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## Global energy festival focusses on e-cooking

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e-cooking emerged as a discussion point at the International Energy Festival of Kerala 2024 with speakers highlighting the advantages and challenges in making the transition.

While e-cooking ensures efficient energy use, but people are reluctant to make the change from conventional fuels for cooking owing to various reasons, including financial ones, Rudrodip Majumdar, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), noted. About 75%

of the rural population and 25% of urban population still use solid fuels.

K.N. Hemant Kumar, director, International Copper Association, called for efforts to sensitise the public about the advantages of cooking using electricity.

There should be clear guidelines on this, he said. Alongside e-cooking, rooftop solar power plants also should be promoted.

The festival, which is being organised at Tagore Theatre in connection with the foundation day of EMC, will conclude on Friday.