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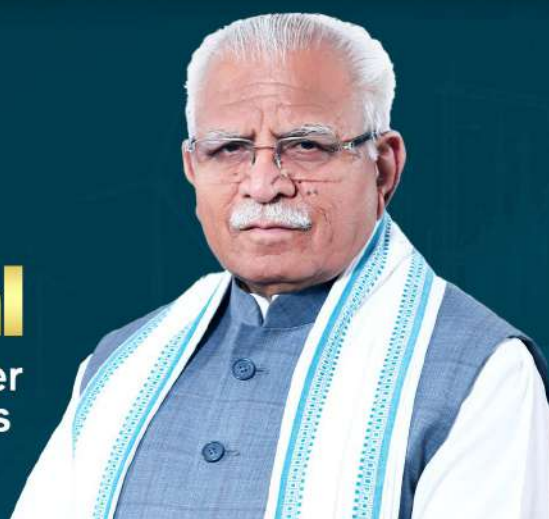


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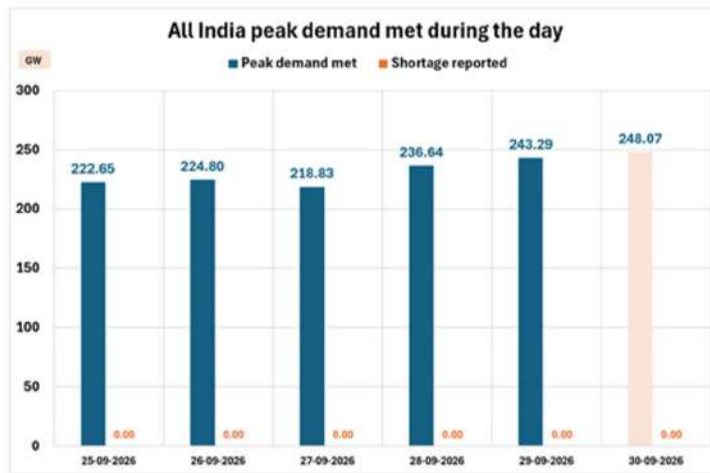
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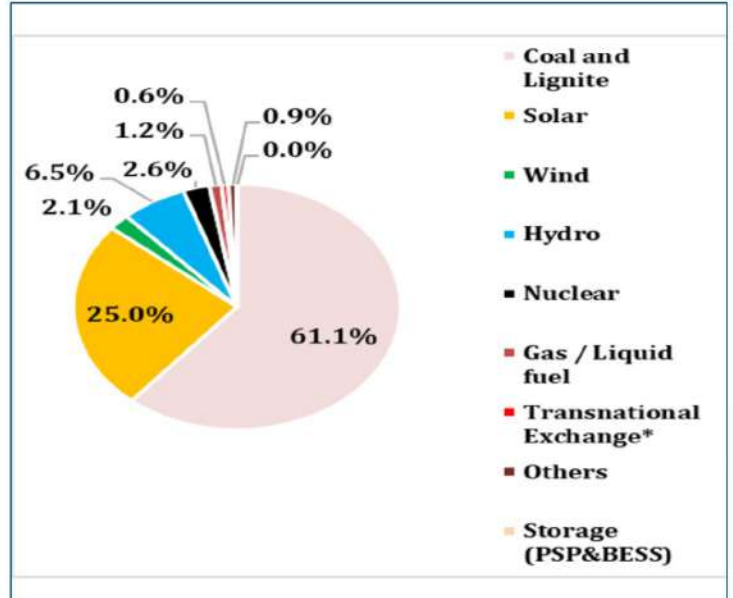
All-India Peak Demand Met Reaches 248.07 GW, No Shortage Reported

The chart below presents the daily peak demand met and power shortage reported from 25 September to 30 September 2026.



Generation Mix at the time of Peak

Generation source	Generation (GW)	Share of Total generation (%)
Gas / Liquid fuel	3.0	1.2%
Hydro	16.4	6.5%
Nuclear	6.6	2.6%
Coal and Lignite	154.3	61.1%
Wind	5.2	2.1%
Solar	63.0	25.0%
Storage (PSP&BESS)	0.0	0.0%
Others	2.2	0.9%
Transnational Exchange*	1.6	0.6%
TOTAL	252	100.0%



All-India peak demand met and energy consumption growth (with respect to the same period in the previous year) were recorded at 8.5% and 2.4%, respectively.

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25 Sept, 2026

Secretary (Power) Meets EDF CEO to Review India–France Cooperation on EPR Reactors and Pumped Hydro Storage

Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Power, held a meeting in New Delhi with Mr. Bernard Fontana, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, EDF, France, to review the ongoing engagement between India and EDF on the proposed deployment of EPR reactors in India. The meeting was attended by officials from the Ministry of Power, the Ministry of External Affairs, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), NTPC Limited and NPCIL on the Indian side, and by officials of EDF and the Embassy of France in India on the French side.

The discussions centred on the deployment of EPR technology, India's regulatory reforms for the nuclear sector, cooperation on pumped hydro storage projects, and the way forward for a robust, mutually beneficial partnership.

EDF apprised the Indian side of its efforts to build an ecosystem and supply chain in India for large-scale localization, and reiterated that a sizeable programme with multiple nuclear reactors would give suppliers confidence and enable economies of scale by leveraging Indian industry's capabilities.

Secretary (Power) briefed the French side on the progress made in finalizing India's regulatory framework for the nuclear power sector, including the Draft SHANTI (Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India) Rules and Regulations, placed by the Department of Atomic Energy in the public domain for stakeholder consultation. The Rules provide for a streamlined, time-bound licensing framework and enable participation of private and foreign partners in India's nuclear power programme.

The two sides also discussed cooperation on pumped hydro storage projects, building on the proposed NTPC-EDF joint venture in this area.



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Indian Delegation Participates in SASEC Energy Working Group Meeting on Regional Energy Cooperation in Colombo



The South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Energy Working Group (EWG) Meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, bringing together energy officials from SASEC countries to discuss regional energy cooperation and capacity development. The Indian delegation to the meeting was headed by Ms. Reetu Jain, Economic Adviser, Ministry of Power, Government of India.

During the Session on Skills and Capacity Development, Shri Hemant Jain, Director General, NPTI and Member (Grid Operation & Distribution), Central Electricity Authority (CEA) delivered a presentation highlighting NPTI's role as the national apex institution for training and human resource development in the power sector and its potential to support capacity building across SASEC countries.

The discussions focused on strengthening technical skills, power market development, smart grids, renewable energy, energy storage, digitalisation, cybersecurity, climate resilience and regulatory preparedness.

NPTI highlighted the importance of skilled manpower, common technical standards and institutional capacity as key enablers for successful regional power connectivity and cooperation.

The proposed cooperation framework envisages NPTI as the lead institution for designing and delivering training programmes, supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and participating SASEC countries. The participation of NPTI in the SASEC EWG reflects India's commitment to promoting regional cooperation, knowledge sharing and capacity development in the power sector.

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NTPC Posts Strong Q2 Growth in Generation, Coal & Trading; Adds 81 MW Solar Capacity

NTPC Limited recorded robust operational performance in Q2 FY 2026-27, with year-on-year growth of 12.93% in power generation, 28.45% in coal dispatch and 22% in power trading.

Separately, its subsidiary NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) declared commercial operation of the first 81.34 MW portion of the 250 MW Kalasar Solar Energy Project at Bikaner, Rajasthan, effective 00:00 hrs on 26 September 2026. The capacity is tied up with Railway Energy Management Company Limited (REMCL). NTPC holds an 89.01% stake in NGEL. With this addition, the NTPC group's total installed capacity stands at 91,302 MW and commercial capacity at 90,222 MW.



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Power CPSEs and Institutes Drive Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 with Plantation, Cleanliness, and Safai Mitra Initiatives



Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) organised "Swachhata Ke Liye Shramdaan" at its New Delhi office under the patronage of the Ministry of Power as part of "Ek Ghanta, Ek Din, Ek Saath". The programme commenced with the Swachhata Pledge, followed by Shramdaan activity in the office premises and surrounding areas.

SJVN organised a "Safai Mitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir" at its Corporate Headquarters, Shimla. A Special Health Camp was organised for Safai Mitras, providing essential health screening and medical services including blood tests, blood pressure check-ups and X-ray facilities. A felicitation ceremony was organised for Safai Mitras for their valuable contribution in Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign.

Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) participated in the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign through a Walkathon organised on 29 September 2026 to promote the message of cleanliness, hygiene and civic responsibility.

Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) organised a sapling plantation drive at Ashwath Nagar, Bengaluru under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative as part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 Campaign.

National Power Training Institute (NPTI) conducted a cleanliness drive under 'Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan 2026' at the Budhiya Nala Bridge area along Sher Shah Suri Marg, Faridabad, on the theme "Swachhata Mein Sahbhagita, Swachh Bharat-Viksit Bharat". Officers and employees undertook cleaning activities and spread the message of cleanliness.



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A two-day Regional Workshop on “Adoption and Implementation of ECSBC and ENS”, organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), was held from 29 to 30 September 2026 in Srinagar, J & K. The workshop brought together senior officials, experts and representatives from State Designated Agencies and concerned departments from various States and Union Territories of the northern region to deliberate on the implementation of energy-efficient building codes and share experiences, challenges and best practices.

The workshop emphasised the importance of energy efficiency and energy conservation in achieving sustainable development, highlighting that conservation of energy is a collective responsibility requiring the active participation of all sections of society. Centre-State collaboration, breaking institutional silos and strengthening communication for effective implementation of ECSBC were underlined, as was the critical role of energy efficiency in strengthening India’s energy security and achieving the Net Zero target by 2070. The significant energy-saving potential of the building sector and the importance of effective implementation of ECSBC and ENS were highlighted. Progress of ECSBC implementation, check testing and market surveillance activities were reviewed, and challenges faced by State Designated Agencies were discussed.

BEE reiterated its commitment to providing necessary technical assistance and support to States and Union Territories for the effective adoption and implementation of ECSBC and other building energy-efficiency initiatives. The workshop further strengthened coordination among BEE, State Designated Agencies and concerned departments and facilitated discussions on effective implementation of energy-efficiency measures in the building sector.

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Key News of the Week

The Times of India (27 Sept, 2026)

Australian PM credits Modi for energy access at massive scale

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New Delhi: Australian PM Anthony Albanese has credited PM Narendra Modi with providing energy access to India's population on a scale that, he said, no other country has achieved before.

Talking to former Australian PM Kevin Rudd on Sept 24 at an event organised by Asia Policy Institute in New York on the sidelines of UN General Assembly meetings, Albanese said, "To give Prime Minister Modi credit, more people have been connected with access to energy in India under his reign than has occurred in any decade in any country or any region in human history."

Under the Ujjwala scheme, over 10.5 crore domes-



Anthony Albanese and PM Modi

tic cooking gas connections have been provided since 2016, while the Saubhagya scheme helped electrify over 2.8 crore rural and poor urban households. The PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, the world's largest domestic rooftop solar initiative, has connected over 50 lakh households with solar energy. Nearly 2.5 million farmers have also benefited from the PM-KUSUM scheme,

which promotes solar energy in agriculture through solar-powered irrigation systems.

Albanese's statement comes at a time when energy security is high on India's agenda, with global supplies facing disruptions amid the ongoing war in West Asia.

Albanese spoke about India's growing economic strength and efforts to deepen bilateral ties. He said the India-Australia partnership had been "under-utilised" and that he and PM Modi were "very keen on rectifying that".

"He is someone who we have a strong relationship with. I think there's a lot more that can be done in our economic partnership," Albanese said.

Financial Express (26 Sept, 2026)

Battery storage capacity jumps 83-fold in H1

SAURAV ANAND
New Delhi, September 25

MAJOR SHIFT



INDIA'S BATTERY ENERGY storage system (BESS) installations surged over 83-fold to 8.2 gigawatt-hours (GWh) in the first half of 2026 from just 98.4 megawatt-hours (MWh) a year earlier, with more than 88% of the country's entire operational battery storage capacity commissioned in just six months.

The sharp acceleration pushed cumulative installed capacity to 9.3 GWh at June-end.

The surge marks a significant shift in India's battery storage deployment. The country added 8,200 MWh during January-June, against less than 100 MWh in the corresponding period last year, according to Mercom India Research's "Q2 and 1H 2026 Energy Storage Landscape" report. This indicates that the overwhelming majority of India's existing operational battery capacity was installed in the first half of the current calendar year.

Project tendering also gathered pace, with 28 GW of battery storage capacity tendered during the first six months, an increase of 86% year-on-year. The sharp rise in tendering indicates a substantial expansion in projects being offered for development beyond the capacity already commissioned.

However, the 28-GW tendering figure represents power capacity, while the 9.3-GWh operational figure represents energy storage capacity. The two are not directly comparable.

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accounting for 83% of the cumulative installations at June-end. The remaining capacity comprised battery systems integrated with renewable energy projects, including solar-plus-storage, solar-wind-storage and floating solar installations with battery storage.

The dominance of standalone projects highlights their substantial contribution to India's battery storage expansion, even as renewable-linked storage systems form part of the installed portfolio.

Rajasthan emerged as the largest battery storage market, accounting for 36% of the country's cumulative installed capacity. The state accounted for more than a third of the operational market at the end of the first half.

The Statesman (28 Sept, 2026)

Govt orders captive power plants to step up electricity generation

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
New Delhi, 27 September

The government has directed captive coal-based power plants with a capacity of 50 MW or more to generate electricity to the maximum extent possible from October, as it prepares for higher power demand in the coming months.

The Ministry of Power has invoked Section II of the Electricity Act, directing captive coal-based power plants with a capacity of 50 MW or more to operate at the maximum level possible and expectations of higher electricity demand in the coming months. The directions, which will remain in force from October to 31 December 2026, are aimed at improving power availability and ensuring that available generation capacity is fully utilised. The ministry said it is taking several measures to maintain adequate electricity supply in view of the prevailing demand-supply situation and



the expected increase in consumption. Captive power plants are facilities set up by industries to meet their own electricity needs. Under the latest directions, these plants will first meet their own requirements. If they have electricity left over, they will have to utilise that surplus power through power exchanges or other permitted channels.

For consumers, the move is primarily about keeping electricity supply adequate during periods of high demand, by bringing surplus power from captive plants into the wider market, the government wants to make better use of

the electricity already available and ensure that additional supply reaches the grid when required.

The ministry has also asked these generators to keep adequate coal stocks so that their plants can continue operating and generate power at higher levels. This is important because coal availability directly affects the ability of coal-fired power plants to produce electricity. "Considering the prevailing demand-supply scenario and the expected rise in electricity demand in the coming months, the Ministry of Power is undertaking various measures to ensure adequate supply of electricity to consumers," the ministry said in a notification.

"The generators shall offer their available surplus generation, after meeting their own captive demand, through the power exchanges in accordance with the applicable market regulations and procedures," the ministry said.

Hindustan Times (1 Oct, 2026)

Cabinet clears ₹1.8L-cr Green Energy Corridor

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NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet approved the Green Energy Corridor Phase III (GEC-III) scheme on Wednesday, a programme aimed at reinforcing India's intra-State transmission system (ISTS) so that it can evacuate up to 135 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy across states and Union territories.

The total project outlay is ₹1,86,405 crore, targeted for completion by FY 2032-33. Of this, ₹1,36,379 crore is earmarked for ISTS development and ₹50,000 crore for the 50 GW of BESS. The Centre will contribute ₹54,082 crore.

The scheme also provides for 50 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of battery Energy Storage Systems, to be deployed either at the premises of renewable energy developers or generators or at other locations considered important for grid flexibility.

The government said this is needed because solar and wind power do not flow steadily. Often the power lines are too

crowded to carry all the electricity being produced, so some clean energy goes to waste, particularly during peak solar hours, the government said.

The scheme tackles this in two ways. First, it will strengthen the electricity networks inside states and Union territories so they can carry up to 135 GW of renewable energy. Second, it will set up battery storage systems, with a total capacity of 50 GWh. Battery storage addresses both problems by absorbing surplus generation when supply is abundant and discharging it during evening peaks or when solar output is unavailable.

"India's power generation capacity is over 500 GW right now, of which 52% is renewable energy. There are many nations that can claim that feat. India has a commitment towards environment that is consistent. We are taking steps to reduce fossil fuel dependence, pollution and increase environmental protection," said Information and broadcasting minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at a media cabinet briefing in New Delhi.



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