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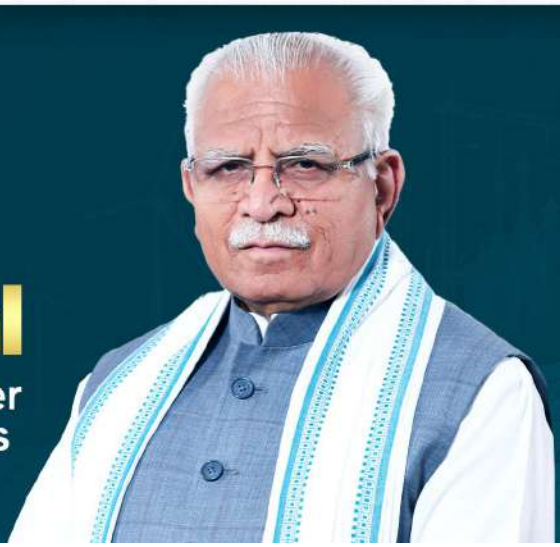
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Weekly Information Bulletin

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Shri Manohar Lal

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

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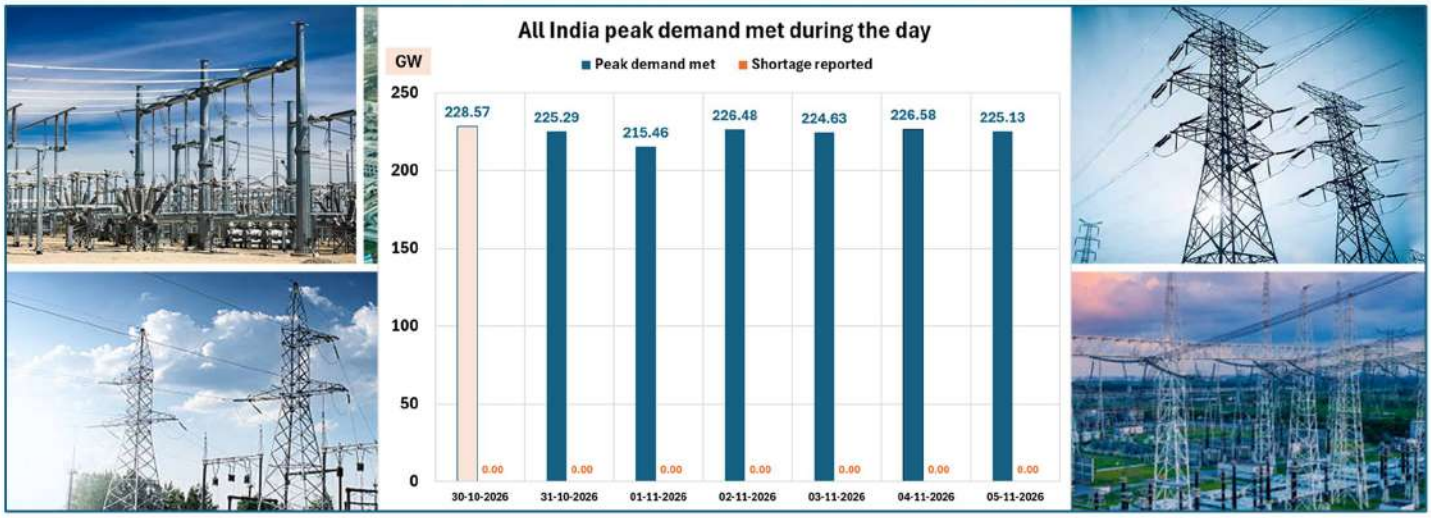
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5 Nov, 2026

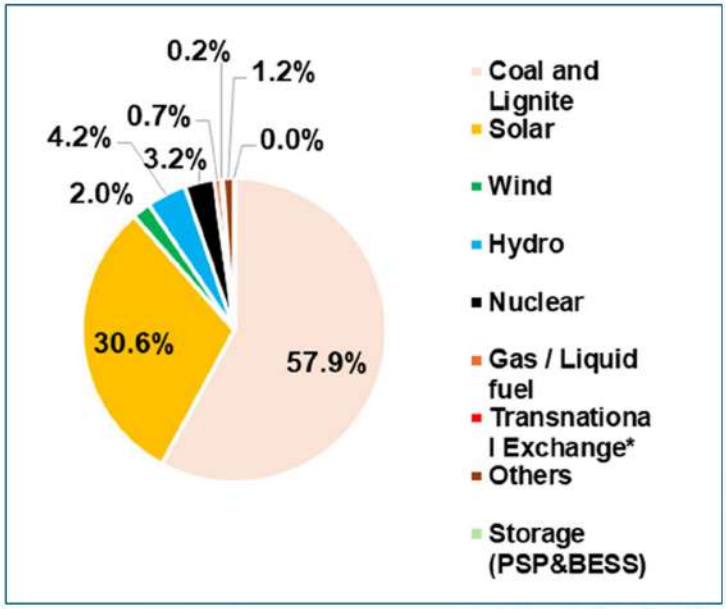
Peak Demand of 228.57 GW Met without Shortage

The chart below presents the daily peak demand met and power shortage reported from 30 October to 5 November 2026



Generation Mix at the time of Peak

Generation source	Generation (GW)	Share of Total generation (%)
Gas / Liquid fuel	1.7	0.7%
Hydro	9.8	4.2%
Nuclear	7.4	3.2%
Coal and Lignite	134.3	57.9%
Wind	4.6	2.0%
Solar	71.0	30.6%
Storage (PSP&BESS)	0.0	0.0%
Others	2.9	1.2%
Transnational Exchange*	0.4	0.2%
TOTAL	**231.9**	**100.0%**



All-India peak demand met and energy consumption recorded growth of 16.1% and 19.1%, respectively, compared with the same period in the previous year.

29 Oct, 2026

Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Commends POWERGRID for Restoring Electricity Across Ladakh in Challenging Conditions





Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, commended the extraordinary courage, dedication and sense of duty displayed by the POWERGRID team in restoring electricity across Ladakh despite extremely challenging weather conditions.

At an altitude of 11,800 feet and a temperature of -10°C, POWERGRID engineers braved heavy snowstorms to bypass a critical cable fault on the 220 kV Alusteng–Drass transmission line and restore electricity across Ladakh at 1204 hrs on 29 October 2026.

The Minister commended the team's professionalism, unwavering determination and commitment to keeping every home illuminated, describing them as unsung heroes who exemplify the highest traditions of service to the nation.

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3 Nov, 2026

Union Minister Manohar Lal Calls for Integrated Approach to Clean Energy Transition at Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026





Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, emphasised the need for an integrated approach to India's energy transition, highlighting that the next terawatt would require not just additional renewable capacity but also infrastructure, technologies and partnerships to ensure reliable power for all. He was speaking at the Ministerial Plenary themed 'The Next Terawatt: From National Successes to Global Solutions' at the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 in New Delhi.

The Minister highlighted the transformation of India's power sector under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, noting that India's solar capacity has grown from 2.82 GW in 2014 to over 168 GW, while the non-fossil share of installed power capacity has reached approximately 55%. He underlined the importance of transmission, energy storage, grid resilience and reliable power supply in advancing the energy transition.

Shri Manohar Lal further stressed the need for innovative financing, bankable projects, digitalisation and AI-driven energy systems. Calling for stronger international cooperation through technology sharing, joint research, capacity building and partnerships, he highlighted the importance of learning from countries such as Zimbabwe and emphasised that national achievements must translate into global solutions for a cleaner, more secure and sustainable energy future.

4 Nov, 2026

Union Minister Manohar Lal Releases Booklet on Preventive Vigilance Initiatives for Systemic Improvement



Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, released a booklet on Preventive Vigilance Initiatives for Systemic Improvement at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.

During the occasion, the Minister was apprised that, as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 (26 October to 1 November), Chief Vigilance Officers (CVOs) of various Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) deliberated on the systemic improvements undertaken in their respective organisations. These initiatives and best practices have been compiled into a booklet to highlight efforts towards strengthening transparency, accountability and institutional efficiency.

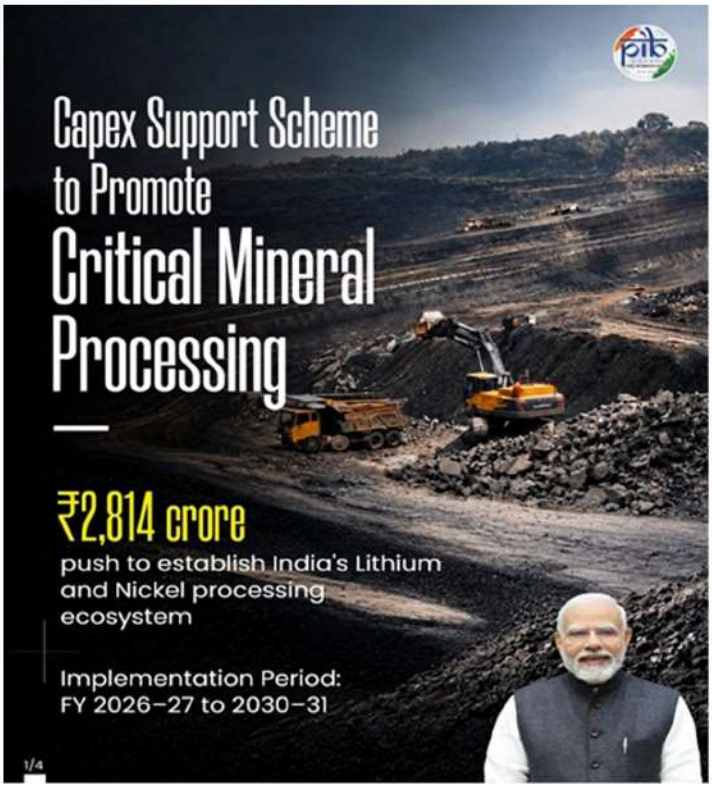
In addition to the booklet release, the Ministry of Power organised an oath-taking ceremony, offline quiz, debate and essay competitions, along with an online quiz in collaboration with MyGov.

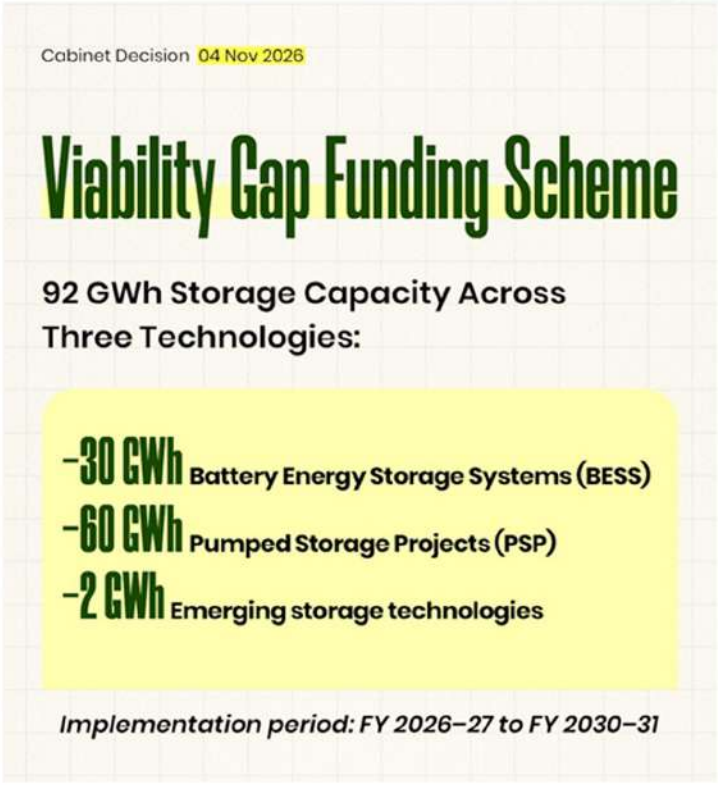
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4 Nov, 2026

Union Minister Manohar Lal Welcomes Cabinet Approval of Initiatives to Strengthen Critical Mineral Processing and Grid-Scale Energy Storage





Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, highlighted the Union Cabinet's approval of several significant initiatives under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, aimed at strengthening India's strategic capabilities, energy security, justice delivery and data governance.

The Cabinet approved the Capex Support Scheme for Critical Mineral Processing, with an outlay of ₹2,814 crore, to provide targeted capital expenditure support for establishing domestic critical mineral processing facilities. The scheme aims to strengthen indigenous processing capabilities, promote value addition within the country, reduce import dependence and develop a robust domestic value chain.

The Cabinet also approved the Viability Gap Funding Scheme for Grid-Scale Energy Storage Systems, with financial support of ₹14,500 crore for FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31. The scheme will facilitate the development of 92 GWh of new grid-scale energy storage capacity, expanding India's energy storage infrastructure and supporting the country's projected requirement of 411 GWh by 2031-32.

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Odisha Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo Calls on Union Power Minister Manohar Lal



Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, called on the Union Minister of 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 in Odisha, including matters relating to the development and strengthening of the state's power infrastructure.



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2 Nov, 2026

SJVN CMD Holds High-Level Meetings in Nepal to Expedite Implementation of Hydropower Projects





Chairman & Managing Director of SJVN, Sh. Bhupender Gupta, held high-level meetings in Kathmandu to expedite the implementation of SJVN's hydropower projects in Nepal. He met the Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Dr. Swarnim Wagle; the Hon'ble Minister of Energy, Water Resources & Irrigation, Sh. Biraj Bhakta Shrestha; and the Chief Executive Officer of Investment Board Nepal (IBN), Ms. Yanki Ukyab. The Secretary (Finance), Joint Secretary (IBN) and other senior officials were also present during the meetings.

The discussions focused on accelerating implementation of SJVN's hydro projects in Nepal, including 900 MW Arun-3 HEP, its associated 217 km Transmission Line and 669 MW Lower Arun HEP.
The key issues discussed included expediting remaining works of Arun-3 HEP, resolving land-related issues and forest clearance constraints affecting execution of transmission line works and securing necessary approvals to advance pre-construction activities for Lower Arun HEP.

The Government of Nepal and SJVN Management agreed on the need for coordinated efforts among concerned authorities to address project-specific challenges and ensure timely implementation of these strategically important projects.

SJVN, through its subsidiaries, SAPDC and SLPDC, is playing a significant role in advancing India-Nepal cooperation in hydro sector, with a focus on strengthening regional energy security, promoting sustainable power generation and contributing to economic development.

31 Oct, 2026

NTPC Discusses Renewable Energy Expansion in Rajasthan, Reports Strong Financial Performance in Q2 FY27

Chairman and Managing Director of NTPC, Shri Gurdeep Singh, met Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, in Jaipur on 29th October 2026. Discussions were held on expanding NTPC's renewable energy portfolio in the State and on improving the efficiency of the coal fleet of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RVUNL).

NTPC announced its Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2026. On a standalone basis, total income for Q2 FY27 grew by 15.12% to ₹46,842 crore from ₹40,689 crore in Q2 FY26, while Profit After Tax (PAT) rose by 14% to ₹5,320 crore from ₹4,653 crore, driven primarily by higher generation and improved operational efficiencies. For the half year ended 30 September 2026, standalone PAT rose by 13% to ₹10,662 crore from ₹9,428 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.





On a consolidated basis, NTPC Group reported a PAT of ₹7,351 crore in Q2 FY27 against ₹5,225 crore in Q2 FY26, registering a growth of 40.68%. Consolidated PAT for the half year ended 30 September 2026 increased by 25.70% to ₹14,247 crore from ₹11,334 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

During H1 FY27, NTPC's coal-based stations achieved a Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 75.11%, against the Rest of India coal PLF of 68.35%. The Board of Directors also declared a first interim dividend of 30% of the paid-up equity share capital, amounting to ₹3 per equity share, for the financial year 2026-27.

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REC Showcases Renewable Energy Financing Strength and ESG Milestones at Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026

REC Limited showcased its significant contribution to India's clean energy transition at the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026, highlighting its renewable energy portfolio of ₹86,660 crore and its role in advancing sustainable growth through strategic financing.



The REC Kiosk was visited by Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, and President, International Solar Alliance (ISA). He was warmly welcomed by REC officials and explored the kiosk's experiential installations, showcasing the company's key financial achievements, renewable energy initiatives and ESG milestones.

Through its participation, REC highlighted its commitment to financing India's renewable energy ambitions and supporting the country's transition towards a sustainable energy future.



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Key News of the Week

The Indian Express
(3 Nov, 2026)



PM Narendra Modi during the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

PM: India to add 500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity in the next 10-11 years

Pratyush Deep
New Delhi, November 2

INDIA WILL add 500 gigawatts (GW) of new non-fossil fuel capacity over the next 10-11 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday.

"This target is somewhat difficult, but I have faith in the capabilities of our country. And that is why I say, 'We will do it'," PM Modi said while speaking at the inaugural session of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026.

"Under the Paris pledge, India had also set a target of meeting half of its installed power capacity from non-fossil sources, and achieved this in 2025 itself. That means we achieved it five years ahead of schedule. Today, more than 50% of our installed power capacity is based on non-fossil sources," he added.

He said India is also working resolutely towards achieving the target of 500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030 and has achieved nearly 300 GW.

"Today, India is among the top three countries in the world in solar and renewable energy," he added.

Currently, India has 308 GW of installed non-fossil capacity, about 55.1% of the total power generation capacity of 558.89 GW, according to data from the Central Electricity Authority.

Modi said that investments in the renewable energy space in India helped the country avert an energy crisis amid the West Asia war.

"If India had not invested in clean energy and created new systems for it over the past decade, our crisis could have been much more serious than that faced by the rest of the world," he added.

"And we all know that the future of energy security lies in clean energy. If we continue to depend heavily on fossil fuels, the global economy will keep facing disruptions...," he added.

Modi said more than $164 billion has been invested in the renewable energy sector over the past decade.

In just two years since the RE-INVEST Summit in 2024, he said investments of around $63 billion have come into the sector.

"It is estimated that by the end of this decade, investment opportunities worth more than Rs 20 lakh crore, or around $220 billion, will emerge in this sector. Therefore, a new horizon of opportunities is going to open up for all of you in India's clean energy sector," he added.

Financial Express
(6 Nov, 2026)

Centre plans mandatory energy storage for discoms

SAURAV ANAND
New Delhi, November 5

THE CENTRE IS planning to make energy storage purchases mandatory for electricity distribution companies (discoms) as part of their renewable power procurement, as it seeks to reduce clean electricity wastage and improve grid reliability. The government aims to finalise the regulations by March 2027.

Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal on Thursday said the proposed requirement would apply to licensed utilities, while renewable energy developers would also face mandatory storage integration norms.

Speaking at the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit in New Delhi, Agarwal said the government was earlier examining the minimum storage requirement, with proposals involving 10% and 20% storage capacity for two-hour durations. However, the final requirement is yet to be decided.

The government expects stakeholder consultations and notification of the regulations to be completed within three months, targeting the end of the current financial year.

Agarwal said the existing advisory for renewable energy developers to integrate storage would be converted into mandatory regulations, alongside procurement-related requirements for utilities. The move comes a day after the Union Cabinet approved ₹14,500 crore in viability gap funding to support 92 gigawatt-hours of energy storage capacity by FY31. The proposed mandate comes amid growing renewable energy curtailments. About 11% of solar power generated during the hottest months this year was lost to grid restrictions despite record electricity demand. Storage systems can absorb surplus renewable generation and release electricity during periods of high demand and improve the utilisation of existing transmission.

RENEWABLE BOOST

- The proposed mandate will also require renewable energy developers to integrate storage systems into their projects
- The government aims to finalise and notify the regulations by March 2027 after stakeholder consultations
- The Centre is considering minimum storage requirements of 10%-20% capacity for 2-hour durations



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Key News of the Week

Hindustan Times
(31 oct, 2026)

SJVN advances sustainability goals

SHIMLA : SJVN undertook a series of initiatives under Special Campaign 6.0 across all its projects and offices organised under the guidance of the Union ministry of power. In a statement issued on Friday, SJVN announced the systematic disposal of 13.32 tonnes of used batteries from its corporate headquarters (7,500 kg) and the Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station (NJHPS) (5,820 kg), generating a cumulative value of ₹16,11,453. HTC

The Millennium Post
(2 Nov, 2026)

POWERGRID Q2 net profit up over 8% to ₹3,866 cr

MPOST BUREAU
New Delhi, November 1



State-owned Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (POWERGRID) on Sunday posted over eight per cent year-on-year rise in its consolidated net profit at Rs 3866.16 crore in September quarter.

The consolidated net profit of the company was Rs 3,566.08 crore in the quarter ended on September 30, 2025, an exchange filing showed.

Total income rose to Rs 12,055.11 crore in the quarter from Rs 11,670.24 crore in the same period year ago.

The company's board also approved payment of first interim dividend of Rs 3 per equity share of Rs 10 each (@30 per cent of the paid-up equity share capital) for the financial year 2026-27.

The record date for the purpose of payment of dividend shall be Friday, 6th November, 2026 and first interim dividend will be paid to the members on Monday, 30th November, 2026.

In a statement, the company said it incurred a capital expenditure of Rs 16,864 crore and capitalized assets worth Rs 9,300 crore (excluding FERV and including assets capitalized as finance lease) on consolidated basis till September 30, 2026.

Power Grid's Gross Fixed Assets on consolidated basis stood at Rs 3,29,852 crore (including Gross Lease Receivables) as on September 30, 2026.

At the end of Q2FY27, the total transmission assets of the company and its subsidiaries stood at 1,87,576 ckm (circuit kilometre) of transmission lines, 293 substations and 6,49,116 MVA of transformation capacity.

The company maintained average transmission system availability of 99.81 per cent till Q2FY27.

The Millennium Post
(2 Nov, 2026)

India's power usage rises 21.88% to 159.76 BU in Oct

The country's total power consumption was 131.07 BU in October 2025

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, November 1



India's power consumption grew 21.88 per cent year-on-year to 159.76 billion units (BU) in October, largely fueled by increased commercial and industrial demand amid ongoing festival season and also continuous use of cooling appliances across the country.

The country's total power consumption was 131.07 BU in October 2025.

According to experts, the rise in commercial and industrial demand of electricity amid ongoing festival season as well as continuous use of cooling appliances October in many parts of the country pushed power consumptions in the month.

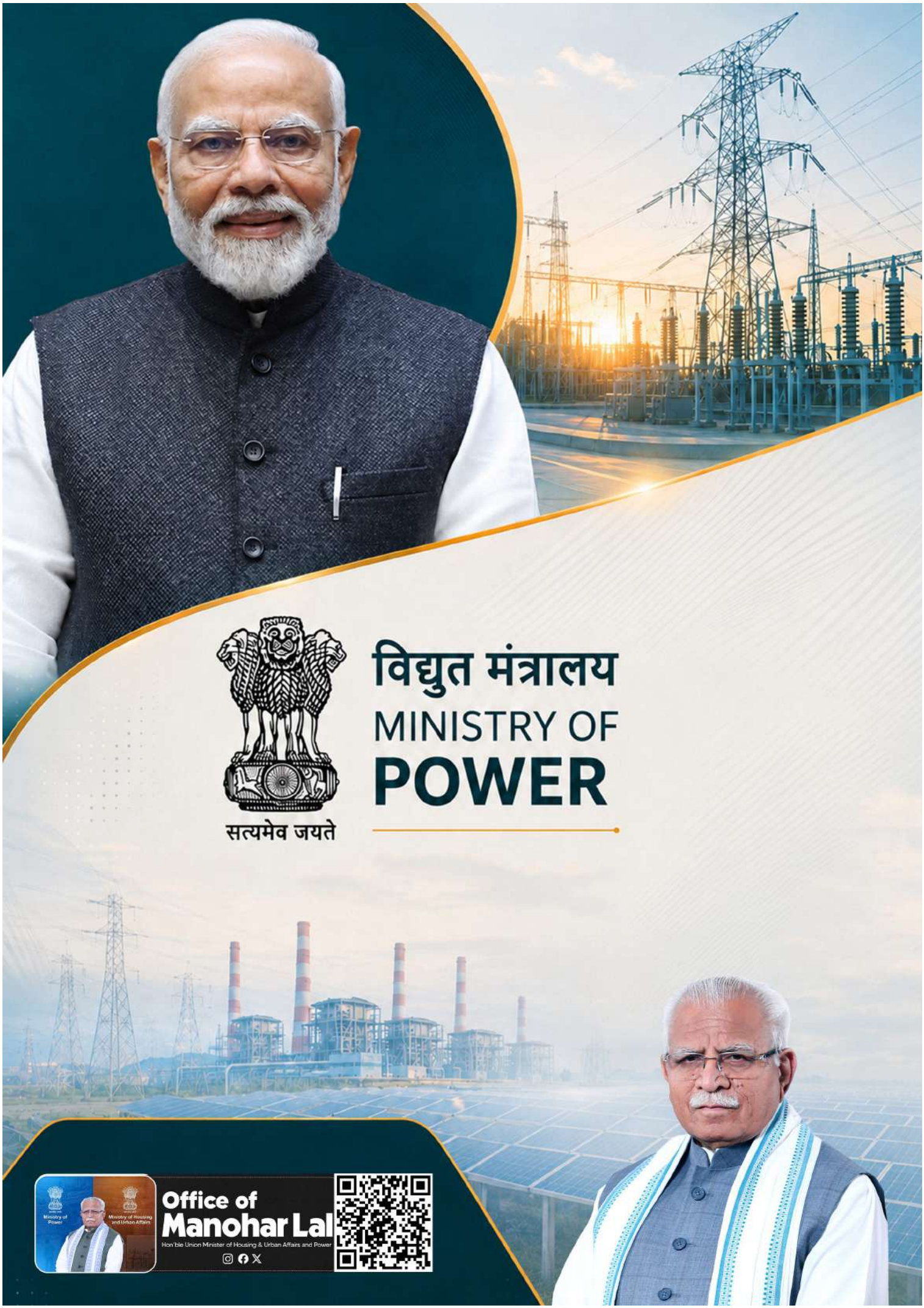
CLOSER LOOK

- The peak power demand also jumped to 260.73 GW last month from 210.82 GW in October 2025
- India's peak power demand had hit the record high of 270.82 GW in May 2026
- The Ministry of Power has projected 270 GW of peak power demand during the summer season in 2026

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Experts projected steady power demand in October, with a likely increase in industrial and commercial requirements ahead of the festival season. They were of the view that power demand and consumption will remain steady in November as well, due to festivities and above-normal temperatures across most of the country.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), above-normal maximum temperatures are likely over most parts of India in November, except for some regions along the foothills of the Himalayas where normal to below-normal maximum temperatures are expected.


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