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## “ECAMEX 26” ची घोषणा

नमस्कार प्रिय सभासद बंधूनों /भगिनिनों,

प्रत्येक वर्षाच्या मार्च महिन्यात आपण सर्व सभासद बंधु आपल्या आर्थिक वर्षाच्या समाप्तीमुळे व्यस्त असतो. त्यामध्ये सरकारी क्षेत्रात काम करणाऱ्या बंधुंची बिलांच्या पूर्ततेसाठी लगबग चालू असते, तसेच येणाऱ्या नवीन आर्थिक वर्षाच्या तयारीसाठी आपण व्यग्र असतो. तसेच नवीन वर्षातील नवीन उपक्रमांची बांधणी करणे गरजेचे असते.

गेल्या महिन्यात जळगाव, धुळे-नंदुरबार, कोकण, पिंपरी चिंचवड, पुणे विभागात विविध उपक्रम अतिशय उत्तम रित्या राबविण्यात आले. तसेच सार्वजनिक बांधकाम विभाग, अदानी, बेस्ट, विद्युत निरीक्षक, महावितरण या विभागांतील समस्यांबाबत विविध संस्थांशी पत्रव्यवहार, बैठका याद्वारे संपर्क करून प्रश्न सोडविण्याबाबत आपल्या संघटनेच्या पदाधिकाऱ्यांनी पाठपुरावा केला असून त्याद्वारे विविध प्रश्नांना वाचा फोडून ते प्रश्न मार्गी लावण्यात काही प्रमाणात यश मिळाले आहे. सदरहु प्रश्न मार्गी लावताना सभासदांचा त्यामध्ये उत्तम सहभाग होता व अशीच एकी आपण दाखविल्यास आपण आपले उर्वरीत प्रश्न नक्कीच मार्गी लागतील, अशी आशा वाटते.

मागील वर्षी आपल्या संघटनेच्या १०० व्या वर्षी निमित्ताने आपण “ECAMEX 24” चे आयोजन केले होते. त्यावेळी आपण दर दोन वर्षांनी मोठ्या प्रमाणावर प्रदर्शनाचे आयोजन करण्याचे ठरविले होते. त्या दृष्टीने “ECAMEX 26” या नावाने जवळपास ४०० स्टॉलचे प्रदर्शन आयोजित करण्याचे योजिले आहे. मागील प्रदर्शनात सर्व सभासद, स्टॉलधारक, पदाधिकारी, जाहिरातदार यांच्या उदंड सहकार्यामुळे सदरहु प्रदर्शनाचे अत्यंत भव्य दिव्य व उत्कृष्ट नियोजन आपण करू शकलो होतो.

“ECAMEX 26” या प्रदर्शनासाठीही आपल्या सर्वांच्या अशाच सहकार्याची अपेक्षा करतो. प्रदर्शनामध्ये “ECAMEX” हा ब्रँड नेम तयार करण्यासाठी आपण सर्वांनी कंबर कसावी व सदरहु प्रदर्शन अतिशय भव्य दिव्य तसेच उत्कृष्ट नियोजनबद्ध होण्यासाठी आपणा सर्वांच्या सहकार्याची अपेक्षा करतो.

भारतीय संस्कृतीप्रमाणे ‘गुढीपाडवा’ निमित्ताने सर्वांना शुभेच्छा व येत्या गुढीपाडव्याच्या निमित्ताने आपल्या “ECAMEX 26” या प्रदर्शनाची मुहूर्तमेढ उभारून ती यशस्वी करण्याची शपथ आपण घेऊया!

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नमस्कार मित्रांनो,

इकॅम धुळे नंदुरबार विभागाच्या वतीने दिनांक ७ मार्च २०२५ रोजी मे. देवराज इलेक्ट्रोमॅकेनिकल यांच्या फॅक्टरीवर कंपनी सचिव श्री. आकाश फुलेदवरे व त्यांचे सहकारी कर सल्लागार श्री. तेजस अमृतकर यांनी सेमिनार आयोजित करून औद्योगिक, शेतीविषयक कर्ज व सबसिडी यासंदर्भात इकॅम धुळे नंदुरबार विभागाच्या सभासदांना मोलाचे मार्गदर्शन करून उद्योजकांना नवी दिशा दिली. या प्रसंगी इकॅम धुळे नंदुरबार विभागाचे पदाधिकारी आणि सभासद उपस्थित होते.

इकॅम धुळे नंदुरबार विभागाच्या वतीने दिनांक ८ मार्च २०२५ रोजी जागतिक महिला दिनाचे औचित्य साधून मातोश्री वृद्धाश्रम धुळे येथे अन्नदान करण्यात आले. या प्रसंगी इकॅम धुळे नंदुरबार विभागाचे पदाधिकारी उपस्थित होते.

सार्वजनिक बांधकाम विभागाच्या दरसुचीमध्ये ओव्हरहेड चार्जेस फक्त १०% दिले जायचे. स्थापत्य विभागाप्रमाणे ठेकेदाराचा नफा १०% व ओव्हरहेड चार्जेस १०% देण्यात यावे अशी मागणी इकॅमने सार्वजनिक बांधकाम खात्याकडे लावून धरली होती. नुकत्याच दिनांक १२ मार्च २०२५ रोजी झालेल्या व्हिडिओ कॉन्फरन्सींग द्वारे झालेल्या चर्चेमध्ये दरसुची २०२५-२६ चा दर पृथकरण फॉर्मॅटमध्ये ओव्हरहेड चार्जेस २०% देण्यात आला आहे. आपल्या खूप दिवसांच्या संघर्षास हे यश मिळाले आहे.

दिनांक १८ मार्च २०२५ रोजी मे. अदानी इलेक्ट्रिसिटी यांनी इकॅम संचालकांना व सभासदांना एकत्र बैठक दिली. बैठकीत ठेकेदारांना येणाऱ्या अडीअडचणींच्या मुद्द्यांबाबत चर्चा विनिमय करण्यात आला. आणि त्या मुद्द्यांमध्ये सुधारणा करण्याचे तसेच त्यावर निर्णय घेण्याचे आश्वासन अदानीच्या अधिकाऱ्यांनी आपणास दिली आहे. या प्रसंगी श्री. कल्पेश पटेल, श्री. हरीश उदेशी आणि अदानीच्या उत्तर विभाग संबंधीत सभासदांनी या चर्चेत भाग घेतला होता.

सर्व सभासदांना कळविण्यात येत आहे की आपण ECAMEX 26 प्रदर्शन आयोजित करणार आहोत. त्या प्रदर्शनास यशस्वी करण्यास आपला हातभार लागणे गरजेचे आहे. आपणास मी आवाहन करित आहे की आपण या प्रदर्शनामध्ये स्टॉल बुकींग करण्यासाठी प्रयत्न करावेत. तसेच आपणास ECAMEX 26 प्रदर्शनाच्या अनुषंगाने काही महत्वाच्या सुचना द्यायच्या असतील तरी आपण त्या इकॅम मुख्य कार्यालयाला कळवाव्यात.

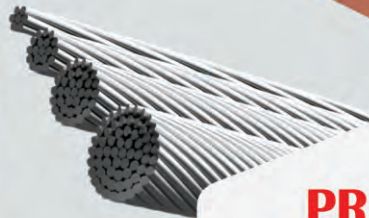




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## Technical advances in the Control and Switch Gears

The control gear and switchgear industry has witnessed significant technical advancements in recent years, driven by the need for improved efficiency, reliability, and safety. Here are some key developments:

Now smart Control Gears are readily available. Here the Integration of IoT sensors and communication protocols enables real-time monitoring, predictive maintenance, and optimized performance.

In addition the Digital Control Systems, such as programmable logic controllers (PLCs) and remote terminal units (RTUs), offer enhanced flexibility and scalability.

The Energy-Efficient Designs of the new control gear designs focus on minimizing energy losses, reducing heat generation, and optimizing system efficiency.

As regards the technical advances in Switchgears, a GIS technology is introduced. They are called Gas-Insulated Switchgears. This GIS technology offers compact, low-maintenance, and environmentally friendly solutions for the high-voltage applications. Similarly, AIS designs are also introduced. These

Air-Insulated Switchgears (AIS) AIS designs have improved, with enhanced safety features, reduced maintenance requirements, and increased reliability.

We also have to mention the Hybrid Switchgears. This is a combination of GIS and AIS technologies and provides optimal solutions for specific applications, offering compactness, flexibility, and cost-effectiveness.

There are a few Material Advancements also. We

can talk about the New Insulation Materials, such as SF6-free gases and eco-friendly alternatives which reduce the environmental impact and improve system safety.

Deep Research is going on the high-temperature superconductors aiming to improve efficiency, reduce energy losses, and increase the overall performance of control gears and switch gears.

The Integration of IoT sensors and communication protocols is enabling the real-time monitoring, predictive maintenance, and optimized performance.

If we Implement the advanced communication protocols, such as IEC 61850 and IEEE 1815, they facilitate seamless communication between control gears, switchgears, and other system components.

We have to consider Cybersecurity also.

The implementation of secure communication protocols, such as TLS and SSL, will ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity of data exchanged between control gears, switchgears, and other system components.

It is interesting to note that the Integration of intrusion detection and prevention systems (IDPS) helps detect and prevent cyber threats, ensuring the reliability and security of control gears and switchgears.

These technical advancements in control gears and switchgears have significantly improved the efficiency, reliability, and safety of electrical power systems.

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# India's Renewable Energy Push Breaks Records – but Can It Overcome Post-bid Hurdles?

India has set a new benchmark in its renewable energy ambitions, issuing a record 73GW (gigawatts) of utility-scale renewable energy tenders in 2024, according to a joint report by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and JMK Research & Analytics. This marks the second consecutive year that the country has surpassed its 50GW target, underscoring its commitment to a greener economy. However, the surge in tendering activity has also exposed a series of post-bidding challenges that could slow India's ambitious renewable energy rollout.

According to the report, market stakeholders cite the lack of a resilient power evacuation infrastructure as the most significant risk factor for India's renewable energy market development. "Sluggish growth of power evacuation infrastructure is waning developer interest in participating in new auctions. Additionally, the state electricity distribution companies (DISCOMs) are reluctant to enter into long-term power sale agreements (PSAs) until they have concrete visibility on the power evacuation readiness, which decides the project's commercial operation date (COD). The commissioning date of a project will ultimately determine the applicable bracket of interstate transmission system (ISTS) charges as indicated by the Union ministry of power in its ISTS waiver expiration trajectory."

"The gap between the tendering, allotment and project realisation will likely widen until the market streamlines and transmission infrastructure develops. Blending the tariffs monthly or quarterly may partly address the PSAs signing challenges, but the Union ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE) is still preparing its wide-scale implementation," the report says.

The report highlights a significant shift in the nature of tenders issued, with nearly half comprising non-traditional renewable energy technologies such as wind-solar hybrid projects and battery energy storage systems (BESS). This change reflects a growing demand from energy offtakes for improved power reliability and grid stability.

"The evolution of renewable energy tenders demonstrates that market stakeholders are actively working to overcome shortcomings," said Vibhuti Garg, director for South Asia at IEEFA.

One of the key concerns flagged by the report is the rise in tender under-subscription. In 2024, around 8.5GW of tenders went under-subscribed, five times higher than in 2023. Analysts attribute this to complex tender designs, aggressive bidding during reverse auctions, and delays in

the readiness of the ISTS infrastructure.

Another major hurdle is the backlog of unsigned PSAs, which now exceeds 40GW, leading to uncertainty for investors and project developers. The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) alone accounts for 12GW of these unsigned agreements.

The report further reveals that between 2020 and 2024, around 38.3GW of utility-scale renewable energy projects were cancelled, representing 19% of the total capacity tendered during this period. The primary reasons include tender design issues, location challenges, project complexity and delays in finalising PSAs.

"Delays in project implementation pose a significant challenge to India's renewable energy target for 2030," says Ashita Srivastava, senior research associate of JMK Research.

Industry experts argue that, while the government's 50GW annual target has helped accelerate renewable energy deployment, it has also placed pressure on tendering agencies to issue bids and finalise auctions without securing off-take agreements. This has led to delays in power agreements and, in some cases, project cancellations.

To maintain momentum, the report recommends that authorities establish annual targets not just for tender issuances, but also for the allotment of projects and execution of PSAs.

"In addition to issuing tenders, the government should ensure that implementing agencies secure the necessary offtake agreements before finalising bids," Deepalika Mehra, research associate at JMK Research, says.

As India continues its push toward 500GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030, addressing these post-bidding challenges will be crucial to sustaining investor confidence and ensuring the country's green energy revolution does not lose steam.

"For viable renewable energy tendering market growth, the central government must give equal impetus to all facets of the tendering process, from request for selection (RfS) issuance, allotment and power agreement signings. In addition to issuance, the government must specify annual targets for allotment and power agreement executions. That will ensure the renewable energy implementing agencies (REIAs) issue bids only after planning for requisite offtake agreements. In addition, stricter enforcement of renewable purchase obligations and associated penalties is imperative to sustain renewable energy demand," the report concludes.







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# Floating Solar Panels

Floating solar panels, also known as floating photovoltaic (FPV) systems, are solar panels installed on floating STRUCTURES on water bodies, such as lakes, reservoirs, or oceans.



Here are some details:

## Benefits

1. Water Conservation: FPV systems can help reduce water evaporation from reservoirs and lakes, conserving this precious resource.
2. Increased Energy Generation : Floating solar panels can generate more electricity than traditional land-based solar panels due to the cooling effect of water.
3. Reduced Land Use : FPV systems can be installed on water bodies, reducing the need for land acquisition and preserving agricultural land or natural habitats.
4. Improved Water Quality : FPV systems can help reduce algae growth and improve water quality by providing shade and reducing nutrient runoff.

## Challenges

1. Higher Installation Costs : FPV systems are more expensive to install than traditional solar panels due to the need for specialized floating structures and anchoring systems.
2. Durability and Maintenance : FPV systems require specialized materials and designs to withstand aquatic environments and ensure durability.
3. Environmental Concerns : FPV systems can potentially harm aquatic life or disrupt ecosystems if not designed and installed properly.

## Design and Installation

1. Floating Structures : FPV systems use floating structures, such as pontoons or rafts, to support the solar panels.
2. Anchoring Systems : Anchoring systems, such as mooring lines or anchors, secure the floating structure to the water body.

3. Solar Panel Mounting : Solar panels are mounted on the floating structure using specialized racking systems.

4. Electrical Connections : Electrical connections are made between the solar panels, inverters, and transmission lines.

## Applications

1. Water Supply Reservoirs : FPV systems can be installed on water supply reservoirs to generate electricity while conserving water.
2. Irrigation Canals : FPV systems can be installed on irrigation canals to generate electricity and reduce water evaporation.
3. Industrial Water Bodies : FPV systems can be installed on industrial water bodies, such as cooling ponds or wastewater treatment plants.
4. Offshore Platforms: FPV systems can be installed on offshore platforms to generate electricity for oil and gas operations or other marine activities.

## Case Studies

1. Japan's Mega-Float: Japan's Mega-Float is a 1.2 MW FPV system installed on a reservoir in Tokyo.
2. China's Three Gorges Dam : China's Three Gorges Dam has a 150 MW FPV system installed on its reservoir.
3. India's Floating Solar Plant : India's floating solar plant in Kerala is a 500 kW FPV system installed on a water reservoir.

## Conclusion

Floating solar panels offer a promising solution for generating renewable energy while conserving water and reducing land use. While there are challenges to be addressed, the benefits of FPV systems make them an attractive option for various applications.



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## LTO (Lithium-Titanate-Oxide) batteries:

### What are LTO Batteries?

LTO batteries are a type of lithium-ion battery that uses lithium-titanate-oxide (LTO) as the anode material instead of traditional graphite.

### Key Characteristics:

1. Long Cycle Life : LTO batteries can last for up to 20,000 charge/discharge cycles, making them suitable for applications requiring high durability.
2. Fast Charging : LTO batteries can charge quickly, with some systems achieving 80% charge in under 30 minutes.
3. High Safety : LTO batteries are designed with safety in mind, featuring a lower risk of thermal runaway and explosion compared to traditional lithium-ion batteries.
4. Wide Operating Temperature : LTO batteries can operate effectively in a wide temperature range, from -30°C to 55°C.

### Applications:

1. Electric Vehicles : LTO batteries are used in some electric vehicles, particularly those requiring high-performance and long lifespan.
2. Renewable Energy Systems : LTO batteries are used in solar and wind power systems to store excess energy generated during the day for use during periods of low

energy generation.

3. Industrial Applications : LTO batteries are used in various industrial applications, such as robotics, medical devices, and telecommunications.

4. Grid-Scale Energy Storage : LTO batteries are used in grid-scale energy storage systems to stabilize the grid and provide backup power during outages.

### Advantages:

1. Improved Safety : LTO batteries offer improved safety features compared to traditional lithium-ion batteries.
2. Longer Lifespan : LTO batteries have a longer lifespan, reducing the need for frequent replacements.
3. Fast Charging : LTO batteries can charge quickly, making them suitable for applications requiring high power output.

### Disadvantages:

1. Higher Cost : LTO batteries are more expensive than traditional lithium-ion batteries.
2. Lower Energy Density : LTO batteries have a lower energy density compared to traditional lithium-ion batteries, resulting in larger battery packs for the same energy capacity.



## MNRE updates DCR norms for solar cells

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has issued revised domestic content requirement (DCR) norms for solar cells, specifying that only those based on crystalline-silicon technology and manufactured in India using undiffused silicon wafers (black wafers) will qualify as domestically produced.

These wafers fall under Customs Tariff Head 3818, and all manufacturing processes, from wafer to solar cell, must be carried out within India. Solar cells made using imported diffused silicon wafers (blue wafers) will not be eligible under MNRE's DCR-mandated programmes. Thin-film solar modules are exempt from this requirement, and those manufactured in integrated Indian factories will continue to qualify under DCR mandates. The updated norms have raised concerns over the limited supply and rising costs of DCR-compliant solar modules, impacting key government initiatives such as the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan. Supply constraints could challenge the implementation of these large-scale renewable energy schemes, potentially affecting project timelines and investment strategies in the sector.

## Indonesia unveils third-largest floating solar plant

The Government of Indonesia has launched a massive floating solar plant on the Cirata Reservoir, 107 km southeast of Jakarta, marking a major step in its renewable energy transition. Covering 4 per cent of the reservoir's surface, the plant consists of 13 arrays capable of generating 192 MW, making it the world's third-largest floating solar installation. The project was developed through a partnership between Indonesia's state-owned utility company and UAE-based renewable firm Masdar. Currently, 12.3 per cent of Indonesia's electricity comes from renewable sources, with plans to add 60GW by 2040, requiring an estimated USD172 billion in investment. Global efforts to scale up clean energy, including initiatives by the World Economic Forum, emphasise the need for substantial funding and collaboration to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.





# How to detect earth fault in DC Power System

Detecting earth faults in DC power systems is crucial for ensuring the safety and reliability of the system. Here are some methods to detect earth faults in DC power systems:

## 1. Voltage Measurement Method

1. Measure the voltage between the positive and negative DC buses and the earth ground.
2. Compare the measured voltage with the reference voltage.
3. If the measured voltage exceeds the reference voltage, an earth fault is indicated.

## 2. Current Measurement Method

1. Measure the current flowing through the earth fault detection circuit.
2. Compare the measured current with the reference current.
3. If the measured current exceeds the reference current, an earth fault is indicated.

## 3. Insulation Resistance Measurement Method

1. Measure the insulation resistance between the DC buses and the earth ground.
2. Compare the measured insulation resistance with the reference insulation resistance.
3. If the measured insulation resistance is lower than the reference insulation resistance, an earth fault is indicated.

## 4. Earth Fault Detection Relays

1. Use specialized earth fault detection relays that can detect earth faults in DC power systems.
2. These relays typically use a combination of voltage and current measurements to detect earth faults.

## 5. Monitoring Systems

1. Implement a monitoring system that continuously monitors the DC power system for earth faults.
2. Use sensors and detectors to monitor the system and provide alerts in case of an earth fault

## Earth Fault Detection Techniques

1. Pulsed Voltage Method : Applies a pulsed voltage to the DC system and measures the resulting current.
2. DC Injection Method : Injects a DC current into the system and measures the resulting voltage.
3. Oscillating Voltage Method : Applies an oscillating voltage to the DC system and measures the resulting current.

## Important Considerations

1. System Configuration : Consider the system configuration, including the presence of multiple DC sources and loads.
2. Earth Fault Types : Consider the types of earth faults that can occur, including line-to-ground and line-to-line faults.
3. Detection Sensitivity : Ensure that the detection method is sensitive enough to detect earth faults at an early stage.
4. False Tripping : Ensure that the detection method is designed to minimize false tripping.

By implementing these methods and techniques, you can effectively detect earth faults in DC power systems and ensure the safety and reliability of the system.



## Electrical exhibitions in India in 2025

**Dates:** June 14–16, 2025 at the International Trade Expo Centre in Noida

**Dates:** June 27–29, 2025 at the CIDCO Exhibition & Convention Center in Navi Mumbai

**Dates:** August 1–3, 2025 at KTPO in Whitefield, Bengaluru

**Dates:** November 7–10, 2025 at HUDA Grounds in Sector 29, Gurugram

## India Electronics Expo

**Dates:** March 19–21, 2025 in New Delhi

The 10th edition of this expo will showcase India's electronics manufacturing, innovation, and technology

## Other electrical exhibitions in India

LED Expo Mumbai, April 3–5, 2025

Pro Wave Expo, April 24–26, 2025

Bharat Solar Expo Udaipur, May 2–4, 2025

EFY Expo, May 15–17, 2025

Automation Expo, August 11–14, 2025

ElectricNation Expo, September 18–20, 2025

India International EV Show, December 5–7, 2025

Battery India Expo, December 5–7, 2025





## India-US trade : Piyush Goyal meets US Trade Representative, highlights 'India First' approach amid Trump tariff threats

Goyal's US visit follows discussions between US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, where both leaders expressed their intention to negotiate the initial phase of a comprehensive Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) by fall 2025.

Amid Donald Trump's tariff threats, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal recently held a "forward-looking" discussion with US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, focusing on advancing a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement. Goyal emphasised that India's approach will align with the principles of "India First," "Viksit Bharat," and the nation's Comprehensive

Strategic Partnership.

Sharing insights from the meeting on his X timeline, Goyal highlighted the commitment to strengthening trade ties. "Had a forward looking discussion with @USTradeRep Jamieson Greer on a mutually beneficial Bilateral Trade Agreement. Our approach will be guided by 'India First', 'Viksit Bharat' and our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership."

### Bilateral trade agreement

Goyal's US visit follows discussions between US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra

### India, US committed to boost trade to \$500 bn, negotiations on for 'strong' pact in 6-8 months, says Goyal

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal on has said India and US are committed to increasing bilateral trade to \$500 billion and the two countries are negotiating a 'strong' trade agreement within the next 6-8 months. "...In the next 6-8 months, by establishing a strong trade agreement, we are committed to increasing trade to \$500 billion," the minister was saying on the sidelines of CII's India-Qatar Business Forum meet.

This comes in the backdrop of Donald Trump's announcement of imposition of reciprocal tariff on trade partner countries to address "longstanding imbalances". Meanwhile, a Bloomberg report maintained that India and the US have agreed to cut tariffs on certain goods as part of the proposed mutually-beneficial trade deal between them. Further, top officials in India have said that the country will continue to cut import taxes as the government looks to work around US President Donald Trump's plan to impose reciprocal tariffs on trading partners.

Further, at another event, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said, "We are building to

be an investor-friendly country, and as a result, the duty cuts and the rationalization that have been announced is a continuing process and we shall keep doing that."

Piyush Goyal maintained that once his US counterpart takes charge, both countries will discuss the contours of the pact. When asked if the pact would have chapters related to goods, services and investments, he said, "My counterpart has not yet confirmed in the US...After the (confirmation), we will do talks and then only we can decide the way forward."

The US and India bilateral trade in goods and services stood at \$190.08 billion (\$123.89 billion in goods and \$66.19 billion in services trade) during 2023. During the year, India's merchandise exports to the US stood at \$83.77 billion, while imports stood at \$40.12 billion, leaving a trade gap of \$43.65 billion in favour of India.

During 2021-24, the US was the largest trading partner of India and is one of the few countries with which India has a trade surplus.





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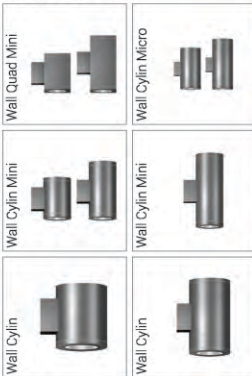
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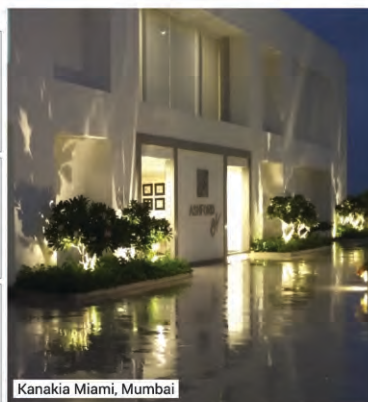
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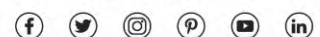
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Modi, where both leaders expressed their intention to negotiate the initial phase of a comprehensive Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) by fall 2025. The leaders also committed to appointing senior representatives to spearhead these negotiations.

During their recent meeting, President Trump and PM Modi resolved to expand trade and investment, aiming to enhance prosperity, bolster national strength, encourage innovation, and strengthen supply chain resilience. A significant milestone set during the discussions was "Mission 500," an ambitious goal to more than double bilateral trade to USD 500 billion by 2030.

### Challenges

President Trump, during his second term, has reiterated the need for tariff reciprocity, indicating that the US will match tariffs imposed by other nations,

including India. The US has frequently raised concerns over India's high tariff rates, suggesting that achieving fair trade would require strategic adjustments.

US Trade Secretary Howard Lutnick recently expressed interest in negotiating a broad-based trade agreement with India. Speaking at the India Today Conclave, Lutnick noted that finding a mutually beneficial solution would necessitate mutual understanding and cooperation. He emphasised the importance of considering the entire trade relationship rather than focusing on individual products.

Both nations have demonstrated their commitment to enhancing trade relations, with ongoing discussions set to shape the future of India-US economic cooperation.



## India-US trade pact to be mother of all deals: Goyal

India is set to initiate discussions with the US on a potentially game-changing trade pact, described by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal as the "mother of all deals." The proposed bilateral trade agreement aims to strengthen economic ties between the two nations, offering significant opportunities to complement each other's strengths in a turbulent global economy.

India will soon start discussing a trade pact with the US that will potentially be the "mother of all deals", commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday.

"We will soon begin discussions with the Donald Trump administration on a strong and comprehensive economic partnership, and a bilateral trade deal," he said at the Invest Kerala Global Summit.

Goyal added that the trade deal will provide huge opportunities for both the nations to work together and complement each other's strengths in a very turbulent world.

Earlier this week, the minister indicated that India and the US could explore tariff reductions and other concessions under the proposed trade deal. However, he added that the scope of the agreement—whether it will cover goods, services and investments like a full-

fledged free trade agreement (FTA)—would be determined during negotiations between the two sides.

At the Kerala investor summit, Goyal also highlighted ongoing trade discussions with the EU, the UK and Oman. "We are in talks with Bahrain to establish an FTA similar to a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), and we hope to begin the process soon," he said.

Goyal said India's economy is on track to grow from \$4 trillion to \$30-32 trillion by 2047 and urged global investors to seize the opportunity. Giving an example, Goyal said an automobile manufacturer that invested \$200 million in 1999 has repatriated \$12 billion in royalties and dividends over the past decade, in addition to \$12-13 billion in current equity valuation. "This is just one example of what India can offer to both investors and for those around the world," Goyal said

With a consumer base of 1.4 billion people, India presents a massive business and growth opportunity, Goyal said, encouraging investments in the services sector, technology, data centres, machine learning and artificial intelligence.







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## NHPC connects 300 MW Bikaner solar PV project with ISIS

NHPC Limited has reported that its 300 MW Bikaner solar photo voltaic (PV) project has been connected with inter state transmission system (ISTS) and started injecting 31 MW power in the grid as on March 31, 2025. The commercial declaration of part capacity of 100 MW in phases shall be intimated in due course. The complete 300 MW solar project is likely to be commissioned by August, 2025.

## PFCCL incorporates NES Pune East New Transmission

PFC Consulting Limited (PFCCL) has incorporated a special purpose vehicle (SPV) naming, NES Pune East New Transmission Limited for development of "Network Expansion scheme in Maharashtra for removal of Transmission Constrains in Pune Region-I (765/400 kV Pune East)". The Maharashtra State Electricity

Transmission Company Limited has placed a letter of intent and has appointed PFCCL as bid process coordinator for the purpose of selection of bidder as transmission service provider to establish the above mentioned transmission system through tariff based competitive bidding process.

## KEC International secures new orders worth Rs 12.36 billion

KEC International Limited has secured orders of Rs 12.36 billion across various segments. The business has secured orders for transmission line and substation in Middle East (UAE and Kuwait). It has also secured orders for substation from a private tariff based competitive bidding player in India. Further, the business has also secured orders for supply of various types of cables in India and overseas.



## SWREL secures two new domestic LoAs from private IPPs

Sterling and Wilson Renewable Energy Limited (SWREL) has received two new domestic letter of awards (LoA) from private independent powerproducers (IPPs), and has been declared L1 in a 200 MW alternate current (AC) solar project.

The cumulative order value of the three domestic projects combined is about Rs 14.70 billion. The company received its first LoA for a wind engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) of a 69.3 MW wind balance of plant, and 58 MW AC / 75 MWp direct current (DC) solar balance of system, along with 132 kV / 33 kV pooling substation in Rajasthan. The company has achieved L1 for a turnkey solar project of 200 MW AC / 260 MWp DC photo voltaic (PV) plant in Gujarat, India from a leading

PSU developer. The company has also received a LoA for a PV plant in Rajasthan, India from a domestic IPP.

Resonia wins Ananthapur-II REZ Phase-I project to integrate 4.5 GW of renewable energy in Andhra Pradesh. Resonia Limited, earlier known as Sterlite Grid 32 Limited has successfully secured the bid for the "Transmission System for Integration of Ananthapur-II Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Phase-I" project.

The project was awarded through the tariff based competitive bidding process in 2025. Through the special purpose vehicle, the company will build this green energy project on build, own, operate, transfer basis, for a period of 35 years.



## Waaree Energies inaugurates 5.4 GW solar cell manufacturing facility in Gujarat

Waaree Energies Limited has inaugurated a 5.4 GW solar cell manufacturing facility in Chikhli, Gujarat. Spread across 150 acres with a built-up area of 101 acres, the facility is equipped with high-efficiency solar cell technology.

The manufacturing facility is designed to enhance India's domestic solar manufacturing capabilities and reduce reliance on imports.





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## KEI Industries Ltd. becomes Principal Partner with Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) for the upcoming Men's T20 league 2025 season 18th



KEI Industries Ltd., one of the India's leading wires and cables manufacturer today announced its strategic association with Royal Challengers Bengaluru as **Principal Partner for the upcoming Men's T20 league 2025 , 18th season**. The association will help KEI Industries strengthen its growing brand and business presence nationally. **The cricketing season has begun on 22nd March 2025 at Eden Gardens, Kolkata.**

Aligned to the association, **the players and official members of Royal Challengers Bengaluru franchise will be sporting the KEI logo on the back of their official match jersey**. The logo will also be prominently visible during the on-ground matches of the franchise. The brand will have the right to use player images and team logo for internal use and promotional purposes. The association will also be amplified across, print, outdoor, television, digital and social media platforms which will run through the entire duration of the tournament.

**Royal Challengers Bengaluru don green jersey in one of the their matches as a symbol of their commitment to supporting sustainability initiatives.** This conscious decision aims to raise awareness about

environmental protection and the importance of fostering greenery. By leveraging our platform and influence, we hold the imagery rights for the green jersey, encouraging fans, partners, and the wider community to engage in these efforts.

KEI, a renowned leader in innovative solutions, has unveiled its next generation living eco-friendly solutions designed to promote sustainability. These cutting-edge advancements signify a significant stride towards building a greener and more sustainable future.

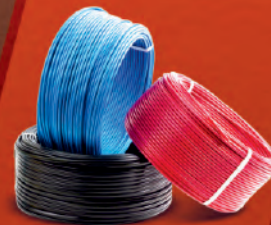
Speaking on the association, **Mr Anil Gupta, Chairman -Cum- Managing Director, KEI Industries Ltd.** said, *"We are delighted to announce our partnership with Royal Challengers Bengaluru, which is one of the most popular and strongest cricketing brands. KEI is one of the leading wires & cables player serving customers across 65+ countries globally and we see a great synergy between both the brands. The players of international stature and their consistent bold performance gives a synergy with the product features of brand KEI. India is a cricket frenzy nation and with this partnership, we aim to leverage the upcoming cricketing festival to build and strengthen our brand awareness and connect with our target audience across the globe."*



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Speaking on the occasion, **Rajesh V Menon, COO of Royal Challengers Bengaluru**, said, "We are excited to extend our partnership with KEI Wires & Cables. KEI's commitment to sustainability aligns perfectly with RCB's values, particularly with our annual green match aimed at promoting environmental awareness. This collaboration will provide KEI with a valuable opportunity to connect with our large and engaged fan base, and we are confident that we can deliver significant value to KEI Wires & Cables through this partnership."

"Speaking on the association, **Mr. Manoj Kakkar, Executive Director (Sales & Marketing), KEI Industries Ltd.** said, "KEI has been actively involved in promoting regional sports, cricket, and their association with the T20 league goes back to 2016. This partnership with Royal Challengers Bengaluru will help brand KEI to instantly connect with the millions of viewers watching the event across India and abroad. The brand has also planned a series of fan engagement activities and meet & greet sessions for key channel partners with players during the tournament and in multiple cities."

Sharing his thoughts on the association, **Mr Akshit Diviaj Gupta, Director, KEI Industries Ltd.** said, "I am delighted to announce our partnership with Royal Challengers Bengaluru. We are committed towards encouraging and elevating the realm of sports in India. The lovability and fan following of RCB will help to

increase KEI brand recognition across the nation. This engagement will further strengthen our relationship with the customers, and we are positive about exploring more opportunities to expand our business."

During the occasion, **Mr. Govind Sharma, Marcom Head of KEI Industries**, emphasized the growing consumer inclination towards sustainable solutions. He stated that consumers increasingly prioritize eco-friendly products when given the option. "At KEI Industries, we are deeply committed to environmental stewardship and strive to leave a positive impact on the world. Our latest range of eco-friendly products underscores our dedication to sustainability and the creation of a better future for generations to come." Mr. Sharma also highlighted that the association of KEI Industries with RCB serves as a strategic pathway for us to achieve these sustainability goals.

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## CEA notifies draft CEA (Installation and Operation of Meters) (5th Amendment) Regulations, 2025

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has notified the draft CEA (Installation and Operation of Meters) (5th Amendment) Regulations, 2025.

As per the amendment, a key change includes the revision of the definition of 'interface meter,' which will now refer to a meter used for accounting and billing of electricity at the point of interconnection between electrical systems of generating companies, licensees, and consumers, directly connected to the inter state transmission system, intra state transmission system, or distribution system, and those permitted open access at voltage levels exceeding 650 volts. Additionally, the amendment introduces provisions ensuring that consumers connected at voltage levels not exceeding 650 volts and permitted open access shall be supplied electricity through smart meters as per relevant IS standards. The regulations also mandate that advanced metering infrastructure systems must align with the 'guidelines for standardisation and interoperability in advanced metering infrastructure systems for end to end

communication between smart meter, head end system, and meter data management, as issued and updated by the authority.

### Suzlon secures 204.75 MW wind order from Jindal Green Wind under C&I

Suzlon Group has secured an order from Jindal Green Wind 1 Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Jindal Renewables, for the supply of 204.75 MW wind power capacity.

The new capacity will be deployed in the Karur region of Tamil Nadu and will contribute to powering steel plants in Chhattisgarh and Odisha. Suzlon Group will supply 65 S144 wind turbine generators with hybrid lattice towers, each rated at 3.15 MW. The energy generated will be used for captive consumption in steel plants, supporting operational sustainability and India's green energy transition.







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# India's clean energy transition is rapidly underway, benefiting the entire world

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India's announcement that it aims to reach net zero emissions by 2070 and to meet fifty percent of its electricity requirements from renewable energy sources by 2030 is a hugely significant moment for the global fight against climate change. India is pioneering a new model of economic development that could avoid the carbon-intensive approaches that many countries have pursued in the past – and provide a blueprint for other developing economies.

The scale of transformation in India is stunning. Its economic growth has been among the highest in the world over the past two decades, lifting of millions of people out of poverty. Every year, India adds a city the size of London to its urban population, involving vast construction of new buildings, factories and transportation networks. Coal and oil have so far served as bedrocks of India's industrial growth and modernisation, giving a rising number of Indian people access to modern energy services. This includes adding new electricity connections for 50 million citizens each year over the past decade.

The rapid growth in fossil energy consumption has also meant India's annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have risen to become the third highest in the world. However, India's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per person put it near the bottom of the world's emitters, and they are lower still if you consider historical emissions per person. The same is true of energy consumption: the average household in India consumes a tenth as much electricity as the average household in the United States.

India's sheer size and its huge scope for growth means that its energy demand is set to grow by more than that of any other country in the coming decades. In a pathway to net zero emissions by 2070, we estimate that most of the growth in energy demand

this decade would already have to be met with low-carbon energy sources. It therefore makes sense that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced more ambitious targets for 2030, including installing 500 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity, reducing the emissions intensity of its economy by 45%, and reducing a billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

These targets are formidable, but the good news is that the clean energy transition in India is already well underway. It has overachieved its commitment made at COP 21- Paris Summit by already meeting 40% of its power capacity from non-fossil fuels- almost nine years ahead of its commitment and the share of solar and wind in India's energy mix have grown phenomenally. Owing to technological developments, steady policy support and a vibrant private sector solar power plants are cheaper to build than coal ones. Renewable electricity is growing at a faster rate in India than any other major economy, with new capacity additions on track to double by 2026. The country is also one of the world's largest producers of modern bioenergy and has big ambitions to scale up its use across the economy. The IEA expects India to overtake Canada and China in the next few years to become the third largest ethanol market worldwide after the United States and Brazil.

However, even as it sets its sights on net zero, India faces a number of pressing near-term challenges. The sharp increase in commodity prices has made energy less affordable, and tight markets are increasing energy security risks for the world's third largest energy importer. There is still a lack of reliable electricity supply for many consumers. Continued reliance on traditional fuels for cooking causes unnecessary harm to many people's health. Financially ailing electricity distribution companies are impeding the urgent transformation of the sector. And high levels of pollution have left Indian cities with some of the poorest air quality in the world.

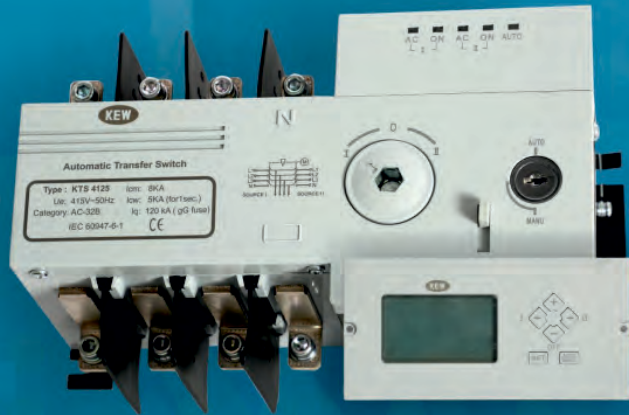




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India already has a numerous policy measures in place that – if fully implemented – could address some of these challenges by accelerating the shift to cleaner and more efficient technologies. Subsidies for petrol and diesel were removed in the early 2010s, and subsidies for electric vehicles were introduced in 2019. India's robust energy efficiency programme has been successful in reducing energy use and emissions from buildings, transport and major industries. Government efforts to provide millions of households with fuel gas for cooking and heating are enabling a steady transition away from the use of traditional biomass such as burning wood. India is also laying the groundwork to scale up important emerging technologies such as hydrogen, battery storage, and low-carbon steel,

cement and fertilisers.

A transition to clean energy is a huge economic opportunity. India is particularly well placed to become a global leader in renewable batteries and green hydrogen. These and other low-carbon technologies could create a market worth up to \$80 billion in India by 2030. Support from the international community is essential to help shift India's development onto a low-carbon path. To reach net zero emissions by 2070, the IEA estimates that \$160 billion per year is needed, on average, across India's energy economy between now and 2030. That's three times today's investment levels. Therefore, access of low cost long term capital is key to achieve net zero.



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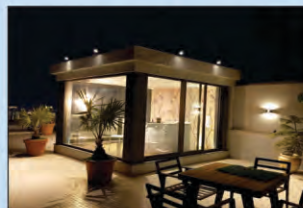
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comply with CEA regulations, including the technical standards for communication systems and cyber security guidelines. To future-proof communication needs, installations in high-growth areas should consider

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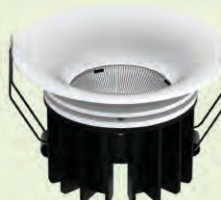
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लाकडे पेटवून निर्माण केलेली व नियंत्रणात ठेवलेली आग हा पहिला मानवनिर्मित ऊर्जास्रोत होता. आपले होमो सेपियन पूर्वज आग वापरत असल्याचे पुरावे साधारण सव्वा लाख वर्षांपूर्वीपासून मिळतात. कळपाने भटकंती करणाऱ्या अनेक प्रजाती आहेत. यांचे आणि भटक्या माणसांचेही जगणे स्नायूंच्या ऊर्जेवर अवलंबून होते. माणसांनी त्याला आगीची जोड दिली. वेगवेगळे अन्नपदार्थ एकत्र करून, आगीच्या सहाय्याने विविध स्वादांचे खाद्य बनवणे हे खास मानवी कौशल्य आहे.

आगीच्या शोधातूनच मातीची भांडी भाजण्याचे तंत्रज्ञान विकसित झाले. तांबे हा धातू जमिनीवर शुद्ध स्वरूपात सापडत होता. त्यामुळे दगडांची हत्यारे बनवणारे तांब्याच्याही वस्तू बनवू लागले तर काही विशेष नाही. पण मातीची भांडी भाजण्याच्या भट्ट्यांमध्येच तांबे व जस्त किंवा इतर धातूंचे मिश्रण तापवल्यावर कांस्य (ब्राँझ) तयार होते. तांबे हा तुलनेने मऊ धातू असल्याने त्याची उपयुक्तता मर्यादित होती. कांस्यापासून मात्र दगडाच्या हत्यारांपेक्षा वरचढ हत्यारे बनवता आली. कांस्ययुगानंतर आले लोहयुग. पोलादी हत्यारांच्या सहाय्याने खणणे शक्य झाले व इतर खनिजांच्या शोधाचा मार्ग मोकळा झाला. सर्वच खनिजांपासून मूलद्रव्ये मिळवणे, त्यांवर प्रक्रिया करून उपयुक्त पदार्थांची निर्मिती करणे, यासाठीही प्रामुख्याने आगीचाच वापर होतो. म्हणजेच माणसांच्या शिकारी भटक्या संस्कृतीपासून शेतीवर आधारित नागरी संस्कृतीकडे झालेल्या संक्रमणात आगीची कळीची भूमिका होती.

शेती करायला लागल्यावर माणसांनी आग व स्वतःच्या

स्नायूंच्या ऊर्जेबरोबरच पाळीव प्राण्यांच्या स्नायूंच्या ऊर्जेचाही वापर केला - उदा. नांगर, मोट, प्राण्यांनी ओढायचे गाडे, इ. कालांतराने वारा आणि वाहत्या पाण्याची गतिज ऊर्जा वापरण्याचे तंत्रज्ञानही माणसांनी विकसित केले आणि पाणचक्क्या, पवनचक्क्यांचा वापर करून पीठ दळणे, लाकूडकटाई, पाणी उपसणे, अशी विविध कामे केली जाऊ लागली. साधारण १५व्या शतकापासून या ऊर्जास्रोतांच्या मदतीने वस्तू व सेवा पुरवणारे उद्योग जगभरात सर्वत्र होते. असे असूनही १८५०च्या सुमारास 'औद्योगिक क्रांती' झाली असे का म्हणतात ?

एकोणिसाव्या शतकात खनिज कोळसा हे परिचित इंधन होते, पण त्याची उपलब्धता व वापर मर्यादित होता. इंग्लंडमध्ये वाफेच्या इंजिनाची निर्मिती कोळशाच्या खाणीत भरणारे पाणी उपसण्याच्या गरजेतून झाली. यामुळे खाणकामाचा वेग वाढला व खनिज कोळसा मोठ्या प्रमाणावर व स्वस्तात उपलब्ध झाला. वाफेच्या इंजिनात सुरुवातीला लाकूडफाटा हेच इंधन वापरले जात असे, पण १ किलो कोळशातून १ किलो लाकडाच्या दुप्पट ऊर्जा मिळते, आणि १ किलो लाकडाची वाढ व्हायला लागणाऱ्या कालावधीत खाणींमधून लाखो टन कोळसा काढता येतो. त्यामुळे वाफेच्या इंजिनासाठी खनिज कोळसा हे इंधन बनले. खनिज कोळशावर चालणारे वाफेचे इंजिन आपल्याला पाहिजे तेव्हा पाहिजे तितकी गतिज ऊर्जा देऊ शकते, हे दिसल्यावर इंग्लंडमधील सर्व उद्योगांमध्ये हे नवे तंत्रज्ञान वापरले जाऊ लागले.

चीनमध्ये मर्यादित प्रमाणात खनिज तेलाचा वापर पूर्वापार होत



असे, पण १८७५ मध्ये अमेरिकेत खनिज तेलाचे साठे सापडले आणि त्यापासून वेगवेगळी इंधने बनवण्याचे तंत्रज्ञानही विकसित झाले. यातले पहिले इंधन होते, केरोसिन आणि याचा वापर सुरुवातीला दिवाबत्तीसाठीचे इंधन म्हणून केला गेला. अंतर्गत ज्वलन किंवा इंटरनल कम्बशन इंजिनाचा विकास झाल्यावर आणि जगात इतरत्रही खनिज तेलाचे साठे सापडल्यावर पेट्रोलियम इंधनांचा उद्योगांत व दळणवळणासाठी वापर होऊ लागला.

या नव्या ऊर्जास्रोतांमुळे युरोपातील कारखान्यांची उत्पादनक्षमता कैक पटींनी वाढली. कच्च्या मालाचे नवे स्रोत आणि उत्पादनांसाठी नव्या बाजारपेठा शोधणे ही युरोपीय वसाहतवादामागची महत्त्वाची प्रेरणा होती. आजची जागतिक मानवी संस्कृती निर्माण होण्यात युरोपीय वसाहतवादाचा व पर्यायाने खनिज इंधनांचा मुख्य वाटा आहे.

दुसऱ्या महायुद्धानंतर भांडवलशाहीवादी अमेरिका व मित्रराष्ट्रे आणि साम्यवादी रशिया व मित्रराष्ट्रे या दोन गटांमध्ये शीतयुद्ध सुरू झाले. आमने-सामने न लढता वेगवेगळ्या क्षेत्रांत एकमेकांवर कुरघोडी करायची, ही याची रणनीती होती. यापैकी एक क्षेत्र होते अवकाश संशोधनाचे. मानवनिर्मित यंत्रे अवकाशात पाठवली तर ती चालवण्यासाठी सूर्य व इतर ताऱ्यांमधून बाहेर पडणारी विद्युतचुंबकीय प्रारणे हाच एकमेव ऊर्जास्रोत उपलब्ध आहे. यातूनच सौर विद्युतनिर्मितीचे तंत्रज्ञान आले. दुसऱ्या बाजूला याच काळात अणुविद्युतनिर्मितीचे तंत्रज्ञानही विकसित झाले.

१९६०च्या दशकात अरब देशांनी अचानक खनिज तेलाचा पुरवठा कमी केल्याने विकसित देशांना प्रचंड इंधन टंचाईला तोंड द्यावे लागले. याचवेळी युरोपमध्ये कोळसा खाणकामगारांच्या संघटनांचे संप होत होते. त्यामुळे ऊर्जेच्या बाबतीत स्वयंपूर्ण असणे आणि खनिज इंधनांचे अर्थकारणातील महत्त्व कमी करणे विकसित देशांना गरजेचे वाटले. परिणामतः त्यांच्यामध्ये खनिज इंधनांचे मुबलक साठे असलेल्या भूभागांवर आर्थिक नियंत्रण प्रस्थापित करण्यासाठी चढाओढ सुरू झाली. खनिज इंधनांच्या वापरातून जागतिक तापमानवाढीची समस्या निर्माण होत असल्याचेही याच सुमारास

संशोधकांनी दाखवून दिल्याने या इंधनांना पर्याय शोधण्याच्या प्रयत्नांनाही गती मिळाली.

१९८६ मधील चेर्नोबिल अणुभट्टीतील अपघातानंतर जागतिक जनमत अणुऊर्जेच्या विरोधात जाऊ लागले. यातच २०११ साली त्सुनामीमुळे जपानमधील फुकुशिमा अणुभट्टी बंद करावी लागण्याचीही भर पडली. अणुसम्मीलनावर (फ्युजन) आधारित विद्युतनिर्मिती अधिक सुरक्षित व कार्यक्षम होऊ शकते, पण या संशोधनाची प्रगती फारच कूर्मगतीने चालू आहे. अणुऊर्जा मागे पडल्यावर पवन, सौर, इ. नूतनक्षम ऊर्जास्रोतांना पुढावा मिळाला. पण हे स्रोत मर्यादित आहेत, सर्वकाळ सारख्या प्रमाणात उपलब्ध नाहीत, ऊर्जानिर्मितीसाठी जास्त जागा लागते, अशा मर्यादाही पुढे आल्या. २०१०नंतर मात्र चित्र बदलले आहे. नूतनक्षम



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## एसी कसे वापरावे?

एसी २६ अंशांवर ठेवा आणि इच्छित असल्यास फॅन चालवा.

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उन्हाळा सुरू झाला आहे आणि आम्ही नियमितपणे एअर कंडिशनर (AC) वापरत असल्याने AC चालविण्याच्या योग्य पद्धतीचा अवलंब करूया.

बऱ्याच लोकांना AC 20-22 डिग्री तापमानात चालवण्याची सवय असते आणि जेव्हा त्यांना थंडी जाणवते तेव्हा ते चादर पांघरून घेतात यामुळे दुहेरी तोटा होतो, कसे ते पहा?

आपल्याला माहिती आहे की, आपल्या शरीराचे तापमान ३७ डिग्री सेल्सियस आहे? शरीर २३ अंश ते ३९ अंशांपर्यंतचे तापमान सहजपणे सहन करू शकते.

याला मानवी शरीराचे तापमान सहनशीलता म्हणतात. जेव्हा खोलीचे तापमान कमी किंवा जास्त असते तेव्हा शरीर शिंका येणे, थरथरणे इ. द्वारा प्रतिक्रिया देते.

जेव्हा आपण एसी १९-२०-२१ अंशांवर चालवता तेव्हा खोलीचे तापमान सामान्य शरीराच्या तपमानापेक्षा खूपच कमी असते आणि यामुळे शरीरात हायपोथर्मिया नावाची प्रक्रिया सुरू होते, ज्यामुळे रक्ताच्या अभिसरणावर परिणाम होतो, जेणेकरून शरीराच्या काही भागात रक्तपुरवठा पुरेसा नसतो, दीर्घकाळापर्यंत अनेक नुकसान जसे की संधिवात इत्यादी अनेक रोग होत असतात.

AC चालवताना घाम येत नाही, म्हणून शरीरातील विष (Toxins) बाहेर येत नाहीत आणि दीर्घकाळापर्यंत बऱ्याच रोगांचा धोका असतो, जसे की त्वचेची एलर्जी किंवा खाज सुटणे, उच्च रक्तदाब, बीपी इ.

जेव्हा आपण अशा कमी तापमानात AC चालवता, तेव्हा कॉम्प्रेसर सतत AC 5 star असला तरीही पूर्ण उर्जेवर कार्य करते, अत्यधिक उर्जा वापरली जाते आणि हे आपल्या आरोग्यासह, खिशातून पैसे उडवते.

AC चालवण्याचा उत्तम मार्ग कोणता आहे ?

तापमान २६ अंश किंवा त्याहून अधिक वर सेट करा.

AC प्रथम २०-२१ अंश तपमान निश्चित केल्याने आपल्याला फायदा नाही.

एसी २६ अंशांवर चालविणे आणि फॅन कमी करणे नेहमीच चांगले असते, २८ अधिक डिग्री अधिक चांगले असते.

यासाठी कमी वीज खर्च होईल आणि आपल्या शरीराचे तापमान देखील योग्य असेल आणि आपल्या आरोग्यावर परिणाम होणार नाही.

याचा आणखी एक फायदा म्हणजे AC कमी विजेचा वापर करेल, मेंदूवर रक्तदाबही कमी होईल आणि बचत शेवटी ग्लोबल वार्मिंगचे परिणाम कमी करण्यास मदत करेल.

समजा आपण AC 26 अंशांवर आणि आपल्यासारख्या आणखी ५ दशलक्ष घरे ही २६ अंशावर AC चालवून दररोज सुमारे १ युनिट विजेची बचत केली तर आपण प्रति दिन ५ दशलक्ष युनिट वीज वाचवितो.

प्रादेशिक स्तरावर ही बचत प्रति दिन करोडों युनिट असू शकते.

कृपया वरील माहितीचा विचार करा आणि २६ डिग्रीपेक्षा कमी एसी चालवू नका.

आपले शरीर आणि वातावरण निरोगी ठेवा.



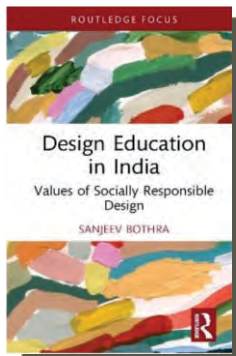
### ऊर्जा आणि मानवी संस्कृती

स्रोतांपासून ऊर्जानिर्मितीचा खर्च कमी झाला, आणि ऊर्जा साठवणुकीच्या कार्यक्षम व स्वस्त प्रणाली (बॅटरी) विकसित झाल्या. ऊर्जेचा अधिकाधिक कार्यक्षमतेने वापर करण्याची एलईडी दिव्यांसारखी तंत्रेही आली. नूतनक्षम स्रोतांपासून 'जिथे गरज तिथेच ऊर्जानिर्मिती' असा वेगळा विचारही पुढे आला. दरम्यान अणुऊर्जानिर्मितीही अधिक सुरक्षित झाली व छोट्या अणुभट्ट्यांद्वारे विकेंद्रित पद्धतीने वीजनर्मिती केली जाऊ लागली. हरित हायड्रोजनसारखी नवी नूतनक्षम इंधनेही आता येत आहेत.

खनिज इंधनांचा वापर पूर्णपणे बंद करणे या शतकात साध्य होऊ शकते, असे आज दिसते. जागतिक अर्थव्यवस्था व समाजकारणावर ऊर्जास्रोतांचा थेट परिणाम होतो, हे इतिहास सांगतो. येत्या दोन-तीन दशकांत नूतनक्षम विकेंद्रित ऊर्जानिर्मिती जागतिक ऊर्जाप्रणालीचा कणा बनली, तर तापमानवाढीचे संकट थोपवता येईलच, पण पर्यावरणपूरकता व सामाजिक समानतेवर आधारित नव्या मानवी संस्कृतीची पायाभरणीही होईल, असे अभ्यासक सांगतात. पण आजची जागतिक मानवी संस्कृती खनिज इंधनांच्या पायावर उभी आहे आणि खनिज इंधनाचे व्यापारी नवे ऊर्जासंक्रमण थोपवू पाहत आहेत. यासाठी जगभरात अस्मितांचे व अलगीकरणाचे राजकारण करणाऱ्या राजकीय पक्षांना व नेत्यांना त्यांनी आर्थिक पाठबळ दिले आहे. जगभरातील सामान्य माणूस काळाची चाके मागे फिरवणाऱ्या या सापळ्यात अडकणार की नवे ऊर्जास्रोत व विवेकाची, विश्वबंधुत्वाची कास धरणार यावर जागतिक मानवी संस्कृतीचे भवितव्य अवलंबून आहे.

(लेखिका पर्यावरणाच्या अभ्यासक आहेत.)





## Designing a Sustainable Future

Vivek Bhandari

As with much else in the world in 2025, the world of education—and more specifically design education (which is perhaps the most inter-disciplinary of all learning fields)—is in a state of flux. Debates about artificial intelligence, climate change, identity politics and the future of the workplace are swirling all around us with accelerated ferocity. India, as a fast-growing economy, is repositioning itself geopolitically, while simultaneously redesigning and reconfiguring many of its institutions, systems and processes. Or, as one could also argue, the present Indian government is re-designing them, re-aligning them as per a cultural, moral and institutional vision considerably at odds with that of Jawaharlal Nehru. These are times of instability and, not surprisingly, there is a sense of uncertainty about the future.

Amid this larger swirl of history, Sanjeev Bothra's book *Design Education in India: Values of Socially Responsible Design* comes as a calming breath of fresh air. In his multi-layered analysis of the evolution of design education, Bothra interrogates the fundamentals of design thinking as the world appears to be at a crucial tipping point in which all received orthodoxies are under critical scrutiny. Where, one may ask, are past visions of holistic and responsible design today, not just in the Indian context, but globally? And how do we find our way out of the several existential predicaments we face today? For Bothra, the answer emerges out of his passion for teaching, which led him to settle on the idea of 'socially responsible design' as the starting point for a regenerative and sustainable future.

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artefacts—that we rely on as a part of our daily lives. Literally every object in our midst and its usage exists because of a design imagination. Modern design thinking in India has a long and complex history, shaped as much by the vagaries of its colonial past, as by the intellectual currents that drove this movement in Europe in the early 20th century (and before that, the Industrial Revolution). In many ways, the arrival of design education to India was an integral part of post-colonial India's attempt to embrace modernism, something that was central to the Nehruvian vision that animated the earlier decades of independent India. During these early years of post-colonial institution-building, the interplay between modernist forms of knowledge and traditional, indigenous culture threw up a range of fascinating experiments, impacting material culture as well as the urban landscape in complex ways.

The National Institute of Design (NID), founded in 1961 in Ahmedabad, and informed in its content and scope by a vision articulated by the team of Charles and Ray Eames, an eminent American design couple who produced the *India Report* at the request of the then prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, was one such pioneering experiment. NID was deeply influenced by the Bauhaus and Ulm design traditions (from Germany) but was also committed to building on India's rich legacy of craftsmanship that had, for centuries, shaped the country's material culture in a sustainable and ecologically responsible way. Through its alumni, the legacy of institutions like NID has had an enduring impact on generations of Indians, among whom Sanjeev Bothra's was a voice of calm and reason.

Some years ago, in his 2016 book, *The Great Derangement*, Amitav Ghosh lamented humanity's 'imaginative failure' in the face of the planet's looming climate catastrophe. More recently, in 2022, the distinguished theorist Nancy Fraser, in the preface of her book *Cannibal Capitalism*, provocatively asks: "Are we toast? Can we figure out how to dismantle the social system that is driving us into the jaws of obliteration? Can we come together to address the entire crisis complex that system has spawned—not 'just' the heating of the earth, nor 'only' the progressive destruction of our collective capacities for public action, nor 'merely' the wholesale assault on our ability to care for one another and sustain social ties, nor 'simply' the disproportionate dumping of the ensuing fallout on poor, working-class, and racialized populations, but the general crisis in which these various harms are intertwined?"

As India hurtles towards a future in which the forces of climate change, the '4th Industrial Revolution' and nationalist jingoism pervade our mainstream discourse, Bothra's soothing book, through the prism of design education, provides a tentative roadmap for the larger community of planners, designers, educators and institution-builders. His reasoned analysis attempts to guide us on a path out of this morass of disenchantment by outlining the fundamentals of a new paradigm for design education and education more generally.

At the heart of Bothra's ambitious project is a desire to outline the key elements of what he describes as 'socially responsible design'. This multi-layered concept, which emerges out of his career as a teacher and practitioner, is outlined over seven meticulously crafted chapters. Four of these chapters provide the historical and conceptual scaffolding of his construct; one that describes his research and case studies; and two that sum up his core proposals. Bothra places emphasis on the need to build on what we have learnt from the multiple paradigms of design thinking that have impacted the world over the past century (especially India), but have not allowed us to truly confront our world in environmental peril as it exists today. In this, he builds on the ideas of a range of influential voices ranging from William Morris and Paulo Freire on the one hand, to MP Ranjan and the pioneering faculty of NID on the other.

For the past few decades, deliberations about the need to address the needs of India's demographic dividend, i.e., India's predominantly young working population, have been at the centre of discussions about the form and content of our educational practices and institutions. At the heart of these discussions is the creative tension between the need to balance the skilling needs of the youth (so that they may find gainful, sustainable livelihoods); their capacity for critical thinking (so that they may navigate the challenges of life with a sense of perspective); and values (so that they may live ethical and fulfilling lives). *The sad truth, unfortunately, is that the design of an educational system that can reconcile all of these elements within an elegant paradigm still continues to elude us.* Bothra provides us with the foundational vocabulary for a possible solution. The complex relationship between the learning of skills, having a sense of the bigger picture, and a humanistic, moral imagination—all of which are integral for the development of the young when they enter college—has been masterfully distilled by Bothra in his book.



Bothra's argument, elegant in its simplicity, is that it is crucial for designers—and, indeed, this applies to policy-makers, planners and institution-builders, as well as students around the world—to approach real world problems through an elaborate 'filtering system' that requires them to exercise a sense of responsibility not just to clients, consumers, the government, or society; but importantly, to the needs of the environment as well. The technical aspects of what is done on the ground follow from such a filtering process. This is where Bothra confronts the challenge posed by Ghosh and Fraser *And all of these responsibilities have to be filtered through the moral and ethical filter of personal values.* For Bothra, this all-encompassing filtering system—in which the institutional/global is interlinked with the personal—serves as an indispensable and holistic framework to work towards responsible design outcomes. In other words, designers have a responsibility to fulfilling the needs of multiple stakeholders while locating themselves at the centre of the task at hand so as to achieve a complementarity of the self with the world; indeed, a sense of unity or singularity that serves humanity as a whole.

Bothra's is a lofty, idealistic vision—one that is

acutely needed in our troubled times. All he asks, in the end, is that we reconcile our journey through life as professionals and social actors with our commitment to our moral core, and to our natural and material environment—so that future generations can live and breathe in peace. For all these reasons, his multi-textured meditation on the foundational attributes of a design education paradigm for India, as we enter the second quarter of the 21st century, is an important contribution in the ongoing debates about the future of learning in our tumultuous times.

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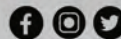


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