

India registers 3-fold growth in renewable energy capacity to 232GW in last decade

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NEW DELHI: India has logged threefold growth in its renewable power capacity in the last decade, with the installed green energy capacity reaching 232GW, including large hydro power plants, currently compared to 75.52GW capacity in March 2014, official sources said.

India has emerged as a global front runner in renewable energy space as the traiff of the grid-connected solar power plants has gone down by 80 per cent to Rs 10.95 per unit (for 170MW at Neemuch), sources said.

In March 2014, India's installed solar energy capacity was 2.82 GW, which has crossed 108GW now, recording multifold growth. Wind energy capacity has more than doubled to 51GW presently

from 21GW in 2014.

Sources mentioned that during the UPA regime, India was almost absent in the solar manufacturing scene, with a meagre 2GW of solar module production in 2014.

In 2024, India has transformed into a global leader, with solar module manufacturing skyrocketing to 90GW and by 2030, the nation will reach an impressive 150GW, they said.

In 2014, India had almost zero domestic production of solar cells and wafers, which was a stark failure of the previous government's policy, official sources said.

Today, India has built a strong foundation with 25GW of solar cell production and 2GW of wafer production.

India has planned solar cells and wafer capacity of 100GW

and 40GW respectively by 2030, which is aimed at reducing dependence on imports and becoming a self-sustaining power house.

Even in fully integrated production, the country has reached 3.2GW in 2024, with a target of 24GW by 2030.

Similarly, the biopower generation capacity has increased by 42 per cent from 8.1GW to 11.5GW over the last 10 years.

Compressed Biogas (CBG) sector expanded from a single project with 8 tonnes per day (TPD) CBG generation capacity in 2014 to 150 projects with a cumulative capacity of 1,211 TPD in 2024.

The PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, has gained significant traction, benefitting almost 13.3 lakh households, with nearly 12 lakh installations in the past 10 months,

sources stated.

India has added a record 25GW of renewable energy capacity in 2024, which is 34.63 per cent higher than 18.57 GW achieved in the previous year.

India has set an ambitious target of having 500GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030, which requires the addition of about 50GW of green capacity per annum in the next five to six years, they stated.

Four renewable energy implementing agency (REIA), SECI, NTPC, NHPC and SJVN, have collectively issued RE power procurement tenders of around 44GW in fiscal year 2024-25.

Earlier in April, India became the world's third-largest producer of electricity from wind and solar energy in 2024, overtaking Germany.

Doval expected in Moscow for international security meet

■ AGENCY
MOSCOW: India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval is expected here early next week to attend a major security meeting organised by Russia's Security Council.

Doval is invited for the 13th international meeting of high representatives for security issues on May 27-29 under the chairmanship of the Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Sergei Shoigu.

"Invitations to participate in the forum have been sent to more than 150 countries of the Global South and East, the CIS, Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO), the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) countries, as well as to the leadership of more than 20 international organisations," the Russian Security Council said in a release.

Like India, Pakistan is also a member of the SCO, and its NSA Lt Gen Asim Malik is also expected to be in Moscow for the meeting.

There are speculations that in the wake of Operation Sindoor, the two key Indian and Pakistani NSAs will be in Moscow and the Russian side may facilitate their face-to-face meeting, South Asia columnist of leading business daily 'Kommersant' Sergei Strokan told PTI here.

He recalled that on Friday while receiving the multi-party parliamentary delegation led by DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko had promised to jointly fight against terrorism and use the UN,

BRICS and SCO platforms for close cooperation in decisive combat against all manifestations of terrorism.

Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the April 22 Pahalgam attack, which claimed 26 lives. India carried out precision strikes as part of Operation Sindoor on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in the early hours of May 7.

It was followed by Pakistan's attempt to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9, and 10. The Indian side responded strongly to the Pakistani actions.

The on-ground hostilities ended with an understanding of stopping the military actions following talks between the directors general of military operations of both sides on May 10.

Indian economy to become world's third-largest by 2027: Union minister Sanjay Seth

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMSHEDPUR: Union Minister of State for Defence, Sanjay Seth, on Saturday asserted that India has become the world's fourth-largest economy, and would clinch the third spot by 2027.

Addressing a function organised by the Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) to celebrate its platinum jubilee year, the Union minister said it was a proud moment for 140 crore people of the country to note that India has pushed Japan behind to become the fourth-largest economy of four trillion dollars.

"Today is the moment for 140 crore people to feel proud with their heads held

high to know that we have become the fourth-largest economy of four trillion dollars," Seth said.

"Many economists predicted that India will be the third-largest economy in the next five to ten years but we are confident that India will achieve the third spot by 2027," the minister asserted.

Seth said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had warned of razing terrorists and their harbourers to the ground following the Pahalgam attack and the Indian Army executed it.

He strongly batted for 'one nation, one election', opining that if implemented, the money saved could be used for building hospitals, colleges and for infrastructure development.

Ahead of Int'l Yoga Day, PM Modi invites people to embrace yoga for vibrant living

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: With less than a month left before the 11th International Day of Yoga (June 21), Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday appealed to people across the globe to embrace yoga for holistic well-being and vibrant living.

Speaking during the 122nd episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mam Ki Baat', the prime minister noted that the enthusiasm for International Day of Yoga (IDY) continues to surge both in India and internationally.

"Since the inception of Yoga Day on June 21, 2015, the attraction towards it is rising continuously. This time too, the zeal and enthusiasm among the people world over for Yoga Day are amply visible," he said.

Urging people to think creatively about celebrating the occasion, Modi said that from forming yoga chains to practising yoga at iconic sites, people are turning IDY into a dynamic and inclusive movement.

The prime minister also lauded the efforts of Andhra Pradesh, where a 'YogaAndhra Abhiyan' has been launched to develop a robust yoga culture in the state.

The campaign aspires to build a pool of 10 lakh regular yoga practitioners, exemplifying how states can lead from the front in the wellness revolution.

Modi also shared his excitement about joining this year's IDY celebrations at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, emphasising the importance of yoga for both personal and national development.

Commending the rising corporate participation in yoga, Modi said, "Our corporates are not lagging in this. Some have set aside a separate space for practising yoga in their offices. Some startups have set up 'office yoga hours'."

This, he said, is a positive sign of how the private sector is contributing to the nation's health movement.

To commemorate a decade of Yoga Day celebrations and mark the 11th edition of IDY, the Ministry of Ayush recently curated 10 signature events, which aim to broaden the reach and relevance of yoga across diverse social and professional settings.

The events include Yoga Sangam, Yoga Bandhan, Yoga Park, Yoga Samavesh, Yoga Prabhav, Yoga Connect, Harit Yoga, Yoga Unplugged, Yoga Mahakumbh, and Samyog.



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