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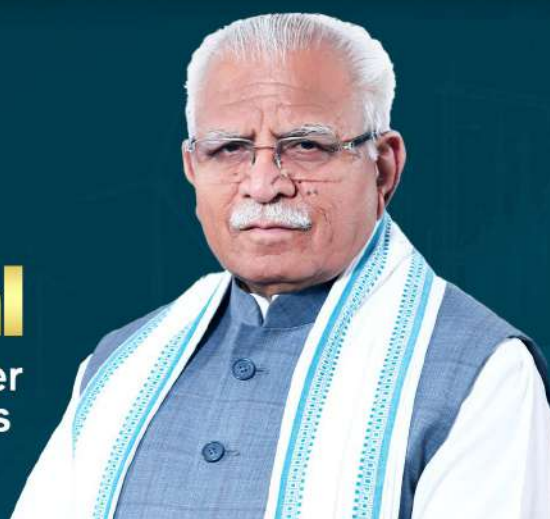


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Hon'ble Union Minister of Power
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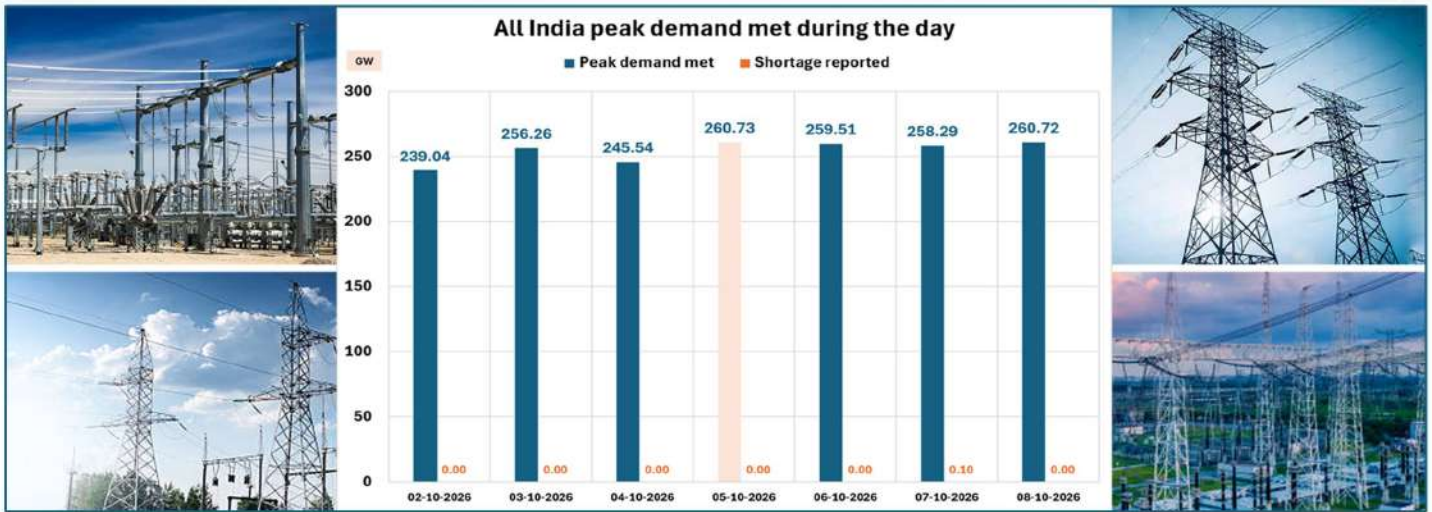
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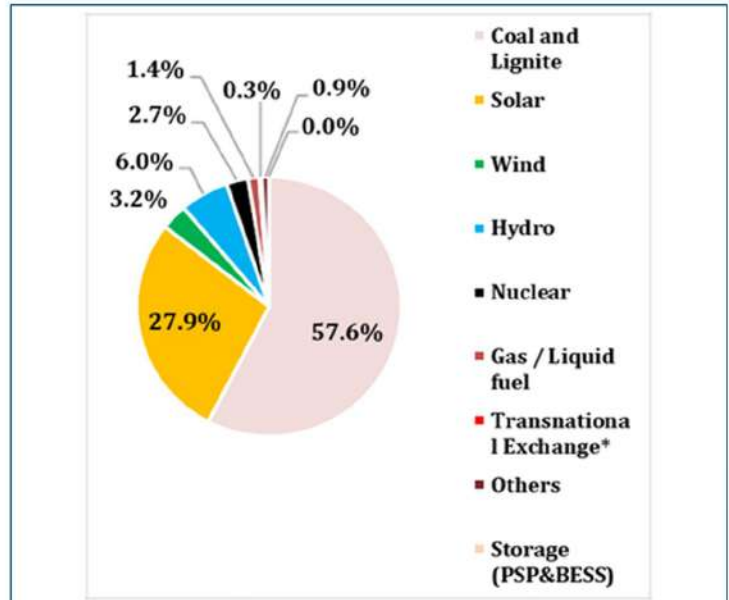
Peak Power Demand of 260.73 GW Met with Zero Shortage

The chart below presents the daily peak demand met and power shortage reported from 2 October to 8 October 2026.



Generation Mix at the time of Peak

Generation source	Generation (GW)	Share of Total generation (%)
Gas / Liquid fuel	3.6	1.4%
Hydro	15.8	6.0%
Nuclear	7.1	2.7%
Coal and Lignite	152.7	57.6%
Wind	8.6	3.2%
Solar	74.0	27.9%
Storage (PSP&BESS)	0.0	0.0%
Others	2.4	0.9%
Transnational Exchange*	0.7	0.3%
TOTAL	264.9	100.0%



All-India peak demand met and energy consumption recorded growth of 24.9% and 24.1%, respectively, compared with the same period in the previous year.

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India Highlights Regional Energy Cooperation and Energy Security at 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting in Manila



Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, represented India at the 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting in Manila, Philippines, emphasising India's commitment to regional energy cooperation, energy security and a secure, resilient, affordable and sustainable energy future.

Underscoring India's Act East Policy and Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with ASEAN, he welcomed the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation 2026–2030 and stressed cooperation under the ASEAN India Plan of Action 2026–2030, including the ASEAN Power Grid, regional power transmission, multilateral power trade and clean energy. He recalled Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 2025 announcement to train 400 professionals on grid connectivity.

Shri Naik highlighted India's installed electricity generation capacity of 558.8 GW, including 308 GW of non-fossil capacity, accounting for 55% of the total. He also highlighted PM Surya Ghar's 5.01 million rooftop solar installations benefiting 5.95 million households. He noted that India achieved 50% of installed capacity from non-fossil sources in June 2025, five years ahead of its 2030 NDC target.

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2 Oct, 2026

Power Secretary Visits Kishanganga Power Station, Inaugurates NHPC Gallery



Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (Power), visited the Kishanganga Power Station along with Shri Bhupender Gupta, Chairman and Managing Director, NHPC, and inaugurated the newly constructed NHPC Gallery. He held a meeting with senior officials of the power station to discuss key issues and boosted the morale of the personnel working at the dam-toe in Gurez—amidst challenging geographical and working conditions—by interacting with them via video conferencing.

On this occasion, he planted saplings as part of the “Swachhata Hi Seva 2026” campaign and also participated in the cleanliness pledge ceremony.



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Ministry of Power Discusses Power Sector Reforms and DISCOM Sustainability with Moody's Delegation



A delegation from Moody's, a global credit rating agency, met with senior officials of the Ministry of Power to discuss the Government's ongoing power-sector reforms, the financial sustainability of distribution companies (DISCOMs), and policy initiatives aimed at strengthening the sector.

The Ministry highlighted the role of the Late Payment Surcharge (LPS) Rules in improving payment discipline, reducing outstanding dues, and enhancing the financial performance of the sector. The discussions also included improvements in operational efficiency in the sector brought about by the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) and the need for sustained structural reforms, improved cost recovery, and greater financial discipline to ensure the long-term financial viability of the sector.

The Ministry further apprised the delegation of the proposed National Electricity Policy, which seeks to strengthen the regulatory and institutional framework, promote efficiency and competition, and address upcoming challenges in the power sector, including reforms in electricity distribution.

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Entire 450 MW Solar Component of NTPC Green Energy Limited Now Under Commercial Operation



NTPC's subsidiary NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) announced declaration of Commercial Operation (COD) of the seventh and last part capacity of 50 MW out of the cumulative 450 MW solar component located in Rajasthan, w.e.f. 00:00 hrs of 2nd October 2026. With this, the entire 450 MW solar component is now under commercial operation.

The commercial capacity of the project is tied up with Railway Energy Management Company Limited (REMCL).

NTPC holds 89.01% stake in NGEL with balance being held by institutional and retail investors. With this, the total installed capacity of NTPC group stands at 91,506 MW and commercial capacity at 90,426 MW.

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5 Oct, 2026

POWERGRID Hands Over Centre of Excellence at PEC Chandigarh and Counselling Centre in Assam



Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has established the “POWERGRID Centre of Excellence” at Punjab Engineering College (PEC), Chandigarh, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. Shri Vamsi Rama Mohan Burra, Chairman & Managing Director, POWERGRID, formally handed over the POWERGRID Centre of Excellence to Prof. Rajesh Kumar Bhatia, Director, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh on 5th October 2026.

The project has been implemented pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between POWERGRID and Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh. The Centre aims to strengthen education and research infrastructure and foster innovation, advanced research, skill development, and industry-academia collaboration.

Additionally, POWERGRID handed over a Counselling Centre at the Office of the Superintendent of Police, Sri-bhumi (Karimganj), Assam, under its CSR initiative. The facility was inaugurated and formally handed over to the Police Department in the presence of Smt. Leena Doley, SSP, and other dignitaries. The Counselling Centre will provide a dedicated space for police personnel and members of the community to access counselling, guidance and emotional support.



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Key News of the Week

The Hindu Business Line

(8 Oct, 2026)

Govt frames pricing norms for land acquired to lay transmission lines

RIGHT OF WAY. Guidelines will apply to ISTS lines in cases where landowners object to the compensation

Rishi Ranjan Kalia
New Delhi

The Power Ministry has issued price guidelines for land acquired to lay inter state transmission system (ISTS) lines.

These guidelines for determining compensation for laying of ISTS lines are to address the Right of Way (RoW) issues in a bid to expedite the laying for power evacuation infrastructure. RoW is among the main reasons for the delay in laying transmission lines, particularly for evacuating renewable energy, from key producing States such as Gujarat and Rajasthan.

The Centre has proposed that the compensation in normal cases will be based on the circle rate or guideline value or the Stamp Act rates

of the land. However, in cases where the market rate exceeds the circle rate, the land value will be determined based on the prevailing market rate as ascertained by the Market Rate Committee (MRC) and in the manner as specified by the State government.

The determined land value will serve as the basis for compensation and will be communicated by the respective District Magistrate or District Collector or Deputy Commissioner to the Transmission Service Provider.

The MRC will include the District Magistrate as the chairperson and the District level officer of Registration Department, SDM of the concerned Sub Division and administrative representative of the civic body in the area. The chairperson can



PEGGING THE VALUE. When the market rate exceeds the circle rate, the land value will be based on the prevailing market rate as ascertained by a panel led by the District Magistrate.

also co-opt up to two additional members as may be required.

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However, the compensation will be paid only for transmission lines supported by a tower base of 66 kV voltage level and above, and not for sub-transmission and distribution lines below 66 kV. These guidelines shall apply to ISTS lines only in

cases where landowners have objected to the compensation because the Circle Rates are below the market rates. State governments may adopt these guidelines in their entirety or issue their own modified policy," the Power Ministry said.

Besides, the guidelines will apply in cases where State governments are yet to specify the manner of determination of value of land.

In the absence of State policy, these guidelines issued by the Centre shall apply for determining compensation, it added.

For evaluating the market rate of the land holding, the district administration will select three valuers from the list of land valuers empanelled by the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India. They should preferably be from the same State. In case there is no adequate pool of valuers in the concerned state, then they may approach adjoining States.

According to a June 2026 report by Axis Securities, India added 12,139 circuit km (km) against a target of 15,382 ckm in FY26. The official target for transmission line was revised downwards to 15,382 ckm from 24,400 ckm in August 2025, citing RoW challenges.

Business Standard

(9 Oct, 2026)

NTPC to invest ₹14K cr in Chhattisgarh coal gasification project

Saket Kumar
& Sudheer Pal Singh
New Delhi, 7 October

State-run NTPC is planning to invest ₹14,000 crore to set up a coal gasification project at Talajpalli in Chhattisgarh. The company is expecting around ₹2,000 crore in government financial support under the Centre's coal gasification scheme for this project, a senior executive said.

The project will produce synthetic natural gas (SNG) at a cost of \$83 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) and have an annual production capacity of 0.5 million tonnes, the executive said. "NTPC is waiting for the viability gap funding (VGF) from the government before it starts the work. The company already has land there," he said.

The executive said the company already completed preliminary feasibility studies and prepared the detailed project report (DPR), and once the government approves the proposal, it expects to receive around ₹2,000 crore in VGF, after which work will start.

NTPC was among the applicants in the first round of the Centre's ₹3,500 crore Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects. The first round received seven applications,

with NTPC's proposal being for SNG. The other applicants included Adani Enterprises, Talcher Fertilisers, Gullant Ispat and Shyam Sel & Power.

The scheme, approved by the Union Cabinet in May, aims to promote conversion of domestic coal and lignite into value-added products including SNG, syngas, methanol, ammonia, urea, hydrogen and synthetic fuels. It has total financial outlay of ₹37,500 crore and targets utilisation of around 75 million tonnes of coal and lignite, contributing towards the national target of 100 million tonnes of coal gasification capacity by 2030.

Under the scheme, financial incentives of up to 20 per cent of eligible plant and machinery cost are available, subject to prescribed ceilings. The incentive for a single project is capped at ₹5,000 crore. The executive said the company is confident about finding a market for the SNG produced at the proposed plant.

The company plans to fund the project through debt and is confident of securing financing from banks. NTPC is also evaluating technology options for the project and is in discussions with several technology providers, mainly foreign companies. The project is expected to be commissioned in four to five years.

The Economic Times

(9 Oct, 2026)

India, Singapore Eye 2,000 MW Power Corridor

Our Bureau

New Delhi: India and Singapore are exploring options for a proposed 2,000 MW cross-border power interconnection, Minister of State for power and renewable energy Shripad Yesso Naik said on Thursday.

One of the options under consideration is a land-based transmission corridor of around 3,000 km connecting Imphal in India to Singa-

pore through Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia, Naik said while addressing the East Asia Summit energy ministers' meeting in Manila.

The proposed interconnection has the potential to facilitate reliable cross-border electricity trade, support clean energy integration and strengthen regional energy security, he said. Naik said India was ready to share its experience in large-scale renewable energy deployment, grid integration, trans-

mission planning, energy storage, green hydrogen and clean energy technologies with the participating easy Asian countries.



He called for greater institutional linkages between the ASEAN Centre for Energy and Indian institutions, including NTPC, Power Grid Corporation, Central Electricity Authority among others. There are opportunities for cooperation on strategic petroleum reserves, electricity system resilience, LNG and gas supply security, renewable energy forecasting, battery energy storage, green hydrogen and other emerging energy technologies in the region, he said.



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