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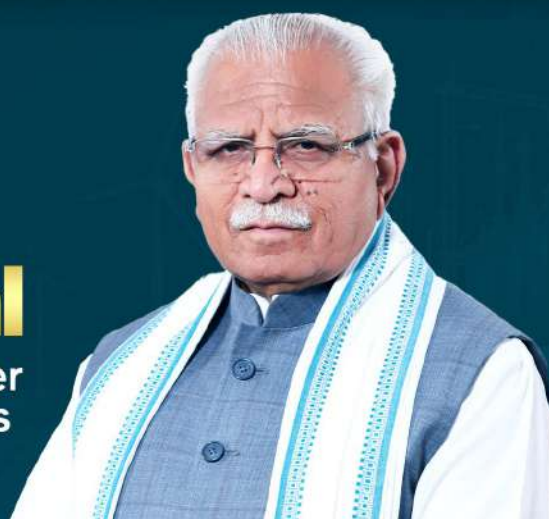


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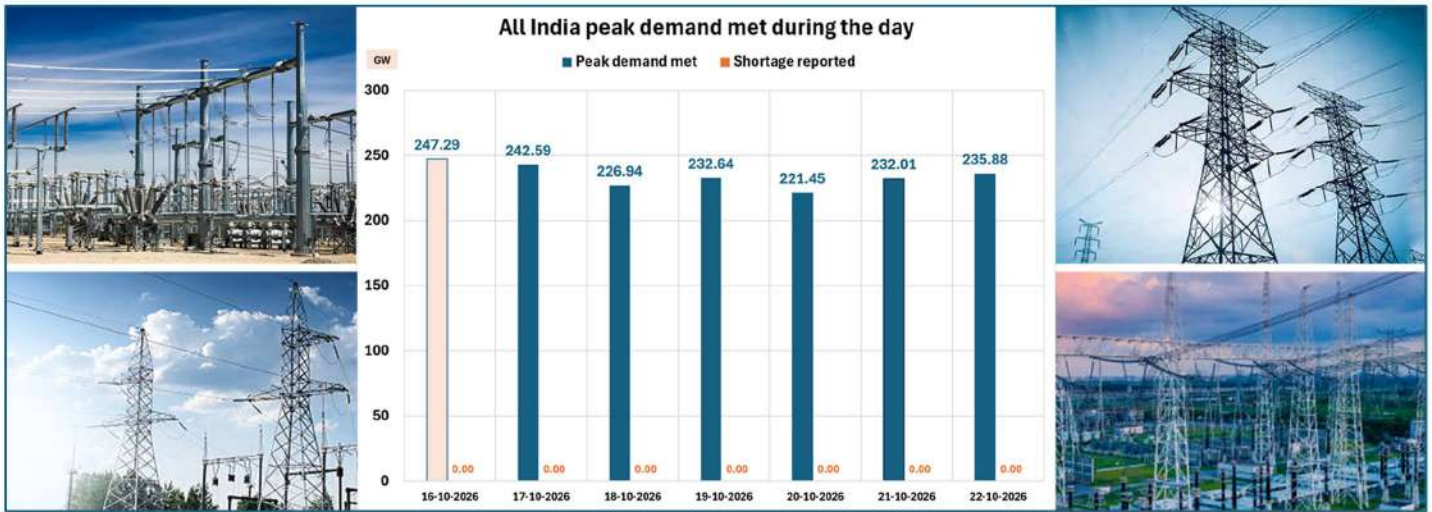
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22 Oct, 2026

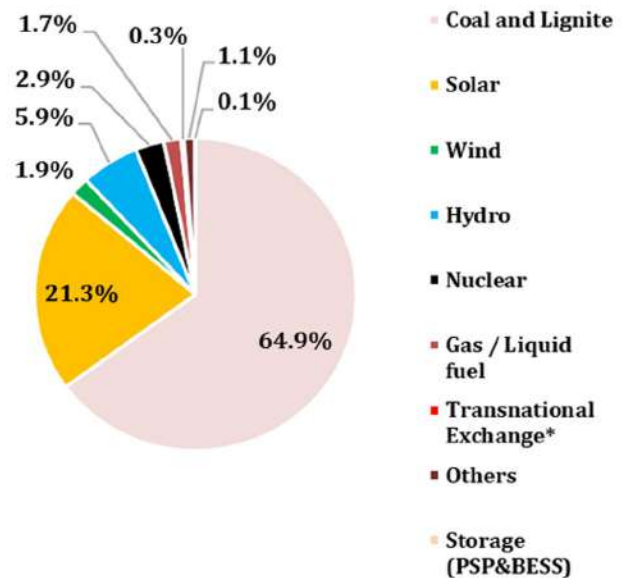
Peak Power Demand of 247.29 GW Met Without Shortage

The chart below presents the daily peak demand met and power shortage reported from 16 October to 22 October 2026



Generation Mix at the time of Peak

Generation source	Generation (GW)	Share of Total generation (%)
Gas / Liquid fuel	4.3	1.7%
Hydro	14.7	5.9%
Nuclear	7.2	2.9%
Coal and Lignite	162.7	64.9%
Wind	4.7	1.9%
Solar	53.4	21.3%
Storage (PSP&BESS)	0.1	0.1%
Others	2.7	1.1%
Transnational Exchange*	0.8	0.3%
TOTAL	250.6	100.0%



All-India peak demand met and energy consumption growth during the same period of the previous year were 17.4% and 18.9%, respectively.

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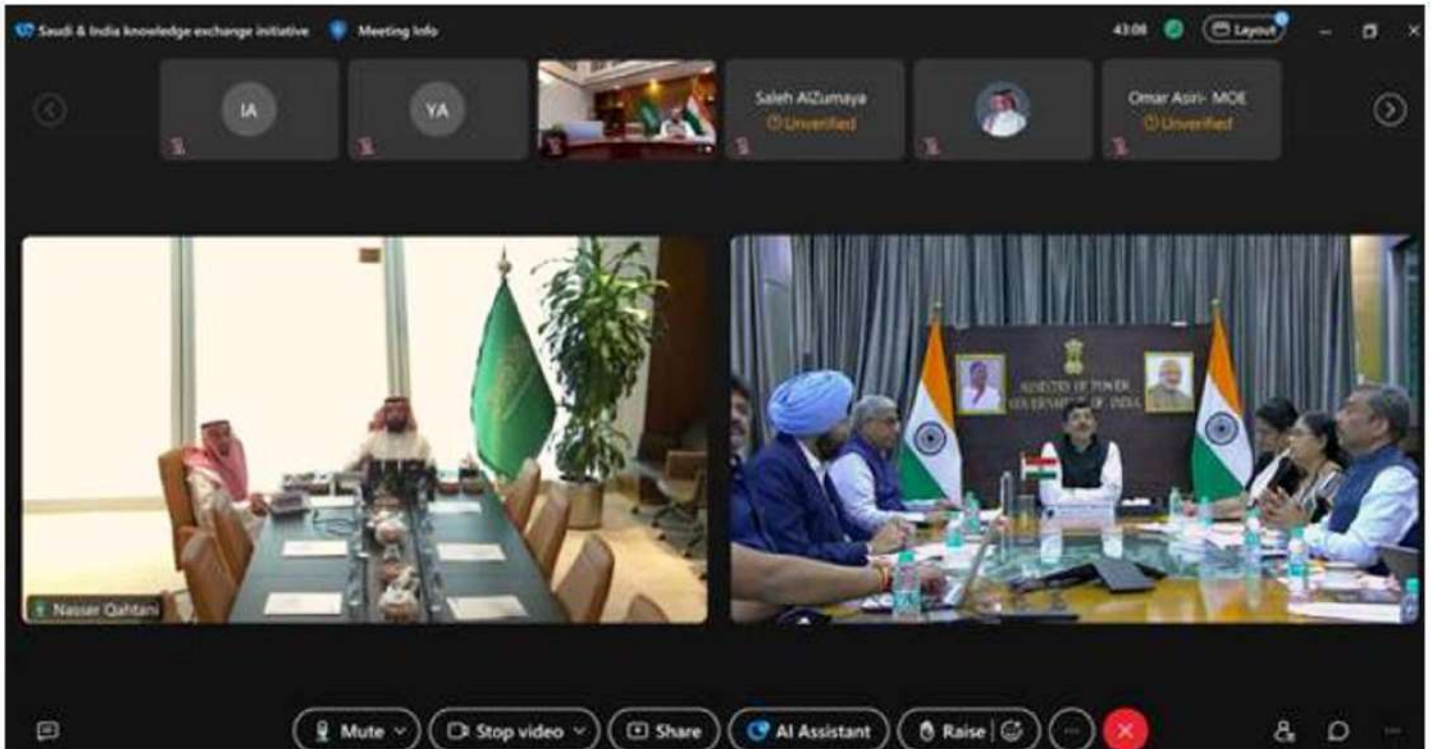
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19 Oct, 2026

India and Saudi Arabia Discuss Electrical Interconnection Initiative and Enhanced Power Sector Cooperation



Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Power, held a virtual bilateral meeting with H.E. Eng. Nasser Al-Qahtani, Assistant Minister of Energy for Electricity Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to review the progress of the India-Saudi Arabia Electrical Interconnection initiative and explore avenues for strengthening cooperation in the power sector.

The discussions focused on the progress of the proposed electrical interconnection between India and Saudi Arabia, which holds significant potential to deepen bilateral energy cooperation. Both sides exchanged views on the way forward and underscored the importance of sustained engagement to advance the initiative.

The two sides explored opportunities to broaden cooperation in other areas of mutual interest in the power sector, with an emphasis on technical collaboration, knowledge sharing and the exchange of best practices, and reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining constructive dialogue to further deepen the India-Saudi Arabia partnership in the power sector.

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23 Oct, 2026

NHPC's Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project Achieves Commercial Operation of Fifth 250 MW Unit, Capacity Reaches 1,250 MW



NHPC has successfully commenced commercial operations of the fifth unit (250 MW) of its 2,000 MW Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project. With this milestone, the project's operational capacity has reached 1,250 MW.

This achievement marks a significant step towards strengthening India's energy security, expanding clean energy generation, and harnessing the immense hydropower potential of the North-Eastern Region.

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PFC Wins Gold at ASSOCHAM Banking & Financial Sector Awards



Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has been honoured with the Gold Award in the category of “Overall Performance (NBFCs)” under the Infrastructure Finance class at the ASSOCHAM 21st Annual Summit & Awards on Banking & Financial Sector Lending Companies, held in Mumbai.

The award was presented by Shri Nirmal K. Minda, President, ASSOCHAM, in the presence of Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon’ble Governor of Maharashtra.

This prestigious recognition acknowledges PFC’s contribution to infrastructure financing and its pivotal role in supporting the growth and development of India’s power sector.

Through its continued commitment to financing critical power infrastructure, PFC is helping strengthen the country’s energy ecosystem and advance its development aspirations. The achievement reaffirms PFC’s commitment to financial excellence and its mission of powering progress and enabling India’s growth.

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NPTI Faridabad Inaugurates Four-Week Extended Induction Training Programme for CEA Officers



National Power Training Institute (NPTI), Faridabad, inaugurated a four-week Extended Induction Training Programme for Assistant Directors and Deputy Directors of the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

The inaugural session was graced by Hemant Jain, Director General, NPTI and Member (Grid Operation & Distribution), CEA, along with Dr. Indu Maheshwari, Principal Director, NPTI, and Dr. Vatsala Sharma, Director (Training), NPTI.

Addressing the participants, Hemant Jain emphasised the importance of continuous learning, technical excellence and professional competence in strengthening the power sector. He encouraged the officers to make the best use of the training programme to enhance their knowledge, broaden their perspectives and develop effective approaches to emerging challenges in grid operation, renewable energy integration and energy transition.

The programme aims to strengthen the technical knowledge, professional competencies and institutional coordination of CEA officers through structured learning and knowledge sharing. It is being coordinated by Dr. K. P. S. Parmar, Deputy Director, and Shri Anurag Rai, Assistant Director, NPTI.

The initiative reflects NPTI's continued commitment to developing skilled and future-ready professionals for the Indian power sector.

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Key News of the Week

The Economic Times
(17 oct, 2026)

Peak Power Demand Stays High in October



Peak power demand is continuing at

record highs for the month, largely above 250 GW, and close to what was recorded during the summer months this year. On Thursday, power demand was recorded at 250 GW, driven by cooling and irrigation demand, reports **Shilpa Samant**. ▶▶ 4

The Indian Express
(19 oct, 2026)

NTPC to study nuclear feasibility in more states

New Delhi: NTPC plans to initiate feasibility studies in more states, including Uttar Pradesh, for proposed nuclear power projects as part of its drive to expand non-fossil fuel energy capacity to at least 2 GW by 2032, as per a senior official. It has completed feasibility studies in Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Odisha, and will start looking for locations in more states for nuclear projects, the official said. It is targeting to set up 30 GW of nuclear projects to contribute to the government's 100 GW nuclear capacity target by 2047. PTI

The Hindu Business Line
(17 oct, 2026)

RBI gives NOC to PFC-REC merger

Our Bureau
New Delhi

State-run REC said it has received a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Reserve Bank of India for its proposed merger with PFC. On June 28, 2026, the respective boards of directors of the transferor company (REC) and transferee company (PFC) approved the merger of the two power sector lending NBFCs.

"The company has received an NOC from the RBI on October 15, subject to the instructions/conditions specified therein," REC said in a filing on BSE.

The scheme shall remain subject to such other statutory and regulatory approvals and fulfilment of such other conditions to the effectiveness of the scheme, including the approval of the respective shareholders and creditors of the companies involved in the scheme, as may be required in accordance with the applicable laws and the provisions of the scheme, it added.

Business Standard
(20 oct, 2026)

Power ministry launches framework for digitalisation of distribution sector

SUDHEER PAL SINGH

New Delhi, 19 October

Amid rising electricity demand, increasing renewable energy penetration in the grid, and growing consumer expectations of quality and affordable electricity supply, the power ministry on Monday launched the much-awaited unified framework for digitalisation of the distribution sector.

The framework—prepared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA)—is expected to provide a strategic direction for



More dynamic approach

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the transformation of power distribution and the utilities which are increasingly operating networks that are more dynamic and data-intensive.

The framework focuses on

building key digital capabilities including smart metering, supervisory control and data acquisition, geographic information systems, outage management, distributed energy resour-

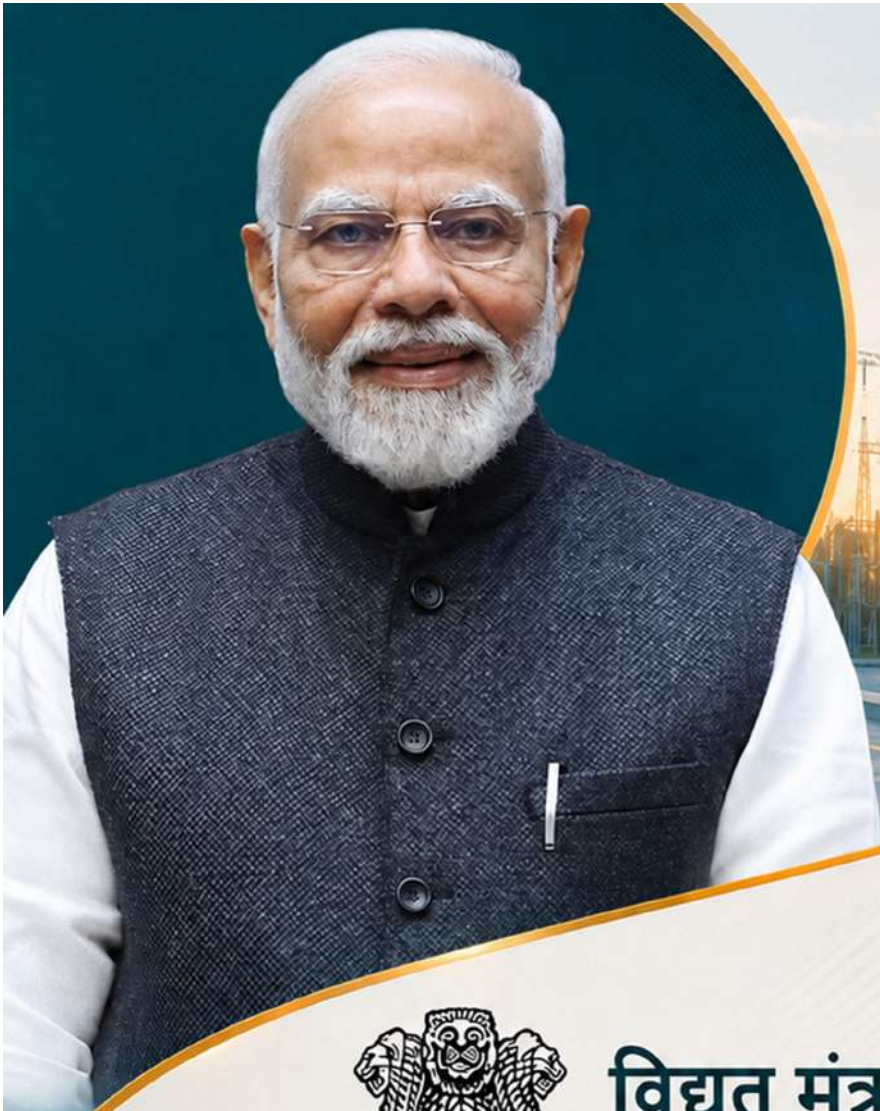
ces management and artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled analytics, the ministry said. Under the framework, utilities will adopt a need-based approach to digital capabilities,

rather than a uniform technology solution, based on their network conditions, investment priorities, and demonstrable business benefits.

"The core objectives for the unified framework are enabling integration of distributed energy resources by accommodating high penetration of renewable energy, electric vehicles, and energy storage systems while supporting decarbonisation goals, and empowering customers by providing them with tools to manage their consumption, access dynamic pricing, and participate in demand response," the ministry said. The framework is also expected to improve reliability and power quality by reducing outage frequency and duration,

and enhance voltage stability. It will also strengthen network by modernising assets, reducing Aggregate technical & Commercial (ATC&C) losses to below 10 per cent and enabling accurate energy accounting. Finally, the framework is expected to build resilience and cybersecurity by protecting grid data, communication networks, and customer information against cyber threats.

The framework introduces a five-year "implementation sequence" for utilities to adopt digitalisation beginning with GIS connectivity and advanced metering infrastructure to move towards AI/ML-based outage management systems with predictive fault location and auto-restoration capabilities, among others.



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