

Nari goes to China

UNDP Invites Rajvanshi To Share Insights on Rural Energy

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ajvanshi has been invited by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to share his thoughts on rural energy development with the Chinese government.

Nari, under Rajvanshi, has pioneered work related to development of renewable energy technologies for rural areas, and the Chinese government has expressed a desire to learn from these experiences.

A statement released by Nari, said the government of China was in the process of preparing a national energy

law, and rural energy issues figured prominently in it.

Though China has managed to achieve a lot in the overall development of its urban areas, the rural areas on the other hand have by and large remained neglected, leading to discontent and frustration in the rural population.

The statement said the Chinese government was preparing the energy plan on a massive scale, to develop the impoverished rural areas. "Lack of energy is one of the main reasons for this poverty, and hence the energy law," the statement said.

As a part of this effort, the government of China is organising an **international** symposium in November, in the field of rural energy, in order to learn from the experiences of various international experts.

Rajvanshi is one of the six experts, and the only Indian, to be invited for the symposium. Other experts, scheduled to speak at the symposium, are from Brazil, United States, Europe and Africa.

Besides giving a talk on Nari's efforts, Rajvanshi will also visit some of the Chinese rural energy projects.