



## **Apraava Energy launches 'Empowering Champions of Change' initiative to support women changemakers from Madhya Pradesh**

**Madhya Pradesh, March 6, 2026:** Apraava Energy, India's leading integrated energy solutions provider, in partnership with the CII Foundation and the CII Centre for Women Leadership (CWL), identified 15 women leaders from Madhya Pradesh under its 'Empowering Champions of Change' program. Through this initiative, the women will receive leadership training that further strengthens their capabilities and enables them to lead district-level initiatives aimed at addressing socio-economic inequalities. Collectively, they aim to positively impact more than 15,000 people from marginalised communities across the state.

The grassroots women leaders represent the districts of Bhopal, Datia, Shivpuri, Sehore, Hoshangabad, Dewas, Betul, Shajapur, Guna, and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh. Their work focuses on critical community issues such as domestic violence, livelihoods, re-enrolment of school dropouts, and adult literacy, among others.

Commenting on the initiative, **Deepa Sebastian, Chief Human Resources Officer, Apraava Energy**, said, "Grassroots women leaders are powerful agents of inclusive growth. In Madhya Pradesh, Apraava is proud to support and strengthen these changemakers by building their leadership capabilities and enabling community-led solutions to local challenges. This initiative supports our long-term commitment to creating meaningful social impact and advancing inclusive development in the communities we serve."

**Shivani Kumar, Executive Director, Centre for Woman Leadership (CWL)**, said, "This initiative is building a new generation of grassroots women leaders in Madhya Pradesh. By investing in women changemakers across underserved and remote regions of Madhya Pradesh, we are helping build a strong pipeline of leaders who can design and implement solutions rooted in local realities, enabling sustainable development."

**C. K. Pawar, GM, Smart Metering Cell**, said, "These women leaders are showing what true community strength looks like. We are proud to support a program that is building women's leadership in Madhya Pradesh, and we look forward to seeing more women participate in the smart metering ecosystem. I am very keen to see more women join the work of the Smart Meter Cell, because women bring not only diversity, but also a level of efficiency, and effectiveness that can strengthen the delivery of this technology."

Apraava launched the 'Empowering Champions of Change' initiative in 2024 in Assam to recognise and train women changemakers driving grassroots transformation in their communities. The program has since been extended to Rajasthan. As part of the initiative, 15 women changemakers each from Assam and Rajasthan aim to collectively impact more than 30,000 people from marginalised communities across the two states.

In Madhya Pradesh, Apraava operates the Satpura Transco Private Limited (STPL) transmission asset, an intra-state power transmission project consisting of a 480-circuit-km and 400 kV transmission line. The company has secured a greenfield interstate transmission project in the state which includes the development of ~40 km of 765 kV double-circuit transmission lines alongside a 3,000 MVA substation. Apraava is also currently executing the installation of ~1.44 million smart meters in the state. Additionally, Apraava supports girls' education at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Dewas and helping them learn self-defense skills under the Project Kavach initiative.



## **About Apraava Energy**

Apraava Energy is India's leading integrated energy solutions provider headquartered in Mumbai. It is jointly owned by the CLP Group —one of the largest investor-owned power businesses in Asia and La Caisse (formerly CDPQ), a global investment group.

Founded in 2002, Apraava has evolved from being a single-asset business to a forward looking, climate-conscious organisation spread across 13 states in India. Its portfolio comprises ~3.4 GW of installed capacity which includes ~1200 MW of wind and 250 MW of solar energy projects, a 1320 MW coal-fired super critical power plant, three power transmission assets (~516 kms; 3.5 GW substation capacity) and 2.5 million installed smart meters.

In addition, three greenfield transmission projects (~470 kms of transmission lines and ~8 GW substation capacity), a wind project (300 MW) and two solar projects (550 MW) are under construction. The company has also forayed into Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) business and is executing orders of ~7 million+ smart meters in Assam, Gujarat, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Puducherry and Madhya Pradesh.

Apraava Energy is among the handful of Indian power sector companies to commit to the SBTi and only the second in the sector to have them validated.

The company aims to invest in low-carbon growth areas, including renewable energy, power transmission and distribution, as well as other non-generation, customer-focused energy businesses.

Apraava is proud to be certified as a Great Place To Work® for the third consecutive year (Dec 2025 – Dec 2026), reflecting its commitment to fostering a workplace built on trust, performance, and positivity. In 2024, the company was also featured among the Top LinkedIn Companies in India.

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