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गेल्या आठवड्यात आपल्या भारतीय संस्कृतीतील सर्वात मोठा असा 'दीपावली' चा सण आपण सर्वांनी अतिशय उत्साहात साजरा केला. त्या निमित्ताने बऱ्याच व्यापारी मित्रांचे आर्थिक वर्ष सुरू होतात त्यासाठी सर्वांना हार्दिक शुभेच्छा!

मागील महिन्यात बऱ्याच विभागांच्या वार्षिक सभा संपन्न झाल्या. त्यामध्ये नाशिक, धुळे, अहिल्यानगर, पिंपरी-चिंचवड, कोकण, ठाणे, पुणे व पश्चिम महाराष्ट्र या विभागांच्या वार्षिक सभा होत्या. सर्व विभागांनी अतिशय सुंदर व निटनेटके नियोजन केलेले होते. सर्व विभागांच्या वार्षिक सभामध्ये विविध कंपनीच्या नवीन नवीन उत्पादनांचे प्रदर्शन आयोजित करण्यात आले होते. या निमित्ताने आपल्या सभासदांच्या तंत्रज्ञानात भर पडली असून या पुढील काळात येणारे बदल स्विकारण्यास आपण आता सज्ज होत आहोत.

सर्व विभागांच्या वार्षिक सभामध्ये सभासदांची उपस्थिती अतिशय चांगली होती. तसेच इतर विभागातील सभासद, पदाधिकारी यांनी मोठ्या संख्येने उपस्थिती लावल्यामुळे सभासदांमध्ये मैत्री, बंधुभाव निर्माण होण्यास मदत होत आहे. या निमित्ताने एकमेकांच्या अडी-अडचणी, प्रश्न याबाबत साधक बाधक चर्चा होऊन संघटना वाढीस पोषक वातावरण निर्माण होते. तसेच सर्व विभागात निवडणुका झाल्याने नवनिर्वाचित पदाधिकाऱ्यांनी कार्यभार स्विकारला असून त्यांना त्यांच्या पुढील वाटचालीसाठी शुभेच्छा! तसेच नवीन पदाधिकाऱ्यांनी सभासदांच्या

अडी-अडचणी, प्रश्न सोडवण्यासाठी कटिबद्ध होऊन आता नवीन जोमाने सभासद संख्या वाढीसाठी काम करण्यास सुरुवात करावी.

आता फक्त जळगाव विभागाची वार्षिक सभा बाकी असून त्यानंतर आपल्या संघटनेची वार्षिक सर्वसाधारण सभा डिसेंबरच्या पहिल्या आठवड्यात होत असून त्या निमित्ताने आपणा सर्वांना एकत्र भेटण्याचा योग येणार आहे. त्यासाठी सर्वांनी जास्तीत जास्त संख्येने उपस्थिती नोंदवावी.

आपल्या संघटनेमार्फत एप्रिल २०२६ मध्ये ४, ५ व ६ रोजी नेस्को, गोरेगांव, मुंबई येथे भव्य प्रदर्शनाचे आयोजन केलेले असून त्यासाठी आपल्या सर्वांचे सहकार्य, उपस्थिती आवश्यक असून त्यासाठी सर्व सभासद सक्रिय सहभाग घेऊन आपला हा कार्यक्रम नक्कीच यशस्वी करतील याबाबत मला खात्री आहे.

सभासदांनी आपल्या क्षेत्रात येणाऱ्या नवीन संधी व नवीन तंत्रज्ञान अवगत करून घेण्यासाठी कायम तत्पर रहाणे आवश्यक आहे. दिवसेंदिवस आपल्या क्षेत्रात नवीन नवीन संधी उपलब्ध होत असून त्यासाठी आपण आपल्याला Technosavvy करणे आवश्यक आहे.

सर्व सभासदांना तसेच व्यापाऱ्यांना नवीन आर्थिक वर्षाच्या पुनश्चः शुभेच्छा!

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इकॅम ठाणे विभागाची ७ वी वार्षिक सभा दिनांक ४ ऑक्टोबर २०२५ रोजी समारंभ लॉन अँड बॅन्कट, द कोर्ट यार्ड रेस्टॉरंट जवळ, ओवळा, घोडबंदर रोड, ठाणे येथे खेळीमेळीच्या वातावरणात संपन्न झाली. इकॅमतर्फे प्रभारी अध्यक्ष श्री. उमेश रेखे, महासचिव श्री. देवांग ठाकूर, खजिनदार श्री. रावसाहेब रकीबे तसेच सर्व विभागीय चेअरमन आणि संचालक उपस्थित होते. निवडणुकीत श्री. माधव गद्रे यांची चेअरमनपदी, श्री. अजय सावंत यांची सचिवपदी आणि श्री. अक्षय कोथूर, श्री. दर्यावसिंग गिरासे, श्री. अविनाश नायडू, श्री. आनंद बडगुजर, श्री. बाळासाहेब शेख यांची कार्यकारी सदस्य म्हणून निवड झाली. त्याबद्दल त्यांचे अभिनंदन आणि पुढील वाटचालीसाठी शुभेच्छा! सदर प्रसंगी एका छोटेल्या प्रदर्शनाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते.

इकॅम पश्चिम महाराष्ट्र विभागाची १३ वी वार्षिक सभा दिनांक ८ ऑक्टोबर २०२५ रोजी लेक व्ह्यू, गोडोली, सातारा येथे खेळीमेळीच्या वातावरणात संपन्न झाली. इकॅमतर्फे प्रभारी अध्यक्ष श्री. उमेश रेखे तसेच विभागीय चेअरमन आणि संचालक उपस्थित होते. निवडणुकीत श्री. सचिन रणदिवे यांची चेअरमनपदी, श्री. महेंद्र कदम यांची सचिवपदी आणि श्री. दीपक कदम, श्री. मिलिन घाडगे यांची कार्यकारी सदस्य म्हणून निवड झाली. त्याबद्दल त्यांचे अभिनंदन आणि पुढील वाटचालीसाठी शुभेच्छा! सदर वार्षिक सभेस सभासदांचा उत्स्फूर्त प्रतिसाद मिळाला. वार्षिक सभेनंतर सुग्रास भोजनाच्या कार्यक्रमाने या कार्यक्रमाने सांगता झाली.

इकॅम पुणे विभागाची ४१ वी वार्षिक सभा दिनांक ११ ऑक्टोबर २०२५ रोजी ज्ञानल मंगल कार्यालय (सॅफरॉन बॅन्कट), रामबाग

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Investing in power stocks?



Utilities in the power sector present an interesting investment case at this moment.

Most power stocks have lost substantial ground in the past 12 months.

FY25 results were moderate and Q1FY26 results were poor, with lower-than-expected peak and base demand.

A recovery in demand in H2FY26 could trigger investment interest at current, reduced valuations.

Amidst long-term trends, there are plans to increase coal thermal capacity and also a pickup in battery energy storage systems or BESS (and pumped storage plants or PSP) to meet long-term peak demand as more intermittent renewable capacity is wheeled onto grids.

The dependence on external components for BESS and solar also implies India is exposed to geopolitical, supply-chain risks.

The demand weakness of FY26 till date has been weather-induced with excess rains leading to lower cooling needs.

The long-term demand trajectory remains strong.

Projects under planning and in various stages of progress indicate coal thermal will add 86Gw between FY25-35, up from earlier estimates of 68Gw. Equipment ordering for at least 26Gw of this capacity may take longer than estimated, extending timelines.

The BESS capacity addition is being supported by viability gap funding schemes and waivers of interstate transmission charges.

PSP capacity targets are unchanged at 32Gw by FY32.

Many PSP projects will enter the execution phase soon giving a clearer picture of timelines.

A demand uptick in H2FY26 may lead to renewed interest in beaten-down power stock.

Incidentally, NTPC is looking to start a \$6 billion nuclear power project soon.

Apart from NTPC's nuclear plans, NHPC could see a steady earnings growth of 20 per cent or more per year

due to the launch of large hydro projects, and CESC is looking at entry into solar modules and cells with a solar module plant starting in Q3FY26.

JSW Energy may see some earnings per share or EPS downgrade due to the weak merchant power market.

FY26 to date has witnessed subdued power generation, with demand growth of just 0.6 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) up to August 2025. Power generation was up 3 per cent between September 1–18. October demand will be a key monitorable.

Coal inventories remain at around 20-plus days of supply vs 14-plus a year ago, which has moderated offtake for Coal India (volumes down 4 per cent Y-o-Y till August '25).

Market pricing on exchanges is weak, with day ahead market tariffs lower by 18 per cent Y-o-Y in September.

Valuations are down with most sector stocks trading between 2.0–2.2 times price to book value or PBV, which is 35–40 per cent below recent peaks.

On the supply side, performance is strong.

Hydro generation is up 9 per cent Y-o-Y, solar and wind have grown by 25 per cent, and 9 per cent Y-o-Y, respectively.

The mix shows a focus on clean energy.

Stable nuclear availability if it occurs would also be a positive.

Total installed capacity reached 496 Gw (August 2025), with addition of 45 Gw over the past year.

Renewables accounted for 89 per cent of incremental capacity, raising the renewable share in overall capacity to 39 per cent.

Coal India's volume offtake was up 9 per cent Y-o-Y for August '25 with a base effect, after underperformance earlier in FY26, where CIL had degrowth of 6 per cent Y-o-Y.

Captive and commercial coal production registered 13 per cent Y-o-Y volume increase. Imported coal prices remain soft.

Apart from generators, power grid remains a key player as transmission investments are a given and the PSU dominates the transmission segment.



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DRDO signs MoU to develop 300 MW solar projects across its establishments

The DRDO stated that this agreement aims to establish self-reliant, Net-Zero campuses across all strategic DRDO locations by 2027.

Defence Research & Development Organisation on Tuesday signed an MoU to collaborate on the development of 300 MW capacity of solar-based renewable energy projects across DRDO establishments in India.

In a post on X, the DRDO stated that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), which operates under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

"Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) under the Ministry of Defence and the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on the development of 300 MW capacity of solar-based renewable energy projects across DRDO establishments in India," wrote DRDO.

The MoU exchange ceremony took place at DRDO Bhawan in New Delhi. Dr Samir V. Kamat, Secretary of the Department of Defence R & D and Chairman of DRDO, along with Santosh Kumar Sarangi, IAS, Secretary of the

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, attended the event.

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Earlier, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with the Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) and the Tri-Services, formally released Indian Radio Software Architecture (IRSA) standard 1.0 to enable interoperability in Military Communication, during the National workshop at DRDO Bhawan in New Delhi. According to a release issued by the Ministry of Defence, IRSA is a comprehensive software specification for Software Defined Radios (SDR), defining standardised interfaces, APIs, execution environments, and waveform portability mechanisms.

IRSA is designed to ensure waveform portability, SDR Interoperability, Certification and Conformance. The launch of IRSA represents a defining step in India's journey toward self-reliance in defence communication technologies, embodying the vision of building indigenous, interoperable, and future-ready SDR solutions -- designed in India, for India and ready for the world.



Maharashtra's largest decentralized solar project

Maharashtra's largest decentralized solar project, the 16,000 MW Mukhyamantri Saur Krushi Vahini Yojana (MSKVY) 2.0, aims to provide daytime power to farmers and is expected to be completed by March 2026. This project is a key initiative for solarizing agriculture and is attracting significant private investment and creating jobs. Several smaller projects under this umbrella are already being commissioned.

Key features of MSKVY 2.0

- **Capacity:** 16,000 MW of decentralized solar power generation.
- **Timeline:** Expected to be completed by March 2026.
- **Investment:** Attracting around ₹65,000 crore in private investment.
- **Target audience:** Farmers, to provide them with daytime power for irrigation at a lower cost.
- **Cost of electricity:** Projected to be around ₹3 per unit for farmers.
- **Implementation:** The project is being implemented by the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution

Company Ltd (MSEDCL) with private parties. Current status

● Commissioned projects:

As of late 2025, a portion of the project's capacity is already commissioned and the number of commissioned projects is rapidly increasing.

● Inaugurated projects:

The first five solar parks, with a combined capacity of 19 MW, were formally inaugurated by the Prime Minister in October 2024.

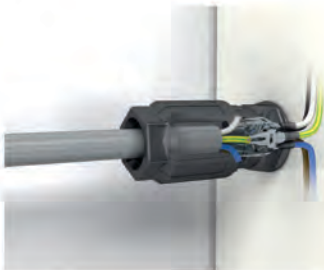
● Project tenders:

Tenders have been completed for a significant portion of the total capacity, and work orders have been issued.

Project goals

- **Solarize agriculture:** The primary goal is to provide reliable daytime power for agricultural needs.
- **Reduce losses:** Aims to reduce distribution losses in the grid.
- **Job creation:** Expected to create 50,000 jobs in rural areas.





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PM Modi Launches STEP In Maharashtra: What Is Short-Term Employability Programme & How to Apply | Details Inside

STEP is a pioneering initiative by the Department of Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation in Maharashtra.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 8 virtually inaugurated the Short-Term Employability Program (STEP). STEP is a pioneering initiative by the Department of Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation in Maharashtra.

The program has been rolled out across 400 Government ITIs and 150 Government Technical High Schools, marking a major step in aligning skill development with industry requirements to enhance employability.

What will STEP do?

STEP will establish 2,500 new training batches, including 364 exclusive batches for women and 408 batches in emerging technology courses such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Electric Vehicles (EV), Solar, and Additive Manufacturing etc.

How to apply for STEP?

- Visit on the official website i.e. <https://msbsvet.edu.in/>
- Click on Register Here?
- Fill in the Registration Details including your name, Date of Birth, Gender, etc
- Enter the Captch and click on Register
- Once Registered, login using ID and Password
- Fill in the complete candidate profile by entering address, qualification, training details, bank details,

work experience

- Once all sections of Profile are complete the entire profile shall be displayed. Candidate has to reconfirm all the information carefully and 'Lock Profile Form' and later take a print out.

- Candidate can now search for admission and select the courses they wish to select and apply through their login.

According to IANS report, the department expects 75,000 trainees will be provided employable skill training this year while the number will increase to 1 lakh trainees next year. In addition to this, the report also added that training fees will range somewhere between Rs 1000-Rs 5000 per month.

Speaking about the programe, Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Minister of Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, said, "Under this program, a total of 2,506 units will be started in 419 government industrial training institutes (ITIs) and 141 government technical schools in the state. Through this initiative, skill education is being decentralised, and the courses have been selected according to local demand and public interest. The institution management committees of each district will run these courses at the local level. This will increase local participation and accountability in all aspects of education planning, implementation and quality control."

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SECI announces auction results for 2 GW solar and 4 GWh energy storage auction

The Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) has announced the results of its 2 GW inter-state transmission system connected solar power projects coupled with 1,000 MW/4,000 MWh energy storage systems.

The auction winners and their awarded capacities include Shivalaya Construction (600 MW), Purvah Green Power (300 MW), Welspun Renewable Energy (200 MW), and MB Power (Madhya Pradesh) (150 MW). Additional winners include Banyan Insolation (100 MW), Stockwell Solar Services (80 MW), LC Infra Projects (50 MW) and Oswal Cables (50 MW), all of which secured capacities at a tariff of Rs 2.86 per kWh. Separately, SAEL Industries (300 MW), GH2 Solar (50 MW), and Navayuga (120 MW) won capacities at a tariff of Rs 2.87 per kWh.



ACME Solar commissions 28 MW wind project in Gujarat

ACME Solar Holdings Limited has commissioned the first 28 MW phase of its 100 MW ACME Eco Clean wind power project at Surendranagar, Gujarat. The project was financed by Power Finance Corporation and was developed through in-house engineering procurement and construction using SANY Group's 4 MW wind turbines. Power is pooled at a 33/220 kV station and evacuated via a dedicated 220 kV single circuit line to the Shapar substation, which is shared with ACME's existing 50 MW wind project. A 25-year power purchase agreement has been signed with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited.



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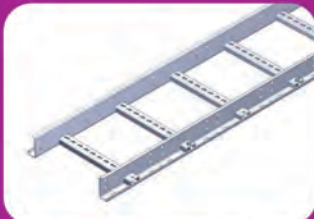
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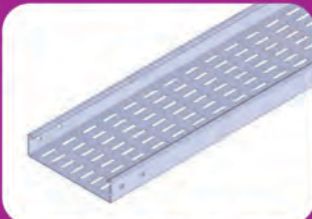


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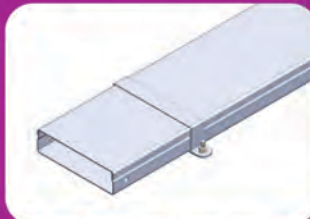
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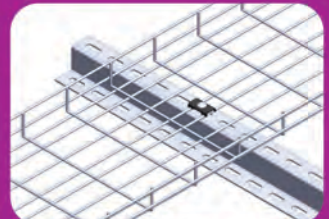
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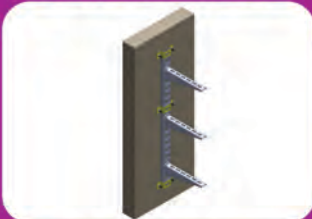
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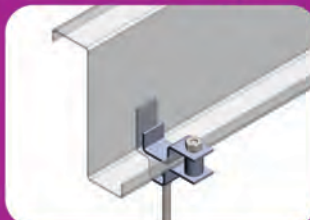
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Essar signs three MoUs with Gujarat Govt totalling Rs 55,000 Crore in Energy Transition, Power, and Ports Sectors

Essar signed three Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the Government of Gujarat for a total investment of Rs 55,000 crore ahead of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024.

Essar is in a renewed phase of making strategic investments in the field of Energy Transition, Power and Port sectors in the state. This initiative aims to create over 10,000 job opportunities.

Over the last four decades, Essar has invested more than Rs 1 lakh crore in the Energy, Metals & Mining and Infrastructure sectors in Gujarat.

Gujarat has played a crucial role in Essar's growth story. The company's investments in core industrial projects have enhanced the state's industrial landscape, serving as a case-study for the state's potential as an investment destination.

On the signing of the MoU, Mr. Prashant Ruia, Director at Essar Capital, commented, "Gujarat has consistently been at the forefront of Essar's strategic investments. We are delighted to further contribute to the state's economic progress with an additional investment of Rs 55,000 crore in the Energy & Infrastructure sectors."

Investment in Energy Transition: Essar has signed an MOU to develop a 1 Gigawatt Green Hydrogen project. This initiative involves an estimated investment of Rs 30,000 crore.

Investment in Power Generation sector: Essar Power has announced an additional investment of Rs 16,000

crore for Phase-II expansion at its Salaya Power Plant.

Investment in the Ports Sector: Essar Ports is set to transform its Salaya port into a logistics hub with an investment of Rs. 10,000 crore.

The signing of these agreements signifies Essar's commitment to continue its contribution to Gujarat's multifaceted growth trajectory.

About Essar

Essar Global Fund Limited (EGFL) is a global investor which invests in building and nurturing world-class assets diversified across the core sectors of Energy (comprising of Energy Transition, Exploration & Production, Refining & Marketing and Power businesses), Infrastructure & Logistics (comprising Ports, Projects and Green Mobility businesses), Metals & Mining (Green Steel project and DRI pellets) and Technology & Retail (comprising Shipping, Oilfield services, Technology Solutions and FnV Retail).

EGFL portfolio companies have aggregate revenues of US\$15 billion and employ over 7,000 people. Its investments are managed by Essar Capital that monitors the entire portfolio of investments owned by EGFL.

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SWREL secures solar EPC orders worth Rs 17.72 billion across India and South Africa

Sterling and Wilson Renewable Energy Limited (SWREL) has secured three new solar engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contracts totalling approximately Rs 17.72 billion, pushing its cumulative EPC order inflows this fiscal to over Rs 37.75 billion. SWREL has been declared L1 for two domestic balance-of-system solar EPC projects, a 363 MWp direct current (DC) photovoltaic (PV) project in Rajasthan and a 580 MWp DC PV project in Uttar Pradesh. Additionally, the company has received a letter of intent for a 115 MWp DC solar project in South Africa, valued at approximately USD120 million.

ACME Solar signs PPA with Tata Power-DDL for 50 MW FDRE project

ACME Solar has signed a 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA) with Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power-DDL) for a 50 MW firm and dispatchable renewable energy (FDRE) project.

The PPA follows the letter of award issued in September 2025. The agreement was signed at a tariff of Rs 4.43 per unit, with a minimum annual capacity utilisation factor of 40 per cent and four hours of peak-hour supply with 90 per cent monthly availability. The project will integrate solar and battery energy storage systems to ensure firm power supply during peak demand.

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Tata Power Renewables signs PPA with Tata Power Mumbai Distribution to Set up 80 MW Firm and Dispatchable Renewable Energy Project

Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL), a subsidiary of The Tata Power Company Limited and a prominent player in India's renewable energy sector, has entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Tata Power Mumbai Distribution for a contracted capacity of 80 MW Firm and Dispatchable Renewable Energy (FDRE) project.

The project will integrate advanced solar, wind and battery storage systems to enable reliable energy dispatch during peak demand, thereby strengthening grid stability.

The project, to be completed within **24 months**, is expected to generate approximately **315 million units (MUs) of electricity annually**, mitigating over **0.25 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions per year**. A key feature of this initiative is the commitment to a **4-hour peak power supply**, ensuring at least **90% availability** during peak demand hours to support the growing energy needs of Tata Power Mumbai Distribution.

This project will play a pivotal role in helping Tata Power Mumbai Distribution meet its Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO), as mandated by the State's Regulatory Commission.

Once commissioned, the clean energy generated from this project will be seamlessly integrated into Tata Power's Mumbai distribution network, enabling the delivery of reliable, low-emission electricity to around 8 lakh customers across residential, commercial, and industrial consumers.

This collaboration reinforces TPREL's position as a trusted leader in India's renewable energy sector. With a steadfast commitment to sustainability and innovation, the company continues to drive forward India's mission of a greener and more resilient energy future.

With this addition, TPREL's total renewable utility capacity is 11.3 GW (PPA capacity is 9.4 GW) including 5.7 GW projects under various stages of implementation and its operational capacity is 5.6 GW,



which includes 4.6 GW solar and 1 GW wind. Presently, the company's solar EPC portfolio is more than 15.7 GWp of ground-mount utility-scale and over 3 GW of rooftop and distributed ground-mounted systems. TPREL aims to provide energy access to millions of people across the country via its integrated green energy solutions.



Avaada Electro files confidential IPO papers with SEBI to raise up to Rs 100 billion

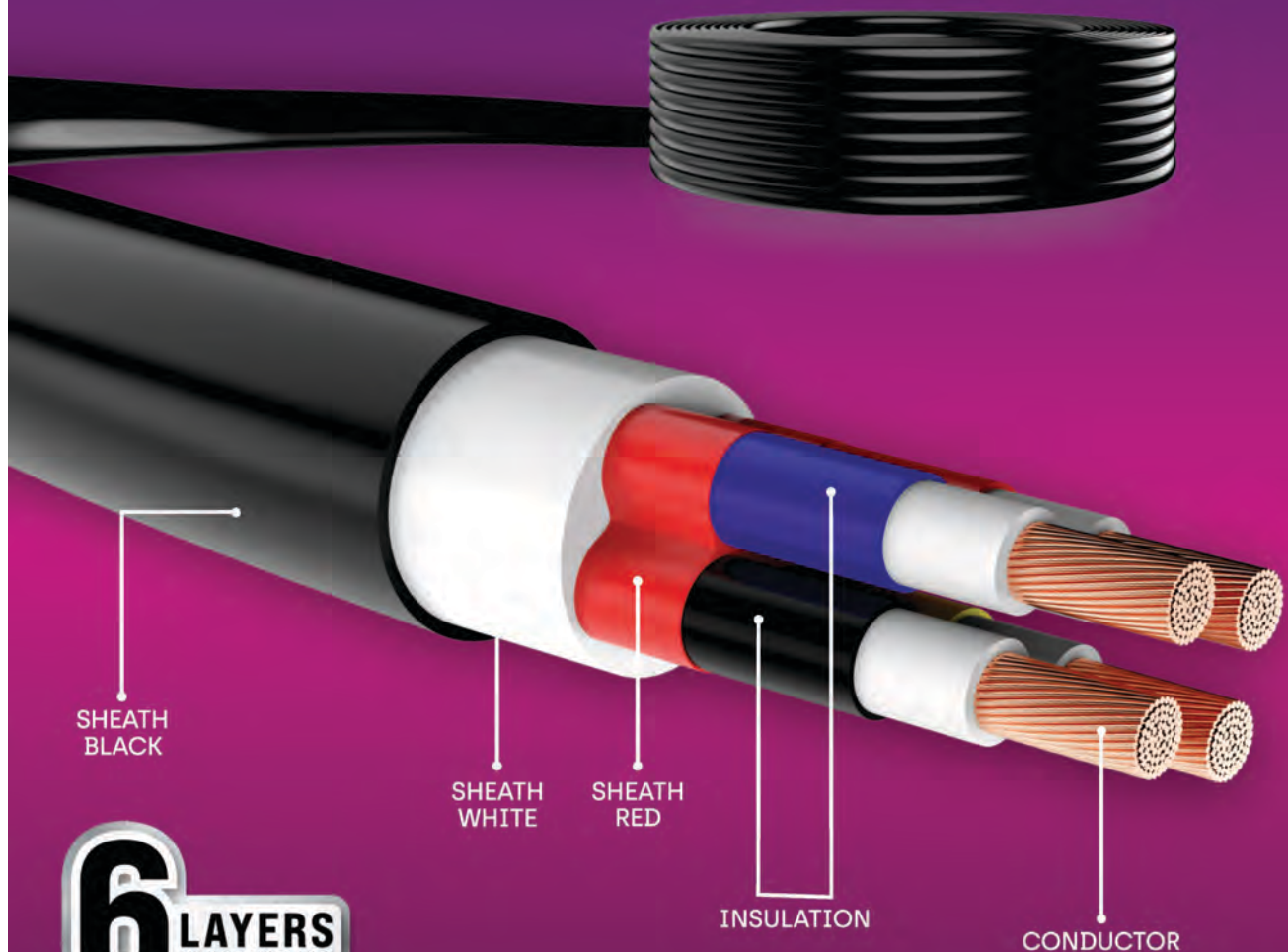
Avaada Electro, the solar manufacturing arm of the Brookfield-backed Avaada Group has filed confidential papers with the securities and exchange board of India (SEBI) to raise Rs 90–100 billion through an initial public offering (IPO).

The IPO is expected to include a mix of fresh issue and offer-for-sale components. According to sources, the company is targeting a valuation between Rs 1.10 trillion and Rs 1.30 trillion. Proceeds will be used to expand manufacturing capacity, including a 5.1 GW integrated solar cell and module facility in Uttar Pradesh and scale-up at the existing Butibori plant in Maharashtra.



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Avaada Group Inks ₹36,000 Cr MoU with Gujarat Govt; Plans to Setup 5 GW Solar, 1 GW Wind, 5 GWh BESS Projects

Avaada Group, a diversified energy conglomerate, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Gujarat for investing an aggregate amount of ₹36,000 crore across Solar, Wind and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects in the State. The MoU, which was signed at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2025, reaffirms the company's commitment to driving India's green energy transition and supporting Gujarat's vision of becoming a hub for clean and sustainable energy.

Under the agreement, Avaada Group will establish 5 GW capacity of Solar Power Projects, 1 GW capacity of Wind Power Project and 5 GWh capacity of BESS Projects across Kutchh, Banaskantha and Surendranagar districts of Gujarat. This will help enhance grid reliability by ensuring efficient storage and dispatch of green power. All the projects are expected to commence between 2027-2030.

The projects together are estimated to generate over 1000 direct and 2,000 indirect green jobs in the State. Additionally, these projects are expected to generate employment opportunities for close to 5,000 people during the construction phase.

Mr. Vineet Mittal, Chairman of Avaada Group, said: "Our solar power journey started with India's first large-scale, ground-mounted 15MWp solar plant in Gujarat. With the signing of this MoU, we are proud to partner with the Government of Gujarat in its journey towards sustainable growth. We believe this investment is a step forward in realising India's renewable energy ambitions, enhancing energy security and reducing carbon emissions. At Avaada Group, we are firmly committed to expand all the renewable sources of energy and make it as reliable as conventional power to supply round-the-clock green power at affordable price and shape a sustainable, self-reliant nation."

Project Details:

Together, these projects will accelerate the State's

transition to clean and affordable energy along with delivering firm green power beyond solar hours through advanced battery storage. The integrated renewable portfolio will significantly enhance grid reliability, while cutting down more than 12 Million tons of CO₂ emissions and conserving approximately 166 million litres of water annually through robotic module cleaning technology.

Avaada Group's 280 MW solar power project at Surendranagar in Gujarat was recently inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. Developed under the Gujarat State Solar Policy, the project spans over 1,170 acres in the villages of Tavi and Varsani in Surendranagar district and entails a total investment of ₹1,500 crore. It is equipped with Avaada Electro's ALMM-certified, Make in India TOPCon N-Type bifacial solar PV modules, reflecting a strong emphasis on domestic manufacturing and technological innovation.

Hon'ble Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the company's 100 MW solar power project in Vadodara district. Spread across 350 acres, the project is expected to entail a total investment of ₹400 crore.

With a strong focus on **community development**, Avaada has launched several initiatives to uplift local communities. It conducts **free tuition classes**, **educational trips**, and **career counselling sessions** for students, and has set up a **computer lab** at a primary school to promote digital learning. Through its **Stitching Centre**, it also empowers **women with cutting and stitching skills**, helping them achieve financial independence.

These projects embody Avaada's commitment to India's goals of energy independence, decarbonisation, and sustainable growth, while delivering tangible socio-economic benefits for the people of Gujarat.





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Public Anger Mounts over EPFO's Harsh New Norms 1 Year Wait for Withdrawal, 3 Year Delay for Pension and Permanent 25% Lock-in

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has triggered widespread outrage with its newly-approved withdrawal rules which many see as a blow to India's salaried class. Under the revised framework, employees who lose their jobs will have to wait 12 months instead of two to fully access their provident fund savings, while complete withdrawal of pension funds will be allowed only after three years of unemployment. Adding to the discontent, EPFO has mandated that 25% of every member's accumulated savings must remain locked in their account until retirement — effectively denying workers full control over their own money. Critics argue that the move undermines financial security during emergencies and reflects the government's apprehension over rising unemployment. Opposition leaders and industry experts have condemned the policy as 'anti-worker' and 'regressive', warning it could deepen financial distress for millions of households already battling job instability.

At its 238th central board of trustees (CBT) meeting, chaired by Union minister for labour Mansukh Mandaviya, EPFO approved sweeping changes to withdrawal protocols that have drawn sharp criticism from political leaders and industry representatives. At the centre of the controversy lies a fundamental tension between access to liquidity and retirement security.

The revised structure consolidates withdrawal provisions into three distinct categories. Under the essential needs category, members can withdraw for medical treatment, education-related expenses, and marriage costs — with education-related withdrawals now permitted up to 10 times and marriage withdrawals up to five times. The housing needs category covers property-related financial requirements, while special circumstances include situations such as natural calamities, epidemic outbreaks and continuous unemployment, notably without requiring members to justify their withdrawal reasons.

Members can now access up to 100% of their eligible provident fund (PF) balance, encompassing employee and employer contributions. However, the mandatory retention of 25% as a minimum balance means effective access is limited to 75% of the total corpus. The minimum

service period for partial withdrawals has been standardised to 12 months across all categories, eliminating previously varied requirements.

The most controversial aspect of the reforms involves dramatically extended waiting periods for full fund access following job loss. Workers who could earlier withdraw their provident fund after just two months of unemployment must now wait a full year. The pension component withdrawal timeline has been extended even further, from two months to three years of continuous unemployment.

Saket Gokhale, a member of Parliament (MP) from Rajya Sabha and national spokesperson for the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC), launched a scathing critique on social media, calling the policy 'open theft of salaried people's own money'. He questioned how middle-class individuals facing sudden unemployment could manage financial obligations when their own savings remain inaccessible for 12 months.

Mr Gokhale suggested the modifications reflect government anxiety over rising unemployment, framing the rules as a defensive measure to prevent mass withdrawals from the EPFO system. He urged an immediate reversal of what he termed 'draconian' policies that penalise workers for wider economic mismanagement.

Another major point of contention involves the mandatory retention of 25% of provident fund balances throughout a worker's career. While the EPFO describes this as a safeguard ensuring adequate retirement savings—allowing members to benefit from the current 8.25% annual interest rate with compounding advantages—critics view it as an arbitrary restriction on personal funds.

This provision means that even in financial emergencies, subscribers can access only three-quarters of their accumulated savings, with the remainder locked until retirement.

Industry Voices Raise Alarms

According to a report by *The Indian Express*, KE Raghunathan, a former member of CBT and an employers' representative, condemned the decision as 'deeply concerning and regressive', arguing that it

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fundamentally weakens social security protections for workers living paycheck to paycheck.

“Provident fund savings are not meant to be treated as recurring deposits for short-term liquidity,” Mr Raghunathan says. He warned that enabling repeated full withdrawals could leave millions with insufficient retirement funds precisely when they need them the most.

He also expressed dismay at trade union support for the changes, suggesting they prioritise immediate needs over long-term worker welfare. Speaking with the newspaper, Mr Raghunathan described the reforms as dismantling a safety net that generations have relied upon, calling them “a step backward in our commitment to social protection.”

Despite the backlash, authorities maintain that the reforms enhance accessibility while preserving retirement security. The consolidation of 13 complex withdrawal provisions into three streamlined categories—essential needs, housing needs and special circumstances—aims to reduce confusion and administrative delays affecting 300mn (million) members managing a corpus of about Rs30 lakh crore.

The revised framework does introduce certain liberalisations: education-related withdrawals are now permitted up to ten times up from three previously;

marriage withdrawals have increased to five occasions; and justification requirements for special circumstance withdrawals have been eliminated. The minimum service requirement for partial withdrawals has been standardised at 12 months, down from five to seven years depending on the purpose.

Balancing Liquidity & Security

The controversy ultimately reflects competing philosophies about the purpose of provident funds. Government officials emphasise long-term corpus building, with the 25% minimum balance designed to ensure compound growth over a worker's career. Critics, however, contend that such restrictions on personal savings during employment crises prioritise systemic stability over individual hardship.

As the debate intensifies, one question remains unresolved: Should provident funds function primarily as retirement instruments with limited pre-retirement access, or should workers retain greater control over their own accumulated contributions during financial emergencies?

The coming months will reveal whether EPFO stands firm or yields to mounting pressure for modifications that balance retirement security with urgent liquidity needs.



CCI approves Vedanta's acquisition of Jaiprakash Associates

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed acquisition of Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) by Vedanta Limited.

Vedanta, a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Limited, operates across sectors such as oil and gas, critical minerals, power, and metals, including zinc, copper, aluminium, and steel. JAL, currently under corporate insolvency resolution process, is a diversified infrastructure and industrial company with interests spanning real estate, cement, engineering, procurement, and construction, hospitality, and other sectors, including power, fertilisers, and aviation through its group companies. The transaction marks a strategic expansion of Vedanta's portfolio through the distressed asset route.



Adani Saur Urja incorporates five hydro energy subsidiaries

Adani Saur Urja Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Adani Group, has incorporated five step-down subsidiaries focused on renewable energy generation.

These include Adani Hydro Energy Eleven, Twelve, Fourteen, Fifteen, and Seventeen Limited. Each new entity has an authorised and paid-up capital of Rs 100,000 and is yet to commence business operations. The companies have been established with the objective of generating, transmitting, and supplying power using wind, solar, or other renewable sources of energy.



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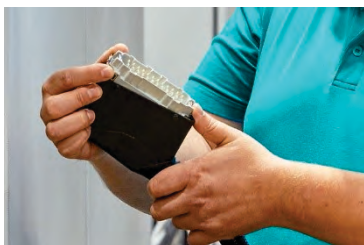
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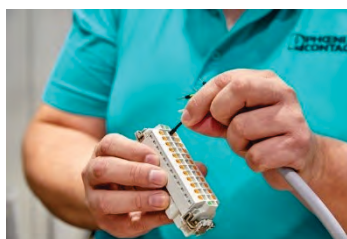
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MNRE issues release mechanism for CFA under ULA model of PM Surya Ghar scheme

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has issued guidelines for the release of central financial assistance (CFA) for rooftop solar projects under the Utility Led Aggregation (ULA) model of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.

As per the directive, assistance will be released post commissioning in a single tranche, strictly linked to the successful installation, inspection, and commissioning of rooftop solar systems. No advance release will be permitted. The implementing agency will use the ULA redeem option on the national portal to initiate disbursement, specifying consumer-wise and vendor-wise details. The national program implementation agency will verify reports uploaded by the implementing agencies and disburse the funds directly to vendor bank accounts. The process also mandates prior verification of vendor details and notification to the respective state or utility. The payment release framework will apply uniformly to all proposals under the model. The ministry will allocate funds in advance to the national program implementation agency to enable transparent tracking and timely disbursement.



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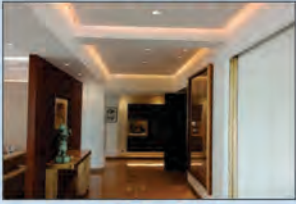
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Ministry of Power releases draft Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2025

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A key proposal mandates the state electricity regulatory commissions to determine tariffs in line with the National Tariff Policy, and empowers them to revise tariffs suo motu to avoid implementation delays. Tariff orders must be published in advance of the financial year to ensure timely cost recovery by discoms. To promote competitive markets and attract private investment, the draft authorises the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission to design and implement market-based instruments. It also provides legal basis for renewable energy consumption obligations, mandating penalties for non-compliance ranging between Rs 0.35 per kWh and Rs 0.45 per kWh. Further, the draft includes several provisions to reduce cross-subsidisation and encourage open access. It proposes that discoms be exempt from universal service obligations for open access consumers exceeding 1 MW and allows designated supply at a premium only if alternative arrangements fail. Furthermore, it exempts new manufacturing units from cross-subsidy charges for five years to incentivise industrial investment. Finally, the bill proposes the creation of a national electricity council, comprising the union power minister as chair, state electricity ministers as members, and the power secretary as member-convenor, to advise on reform implementation and policy coordination.



Crompton Greaves secures Rs 520 million rooftop solar order inTelangana

Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Limited has secured a rooftop solar order worth Rs 520 million in Telangana. The company plans to leverage its distribution network and brand presence to scale operations in this segment. Crompton is targeting the rooftop solar and solar pump market, with project sizes ranging between Rs 400 billion and Rs 500 billion. It has outlined plans to expand into the total addressable market from around Rs 1 trillion to Rs 2 trillion through large orders and a growing pipeline.



Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet Partner to Strengthen Grid Digitalization in Maharashtra

The **Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd (MSEDCL)** and the **Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (The Alliance)** have signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to jointly modernize Maharashtra's power distribution network. The partnership will focus on accelerating the state's clean energy transition through digitalization, advanced analytics, and solutions that strengthen grid reliability, integrate renewables, and enhance operational efficiency across the distribution system.

Under the SOI, the two organizations will collaborate on comprehensive grid digitalization, which builds on the Alliance's Digitalization of Utilities for Energy Transition (DUET) program. A fully digitalized grid contributes to improving the performance of critical assets, reducing Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses, and strengthening grid efficiency.

The collaboration will include integration of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to stabilize supply and manage peak demand, and management of Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) assets. The partnership will leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) for real-time asset monitoring, predictive maintenance, load flow analysis, and demand forecasting. The usage of advanced simulation and analytics tools contributes to the scalability of grid infrastructure.

"This collaboration marks a key milestone in Maharashtra's journey towards a smarter, cleaner, and more resilient power grid," said **Lokesh Chandra, Chairman and Managing Director, MSEDCL**. "By working with the Alliance, we aim to adopt advanced digital technologies that will improve grid performance and enable faster renewable energy integration to serve consumers more efficiently."

AI-driven grid planning allows for proactive design, development, and expansion of the grid. This will make the



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Saurabh Kumar, Vice President - India, Global Energy Alliance, said, "Our partnership with MSEDCL is focused on leveraging data, digital tools, and energy technologies to create a more responsive and reliable power system. Building on our DUET program, this collaboration reflects our shared vision to accelerate India's clean energy transition while ensuring reliability, inclusivity, and economic growth."

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Serentica Renewables signs PPA to develop 170 MW hybrid project for MRF

Serentica Renewables has signed a long-term power purchase agreement (PPA) with MRF Limited to develop a 170 MW hybrid renewable energy project under the captive model. The project will supply clean power to MRF's manufacturing units across India through the inter-state transmission system network. The round-the-clock power supply will be sourced from a new hybrid project integrating solar and wind generation. A special purpose vehicle has been created for the project, with MRF holding a captive minority stake and the remaining equity owned by Serentica.

Saatvik Green Energy secures Rs 6.89 billion solar PV module orders

Reportedly, Saatvik Green Energy Limited and its subsidiary Saatvik Solar Industries Private Limited have secured solar photovoltaic (PV) module supply orders worth Rs 6.89 billion from various independent power producers and engineering procurement and construction developers across India. Of the total, Rs 0.51 billion worth of orders were received directly by Saatvik Green Energy and are scheduled for execution by November 2025. The remaining Rs 6.38 billion in orders were secured by its material subsidiary, Saatvik Solar Industries, with completion targeted by June 2026.



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Renewable Energy India Expo- 18th edition



The Renewable Energy India Expo (REI Expo) is Asia's premier platform driving the clean energy transition! REI unites global innovators, suppliers, manufacturers and industry leaders to showcase cutting-edge solutions—from solar tech and IoT systems to EPC advancements. Empowering SMEs and fostering collaboration

Prime Minister lays foundation stone of Avaada's 1,560 MWp solar plus 2,500 MWh BESS project, inaugurates 282 MWp PV plant in Rajasthan

The Prime Minister has laid the foundation stone of Avaada Group's 1,560 MWp solar plus 2,500 MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) project at Pugal and also inaugurated Avaada's 200 MW (282 MWp) solar power project at Shri Dungargarh, Bikaner, Rajasthan.

The two projects represent a combined investment of over Rs 92 billion. Both projects will use Avaada Electro's approved list of models and manufacturers' certified list, Make in India tunnel oxide passivated N-type bifacial photovoltaic modules.

TPREL signs PPA with Tata Power Mumbai Distribution for 80 MW FDRE project

Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Power Limited, has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Tata Power Mumbai Distribution for an 80 MW firm and dispatchable renewable energy (FDRE) project. The contract is worth Rs 12 billion and has a duration of 24 months.

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Maharashtra govt declares heavy subsidies for rooftop solar panel installation if usage is below 100 units per month

To encourage the economically weaker sections to install rooftop solar panels and give them the opportunity to have 'zero' monthly electricity bills, the state govt on Monday issued a GR announcing a 90%-95% subsidy for below poverty line (BPL), SC and ST consumers with monthly power consumption below 100 units.

For a 1KW solar panel, which can generate around 120 units per month, the cost of installation will be around Rs 50,000. Of this, the Centre will provide Rs 30,000, the state will give a subsidy of Rs 17,500 to BPL consumers, and the rest (Rs 2,500) will be paid by the consumer, the GR stated.

For SC and ST consumers with less than 100 units of consumption, the subsidy will be Rs 45,000, and they will have to pay Rs 5,000 (10%). For other consumers who do not fall in the BPL, SC or ST category but have less than 100 units of consumption, the subsidy will be Rs 40,000, and the consumer will have to pay Rs 10,000 (20%). 10/8/25, 10:36 AM Maharashtra govt declares heavy subsidies for rooftop solar panel installation if usage is below 100 units per

What do you think is the biggest benefit of the SMART solar scheme? Additional income from surplus electricity Zero electricity bills "Approval is being given to allocate Rs 330 crore for 2025-26 and Rs 325 crore for 2026-27 for this scheme, which will be called the Swayampurna Maharashtra Residential Roof Top (SMART) solar scheme. The scheme will be implemented by MSEDCCL, and funds required for this scheme will be provided from the state govt's budgetary grants," the GR said.

Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis previously announced in the assembly that the govt will soon come out with this scheme. "It is finally being implemented

and with the low costs involved, electricity becomes almost free for these consumers from the economically weaker section of society," said MSEDCCL managing director Lokesh Chandra. "They also get an additional source of income through the sale of surplus electricity generated from solar energy after domestic use," he said. As per an estimate, at least 5 lakh domestic consumers will benefit immediately, comprising approximately 1.5 lakh domestic electricity BPL consumers and approximately 3.5 lakh economically weak domestic electricity consumers whose electricity consumption is less than 100 units.

"After installation of a 1KW rooftop solar energy system, the responsibility for maintenance and repairs for five years will be with the suppliers. This scheme should be implemented with priority in remote areas like Melghat, Nandurbar, and Gadchiroli," the GR said. 10/8/25, 10:36 AM Maharashtra govt declares heavy subsidies for rooftop solar panel installation if usage is below 100 units per month



Sentorise releases 100 Ah battery for off-grid use

The Chinese storage system manufacturer said its 12.8 V product is designed for RV travelers, off-grid homeowners and marine users. It reportedly provides over 6,000 cycles at 90% depth-of-discharge.

Chinese storage manufacturer Sentorise has launched a new 12.8V 100Ah battery for off-grid applications, according to a company statement.

The Sentorise 12.8V 100Ah Group 31 LiFePO₄ battery uses automotive-grade A+ lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO₄) cells.

"Designed for RV travelers, off-grid homeowners, marine users, and DIY energy enthusiasts, the new battery combines advanced safety, long lifespan, and intelligent monitoring," the company said. "Tested at 25 ± 2 C, it delivers more than 6,000 cycles at 90% depth of discharge with 70% capacity retention—supporting over 10 years of typical RV or off-grid use."

REI and TBSI 2025 to redefine renewable and storage

The 18th Edition of Renewable Energy India Expo (REI), Asia's largest and most influential clean energy congregation, is scheduled from October 30 to November 1, 2025, at India Expo Mart, Greater Noida. The REI will be co-located with the 3rd Edition of The Battery Show India (TBSI). The REI is estimated to attract over 700 exhibitors, 1,000 brands, 35,000 trade visitors and policy makers, decision-makers, influencers, technical experts and professionals. The TBSI will host 350 plus exhibitors, over 400 brands and more than 20,000 industry leaders from vehicle manufacturers to policymakers in one powerful energy-mobility event.

India's renewable energy sector witnessed a remarkable 420 per cent YoY surge in capacity addition in June 2025, growing from 1.4 gigawatt (GW) in June 2024 to 7.3 GW in June 2025. "Igniting the next wave of renewable innovation, Informa Markets in India, the nation's foremost curator of B2B growth platforms,

proudly announces the 18th edition of REI Expo and the TBSI will together advance India's vision for a cleaner, greener tomorrow.

Building on the resounding success of its 17th edition in 2024, which celebrated nearly two decades of industry collaboration, the 2025 chapter will set new benchmarks for innovation, partnerships and sustainability," an official release said.



This strategic co-location creates an unparalleled ecosystem covering the entire energy value chain—from renewable generation and advanced battery technologies to comprehensive energy storage solutions. Together, REI and TBSI represent the most influential gathering in South Asia's clean energy landscape, uniting global manufacturers, innovators, investors and policymakers under the unified theme "Decoding Pathways to Achieve Net Zero, it added.



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