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Ms Akanksha Chaurey's experience in the field of promotion and use of renewable energy for sustainable development is spread over 22 years. Her area of expertise is distributed generation and rural electrification. She began her career with TERI in September 1987 and was involved in projects related to technology and market assessment of renewables, particularly that of solar Photovoltaic (SPV) technology. Having worked with TERI for over 5 1/2 years, she joined Sairam Solar, a company designing, integrating and installing solar and wind energy systems for decentralized applications. Subsequently, she spent two years as a renewable energy consultant working specifically on the commercialization of these technologies. In July 1999, she joined back TERI and is now responsible for the research in the area of distributed generation dealing with technological, policy related, regulatory and financing aspects. She leads TERI's flagship programme "Lighting a Billion Lives" which aims at providing clean lighting solutions to a billion people living across several countries. Ms Chaurey has Masters of Science degree in Physics and Masters in Technology in Metallurgical Engineering, both from Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. She is also registered as a part-time doctoral scholar with the Centre for Energy Studies, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. She has over 25 technical publications in Journals and conference proceedings and several research reports to her credit.