

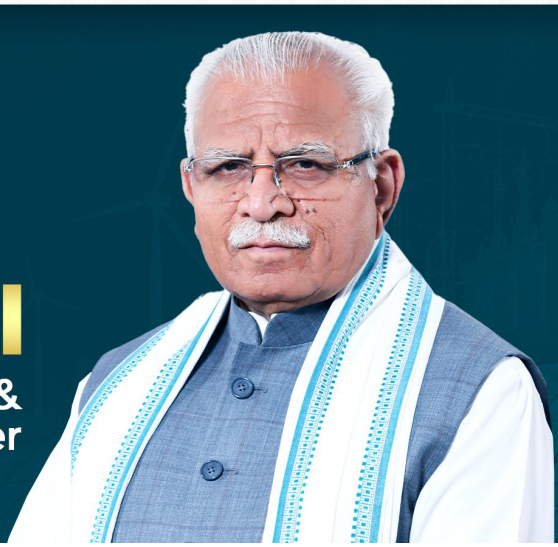
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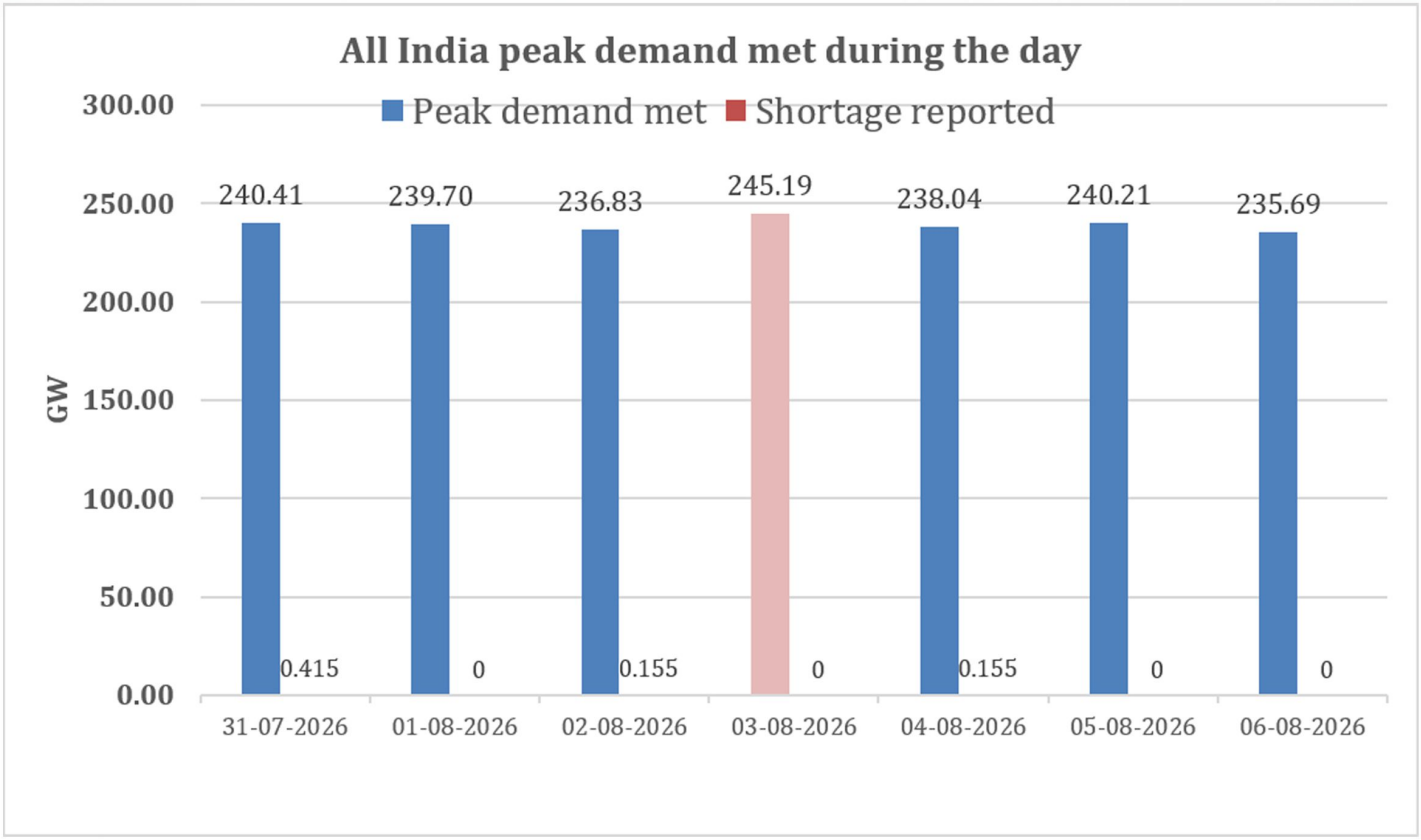
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Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Power

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Power Supply Remains Robust as 245.19 GW of Peak Demand Is Met with Zero Shortage



During the week from 31 July to 06 August 2026, the all-India peak demand met was 245.187 GW, with zero power shortage. At the time of the weekly peak, coal- and lignite-based generation contributed 57.3% of the total generation, followed by solar (19.5%), hydro (9.8%), wind (9.1%), and nuclear (2.7%). In the Northern Region, peak demand met and energy consumption recorded significant growth of 15.9% and 17.21%, respectively, over the corresponding period of the previous year.

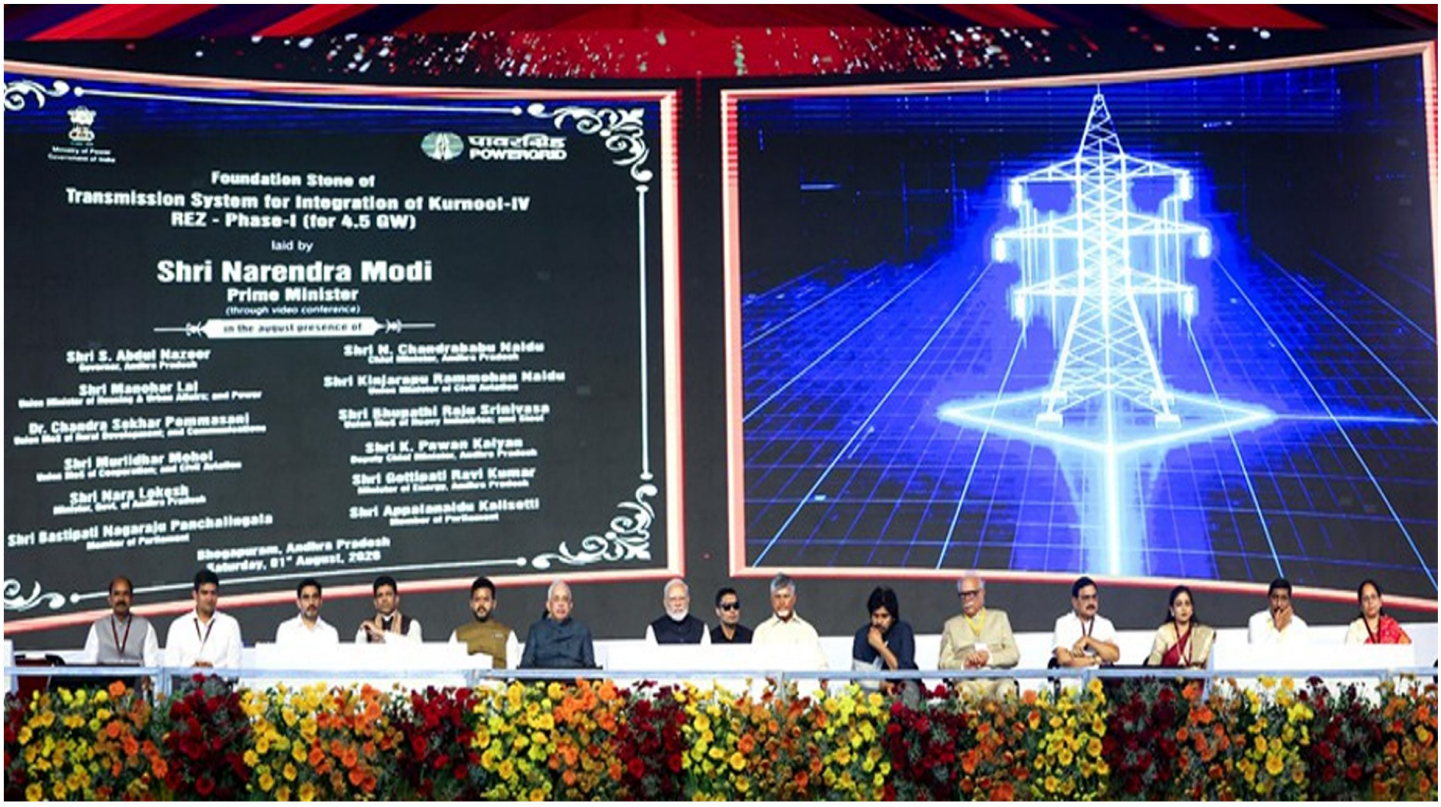
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PM Strengthens India's Renewable Energy Transmission Network with Major POWERGRID Projects in Andhra Pradesh

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi, dedicated two key POWERGRID renewable energy transmission projects with a combined investment of around ₹4,370 crore and laid the foundation stone for the Kurnool-IV REZ Phase-I (4.5 GW) Transmission Project worth approximately ₹5,550 crore in Andhra Pradesh.



The dedicated projects include transmission systems for renewable energy zones in Kurnool and Ananthapur, while the new project envisages the establishment of the Kurnool-IV Pooling Station along with associated transmission lines. These projects will strengthen the transmission network for the integration and evacuation of renewable energy, facilitating the delivery of clean and green power to demand centers across the country.

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Union Minister of Power Shri Manohar Lal Highlights Progress in India–Bhutan Energy Cooperation, Calls for Stronger Power Connectivity

Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Lyonpo Gem Tshering, Hon'ble Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Royal Government of Bhutan.





During the meeting, Shri Manohar Lal highlighted the steady progress in India-Bhutan energy cooperation, including the Punatsangchhu-I, Punatsangchhu-II, Sankosh and Chukha Hydroelectric Projects. He welcomed the participation of Indian public sector enterprises in Bhutan's hydropower sector and emphasised strengthening cross-border power trade and transmission connectivity. Reaffirming the enduring friendship between the two nations, the Minister underscored their shared commitment to expanding clean energy cooperation for mutual growth and prosperity.

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Union Power Minister Shri Manohar Lal and Sri Lanka's Energy Minister Anura Karunathilake Review Bilateral Energy Cooperation

Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Anura Karunathilake, Hon'ble Minister of Energy, Government of Sri Lanka, on Friday in New Delhi.



The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral energy cooperation, including the proposed India-Sri Lanka HVDC power interconnection and the Sampur Solar Power Project. The Indian side also shared its experience in transmission system development through the Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) framework as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

The Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to expanding power sector collaboration and strengthening the longstanding friendship between the two nations.



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Union Minister Manohar Lal Calls for Greater R&D and Indigenous Manufacturing in Power Sector





Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, attended the 7th international energy conference & exhibition roundtable of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) and interacted with leading representatives of the power sector.

During the interaction, the Hon'ble Minister congratulated the industry for its outstanding contribution to the remarkable transformation of India's power sector over the last twelve years and for the record achievements witnessed in recent years.

He urged industry leaders to place greater emphasis on Research & Development (R&D), accelerate the Indianisation of critical power equipment, and strengthen indigenous manufacturing in line with the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India. He also encouraged the industry to leverage emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, while ensuring robust cyber security and developing globally competitive solutions from India.

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Punjab CM Shri Bhagwant Mann Calls on Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal in New Delhi





Punjab Chief Minister Shri Bhagwant Mann called on Union Minister for Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, in New Delhi.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on key issues concerning the power sector of Punjab, with particular focus on further strengthening the financial position of the State's distribution companies and ensuring additional power availability to meet the increased electricity demand of farmers during the paddy transplantation season.

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Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal Chairs Review Meetings on Key Power Sector Matters





Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, chaired multiple review meetings of the Ministry of Powerand and undertook a thorough review of key matters concerning the power sector.

The Hon'ble Minister reviewed matters related to the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), the scheme for underground cabling of the distribution network, proposed amendments to the Electricity Act, 2003 and the Railways Act, 1989, BESS projects, the draft amendment of the Distribution of Electricity Licence Rules, 2005, and the demand and supply position for the specified period.

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PFC Enters RBI's Upper Layer of NBFCs, Reflecting Its Scale and Growing Systemic Significance

Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) has been included in the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest list of Upper Layer NBFCs (NBFC-UL) for FY 2026-27, marking a recognition of the Corporation's scale and growing importance in India's financial ecosystem.



PFC is among four state-owned financial institutions–along with REC, IRFC and HUDCO–newly included in the 17-member Upper Layer list. The classification brings larger NBFCs under enhanced regulatory oversight under RBI's scale-based regulatory framework.

The inclusion underscores PFC's position as a leading infrastructure financier, with its significant role in financing India's power and energy transition requirements.

It further reinforces PFC's commitment to strong governance, robust risk management and responsible financial practices, supporting its continued contribution to India's infrastructure and economic growth.

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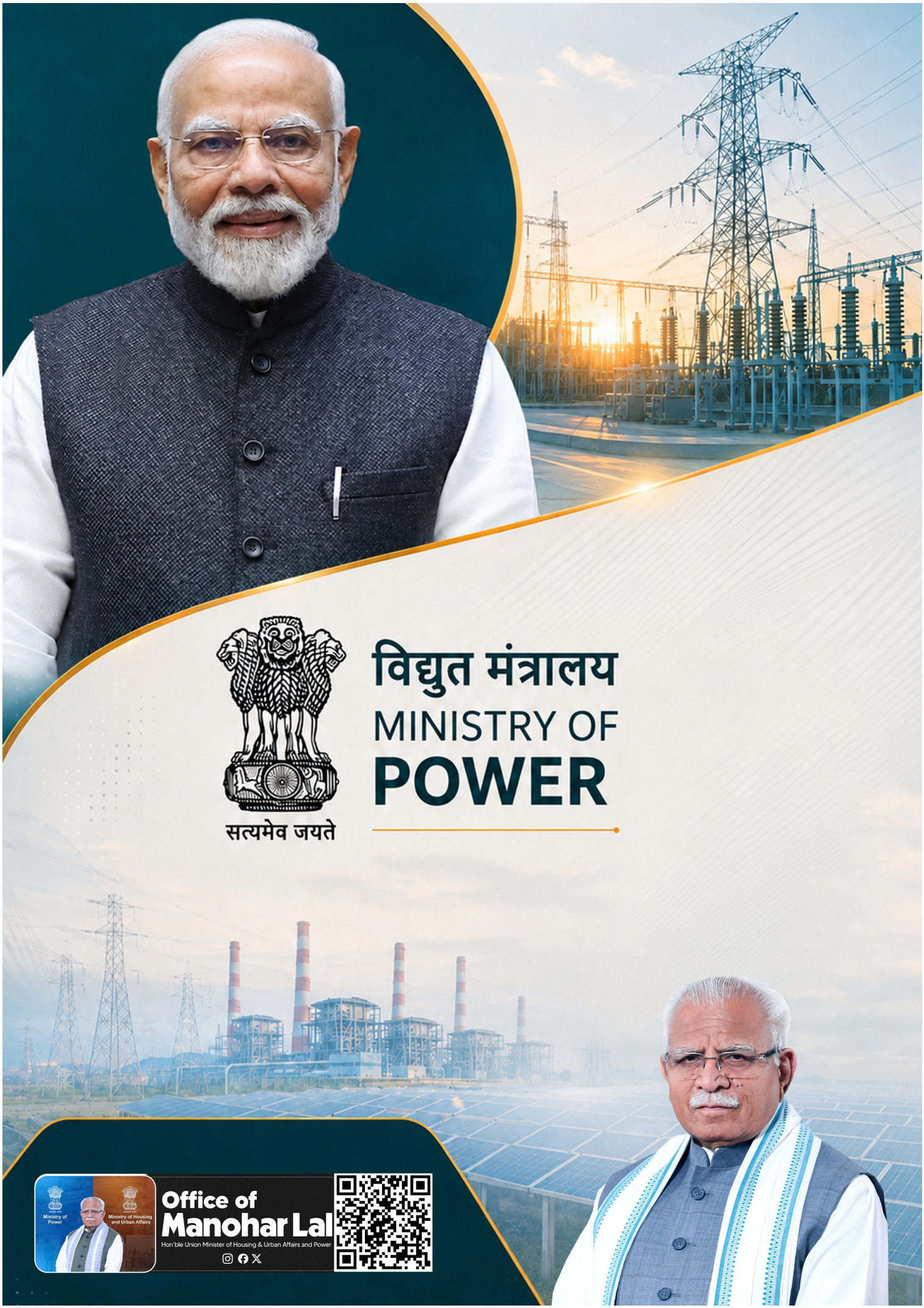
THDCIL Signs MoU with MoRTH Shimla for Landslide Mitigation Consultancy in Himachal Pradesh

THDC India Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Shimla, for providing consultancy services for a period of three years. The MoU was signed on August 6, 2026, at the Regional Office of MoRTH, Shimla.



Under the signed MoU, THDCIL will serve as the consultant to study landslide susceptibility areas and suggest mitigation measures for chronic locations along various National Highways in the state of Himachal Pradesh. The consultancy assignment includes preparation of suitable designs and drawings, reports, and technical monitoring of the stabilization measures during execution.

THDCIL is also providing similar consultancy services to MoRTH Dehradun, MoRTH Arunachal Pradesh, MoRTH Maharashtra, MoRTH Mizoram, NHAI J&K, NHAI Shillong, Uttarakhand State PWD and NHIDCL for slope protection works, prevention of shooting stones, and implementation of rockfall protection measures for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board.


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