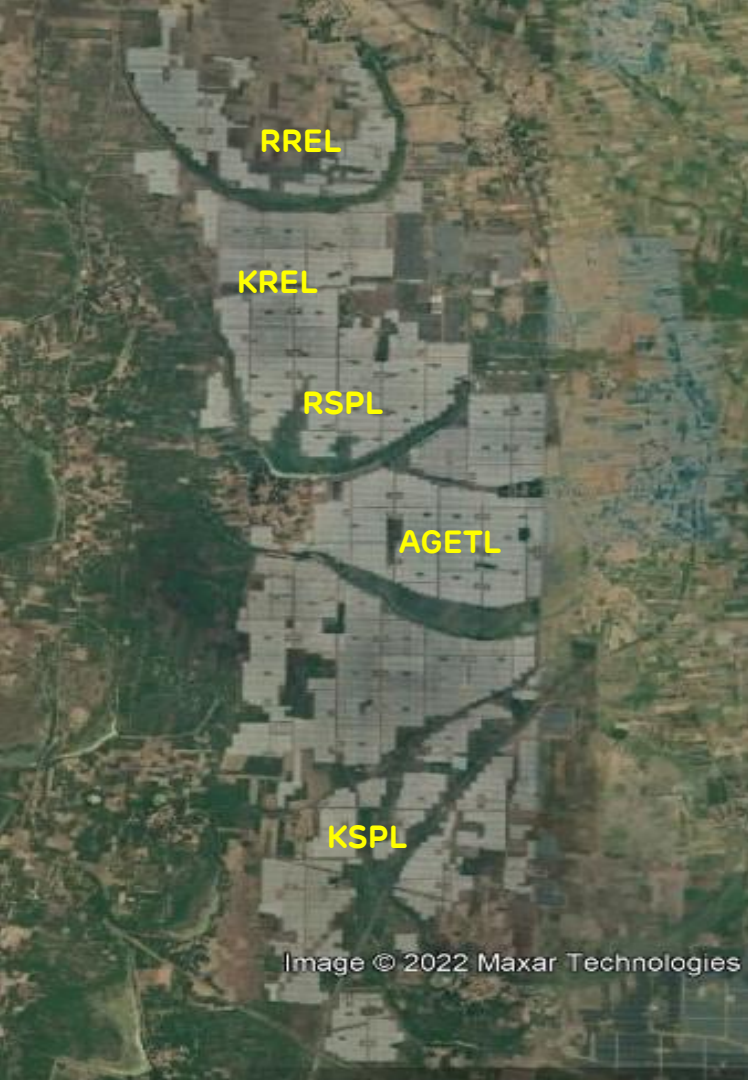
**15 April'22**

# Plant Location – 648 MW Solar Power Plant at Kamuthi, Tamilnadu



**Project at a Glance:**

<b>Site Location</b>	Sengapaddai, Pudukottai, & O'Karisalkulam villages, Kamuthi Taluka, District – Ramanthpuram
<b>Total Land area in Acres</b>	2500 Acres
<b>Nearest Airport</b>	Madurai (approx. 90km from Site)
<b>Nearest Road</b>	Porthbanur – Kamuthi – Arruppukottai Road (Adjoining Site)
<b>Nearest Port</b>	Tuticorin Port, approx. 110km
<b>Nearest Railway Station</b>	Tiruchuli, Tamil Nadu (Approx. 25km from site)



One of the World's Largest single location solar power project of capacity 648MW was commissioned in FY 2016 by the Adani Group at Kamuthi, in Tamil Nadu, with an investment of around INR 45.5 billion.

It spans a vast area of 2,500 acres, equivalent to about 950 Olympic-sized football fields. The entire facility was completed within a record eight months by nearly 8,500 dedicated personnel who worked day and night to set up this 648 MW clean energy plant.

The Kamuthi plant is now fully operational and connected with the 400 kV substation of TRANSCO, powering 265,000 homes in a suitable manner.

# Development Phase

Phases	Companies	Capacity	Cumulative	COD	Achievement
1	Ramnad Solar Power Limited ( <b>RSPL</b> )	72 MW	<b>72 MW</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2016	Tamil Nadu's largest 08 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2016
2	Adani Green Energy TN Limited ( <b>AGETL</b> )	216 MW	<b>288 MW</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2016	India's Largest
3	Ramnad Renewable Energy Limited ( <b>RREL</b> )	72 MW	<b>360 MW</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2016	Asia's Largest
4	Kamuthi Solar Power Limited ( <b>KSPL</b> )	216 MW	<b>576 MW</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2016	World's Largest
5	Kamuthi Renewable Energy Limited ( <b>KREL</b> )	72 MW	<b>648 MW</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2016	<b>World's Largest</b>

**PLANT INAUGURATED BY HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU  
AND DEDICTAED TO NATION ON 21.09.2016**



**PPA execution in presence of Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
on 04th July, 2015**





## Site photographs: as it was in the beginning





## Site Infrastructure: Temporary Stores



## Precast Boundary Wall and Road



## Site Infrastructure: Temporary Office & Dining Area



## Material Storage Yard – Module 8 MMS





## Foundation for MMS



## MMS Erection Works





## Module Erection Works



# Inverter Room and Distribution Transformer Erection

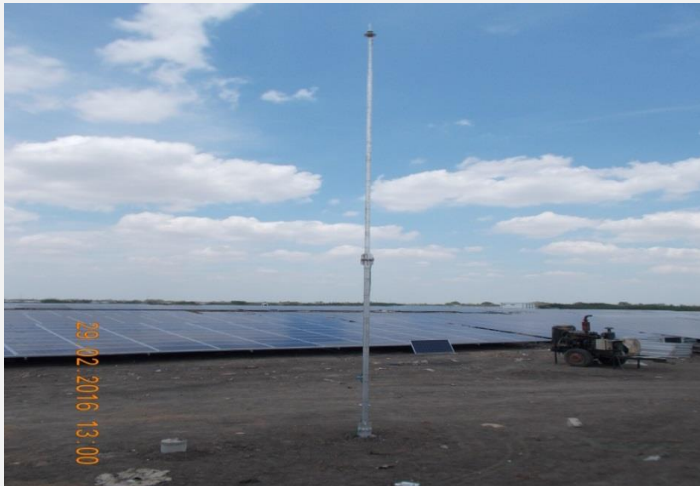




# HT Switchgear, Power Transformer & Switchyard



Lightning Arrestor



DC Cable Laying & Termination















## Main Gate view:





October 2016



Water Treatment Plant



October 2016



# Drone Monitoring



Thermal Imaging



Dust detection





### SUN

Natural  
Energy Source



### SOLAR PANEL

Solar Energy, being  
converted to DC  
electricity



### SCB

DC electricity is being  
collected



### INVERTER ROOM

DC converted to AC  
electricity



### INVERTER DUTY TRANSFORMER



### SWITCHGEAR PANEL



### POWER TRANSFORMER



### SWITCHYARD



### TRANSMISSION LINE

## Solar Power Generation flow Block diagram:



# Mammoth Volume of Works:

S No	Particular	Nos
1	Total Project Land Area in Acres	2500
2	Foundations (Nos)	3,80,000
3	Module Mounting Structure (MT)	27,000
4	Solar Modules (Nos)	25,00,000
5	String Combiner Boxes (Nos)	5,500
6	Inverters (Nos)	576
7	Transformers (Nos)	154
8	Switchyards (Nos)	5
9	Perimeter Wall / Fencing (KM)	62
10	Length of Internal Roads (KM)	58
11	Length of Cables (KM)	7,700
12	Cement Consumption (MT)	30,000

Kamuthi	AGETL	KSPL	RSPL	KREL	RREL	Total
DC Cap	260MW	260MW	86MW	86MW	86MW	778MW
AC Cap	216MW	216MW	72MW	72MW	72MW	648MW
No of Blocks / IDT	44 nos	54 nos	16 nos	15 nos	15 nos	144
ABB INVs	16 nos	216 nos	12 nos	12 nos	32 nos	288
Hitachi INVS	160 nos	0	48 nos	48 nos	32 nos	288
Power Transformer & Capacity	2 nos	2 nos	2 nos	2 nos	2 nos	10 nos
	240MVA 33kV/230kV	240MVA 33kV/230kV	90MVA 33kV/110kV	90MVA 33kV/110kV	90MVA 33kV/110kV	750MVA
Transmission Towers	2 nos	24 nos	2 nos	2 nos	2 nos	32 nos

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DC Cap	260MW	260MW	86MW	86MW	86MW	778MW
AC Cap	216MW	216MW	72MW	72MW	72MW	648MW
Solar PV Modules	8,29,440	8,28,480	2,78,440	2,76,444	3,26,048	25,38,852
	Fixed Type	Fixed Type	Fixed Type	Fixed + Bifacial	Fixed + Tracker + Thin Film + Season Tilt	
Make	SunTech Canadian Trina GCL Hanwa	SunTech Canadian Trina Hanwa	Adani SunTech Trina Hanwa	SunTech Canadian Hanwa Mega Cell	SunTech Hanwa Solar Frontier CGL First Solar	



# Absorption of Technology:

- Modules are sourced from Tier-1 Suppliers only
- Adopted Robotic Module Cleaning technology initiative to promote new technology and for operational feedback for the future plants in order to reduce water consumption

## Ecoppia



# Absorption of Technology:

New Technology adopted for pilot purpose for about 25 MW.

Bifacial module technology - 1.25 MW



# Absorption of Technology:

Thin film technology - 10 MW ( First Solar, Solar Frontier),





# Absorption of Technology:

Seasonal Tilt technology - 5 MW.



# Absorption of Technology:

Single Axis Tracking technology – 8.75 MW ( Smart Track, Scorpious, Archtech, Twincity, Runsol, Insolar, Solpower of 1.25 MW each)





# Absorption of Technology:

- One of the LARGEST MMS table of 8x20 landscape module (2mx1m) configuration has been considered which resulted in the optimized footprint area.
- First ever design, engineering and implementation of GROUP Control feature enabling auto adjustment output of individual inverters by single point set point by control room operator.
- For area/road lighting, Solar streetlights have been used to reduce energy consumption.
- Illumination of complete plant has been done with LED lights only to reduce energy consumption





## Major Suppliers:

Sr No	Items	Supplier
1	Modules	Suntech, CSI, Trina Solar, GCL & Hanwah - China Solar Frontier – Japan, First Solar - USA, Megacell – Italy & Adani Mundra.
2	Module Mounting Structure	Zhongxingbo (Arctech) & Jiangsu Weir - China Ganges International & Satec Envir Engineering - India
3	Inverters	Hitachi & ABB
4	Transformers	ABB / Transformers & Rectifiers / Schneider Electric - IDT
5	Switchyard / SCADA System	ABB
6	HT Switchgear / RMU	Siemens
7	Cables	Sterlite Industries, KEI Cables, Polycab, Apar Industries
8	DC Combiner Boxes	Jakson Engineers / Statcon Power
9	Cable Connectors	Bizlink, Taiwan

## Generation:

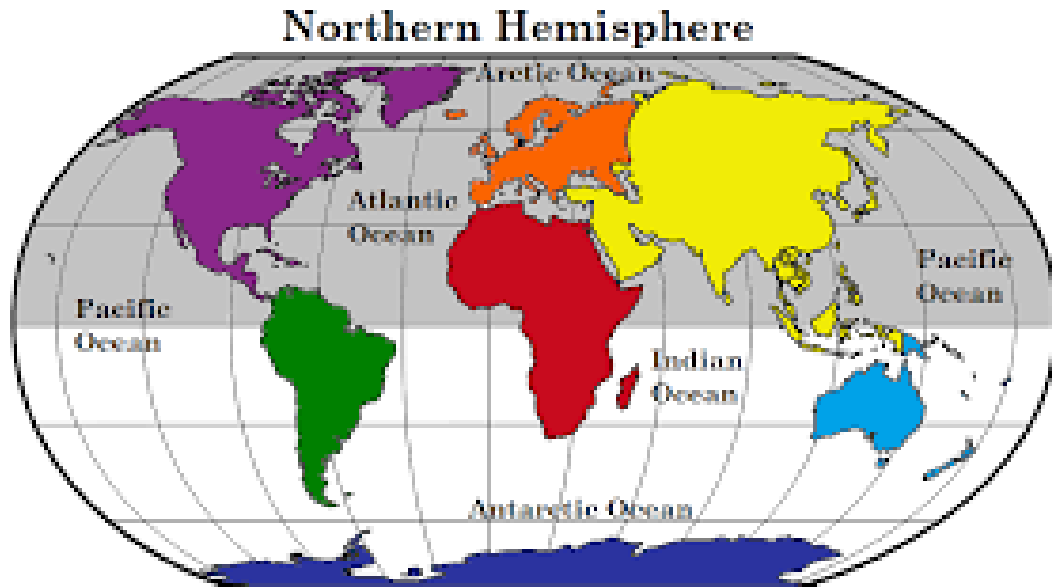
Output varies depending on:

- Module temperature
- Sun's radiation (which depends on):
  - Season
  - Weather
  - Time of the day
- Majorly renewable electricity generating plants have a **Must-Run status** meaning the electricity generated here is given a preference over the electricity generated in nonrenewable electricity generating plants (thermal or nuclear plants)
- **Kamuthi is one such plant enjoying a Must-Run status**
- The only factor that could limit the supply of electricity here would be due to grid security reasons and curtailments



## Modules:

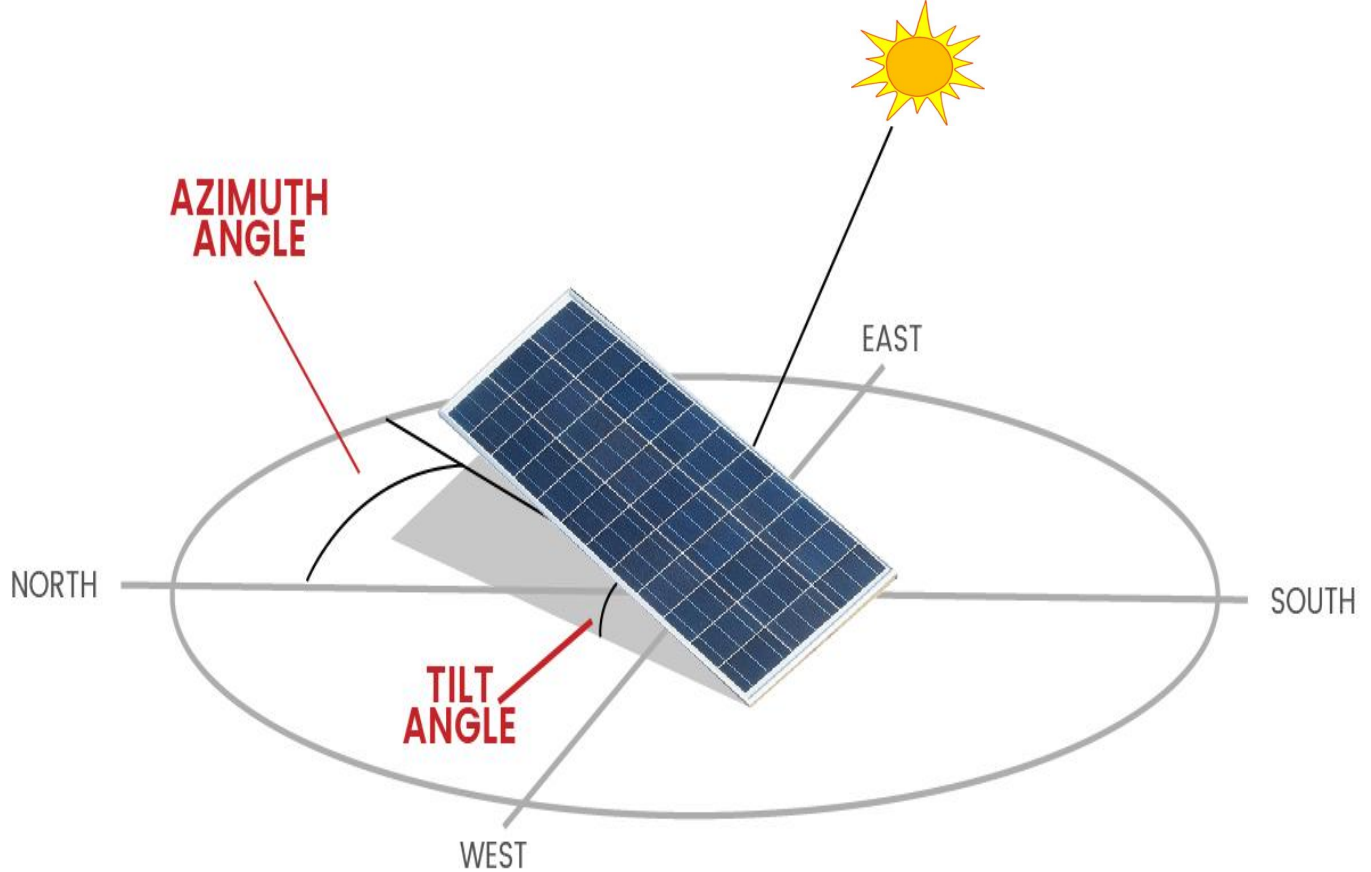
- The modules selected at this plant are Crystalline Silicon modules
- Tamil Nadu is in the Northern Hemisphere and thus, the modules are placed South facing for capturing maximum solar energy





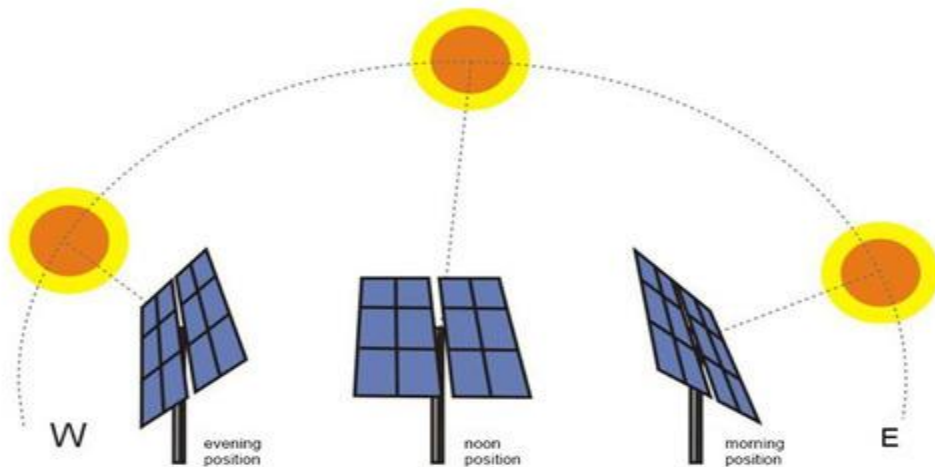
# Slope of site along North to Southeast





- The angle of fixed tilt structures is 8 degrees

- Single Axis Tracker rotates according to the sun's movement from -45 degrees to +45 degrees
- Depending upon the season, the modules start backtracking (coming back to 0 degrees, which is parallel to the ground).



- The Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) is used to control the tracker based on the Sun's movement
- The PLC is programmed such that if the wind speeds increase above the set limit, the tracker will come back to 0 degrees for avoiding breakage of modules



# Water Neutrality

Water is a precious natural resource, and its judicious use is responsibility of every company.

- AGEL has taken many initiatives to reduce its water consumption and monitors its water. The company has also declared a long-term solar panel cleaning water target of 0.7 lit/module/wash from a baseline of 1.3 lit/module/wash.



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## Water Accounting Data of FY 2020-21 as Estimated\*\*/ Measured by AGEL

AGEL site	Water Debit*	Water Credit*	Water Balance Index (Water Balance / Water Debit)	Water Balance status
	Estimated Freshwater Consumption <sup>\$</sup>	Increased Potential Created (additional rainwater storage by pond rejuvenation) **	E=B/A	
	A	B		
Kamuthi	35,670	52,982	1.48	Positive



## Fully autonomous solutions

### Water-free

Ecoppia robots remove over 99% of soiling on a nightly basis using a completely water-free cleaning technology that is both eco-friendly and cost effective

### Energy independent

Ecoppia robots have their own on-board dedicated solar module, allowing batteries to quickly charge in between operations

### Self-cleaning

Fully autonomous, Ecoppia robots self-clean their on-board solar panel and the cleaning microfiber elements



# Deepening and Strengthening of water bodies at **Sengapaddai Village**



# Deepening and Strengthening of water bodies at **Dadakulam Village**





# Deepening and Strengthening of water bodies at **Pudukottai Village**



## **Benefits of the ponds deepening:**

- The water will be held in limited deepened area, reducing evaporation losses (compared to same water in the available ponds area).
- Water level in the deepened area will be relatively better, delaying this getting shallow and muddy (which may be unusable even for drinking by cattle)
- Villagers have already requested the ponds deepening under CSR and we can meet their expectations to improve our social relations with nearby community



**Water body after Rain**

## Water consumption reduction initiatives



Conventional Module Cleaning System (Manual)



Innovation in Module Cleaning System (Semi - Automatic)



Robotic Cleaning (Proposed)

### Water Consumption / module / cycle

1.3 L

0.7 L

Near Zero

Semi Automatic Machine (SAM) based solar panel cleaning has shown the following benefits, compared with our conventional cleaning process:

1. Consumes less water (1.8 lit/module to 0.7 lit/ module)
2. Increases cleaning capacity per day
3. Reduces cost of O&M (MW/year)







# Single Use Plastic Free

Single-use plastic is not only harmful to the health of the people, but it is also a major reason for the deterioration of the health of the land. My country is going to ban single-use plastic in the coming years.

**-Shri. Narendra Modi, PM**

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Do's and Don't to Avoid Single Usage of Plastic  
#DitchTheDisposable

Do's	Don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bring your own carry bag whenever go for shopping</li><li>• Replace plastic water bottles, cups and cutting boards with ceramic and stainless-steel products</li><li>• Use aluminum foil to wrap food rather than plastic cling</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allow vendor to provide any items in less than 50-micron plastic bag</li><li>• Use plastic container with recycling number 3, 6 and 7. Which can be found on bottom of the container</li><li>• Use plastic straw , fork, plates , non-woven bags</li></ul>
  	  



# SUP Items – Before - After



Feb 2, 2021 10:10:43 AM



Feb 2, 2021 10:11:40 AM

**BEFORE – Use of polyethene bag to carry grocery items**

**AFTER – Replaced by Cotton/tote bag**



**BEFORE – Use of plastic bottles for drinking water**



**AFTER – Use of metal bottle**



Replacement of Flex banners with Cotton/Metal board



## Innovative Site visuals from Waste Modules





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for Sustainable Development



Confederation of Indian Industry

## Certificate

### Single-use Plastic Free

#### Adani Green Energy Limited

This is to certify that Adani Green Energy Limited, is Single-use Plastic Free at the solar and wind energy plants mentioned in the Annex as verified by the Confederation of Indian Industry, under the provisions of the Plastics use Protocol: Verification and Certification (1.0).

This Certificate is valid from 27 December 2021 to 26 December 2022.



Ms. Seema Arora  
Deputy Director General  
Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)  
Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CESD)

Certificate Date: 27 December 2021

Certificate No.: CII/PaP/2021/024

This certificate has been awarded after the company fulfilled the requirements for phasing-out single-use plastics and provided evidence for it. Responsibility for this then provided to CII over's solely with the company. The conditions of certification, and terms are detailed in the Annex.



CI-ITC Centre of Excellence  
for Sustainable Development



Confederation of Indian Industry

## Annex

The certification applies to the following single-use plastic items:

- Cutlery (knives, forks, spoons, plates, glasses, cups, straws, straw)
- Paper cutlery with plastic lining (plates, cups)
- Cutlery made up of Styrofoam or Thermocol or Polystyrene (plates, glasses, cups)
- Thermocol food containers
- Plastic carry bags
- Plastic dustbin liners
- Items of decoration (including those made of polystyrene)
- Plastic sheets for wrapping food material
- Water Pouches
- Plastic sheet used for spreading on dining table

**Organizational Boundary:** Adani Green Energy Limited's solar and wind energy plants (under various SPV's) mentioned in Annexure-A.

**Operational Boundary:** Office areas, Canteen, and Operations

**Material Boundary:** Single-use Plastics

## Reference

**Verification Date:** 13 December 2021 to 23 December 2021

**Verification Report No.:** PaP/Verification/2021/AGEL/001

**Mode:** On account of the COVID-19 pandemic, the verification process was virtual and followed provisions outlined in the Verification Procedure 1.0 of the Protocol. The virtual site visit has been conducted on sample basis for the solar and wind energy plants having more than 50% share of the installed capacity that has been considered for certification.

## CSR ACTIVITIES TAKEN UP BY ADANI GROUP IN NEARBY





# We Share.....We Learn..... (Industrial Visit)





# Transformation.....

August 2015



Sept 2016

## Kamuthi O&M Team



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