



India's Energy Transition Guided by 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth, One Family, One Future' : Union Minister Pralhad Joshi

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi Addresses Plenary Session of 16th IRENA Assembly in Abu Dhabi, UAE

Stable Policies and Transparent Markets Make India a Leading Destination for Clean Energy Investment: Union Minister Joshi

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India Calls for Stronger Multilateral Cooperation for Renewable Energy Transition at 16th IRENA Assembly

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Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Shri Pralhad Joshi today delivered India's national statement at the 16th Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, reaffirming India's strong commitment to a just, equitable, affordable and sustainable global energy transition.

Addressing the Assembly, the Union Minister stated that India's approach to energy transition is guided by the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam- One Earth, One Family, One Future, and a long-term vision anchored in equity, inclusivity and policy stability. He reiterated India's commitment to achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel installed power capacity by 2030 and Net Zero emissions by 2070.

Highlighting a major milestone, Shri Joshi informed that India has already achieved 50 per cent of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources in 2025, five years ahead of its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) target under the Paris Agreement. India's non fossil fuel energy capacity has crossed 266 GW, placing the country among global leaders in renewable energy deployment.

The Union Minister underlined that as one of the world's fastest-growing major energy markets, India is prioritising reliable and resilient power systems through accelerated deployment of energy storage solutions, grid modernisation, development of Green Energy Corridors and innovative bidding mechanisms such as hybrid and round-the-clock renewable energy projects. He also highlighted India's efforts to strengthen clean energy supply chains and expand domestic manufacturing across solar, wind, batteries and electrolyzers, contributing to both national self-reliance and diversified global supply chains.

Emphasising the people-centric nature of India's energy transition, the Union Minister highlighted flagship programmes aimed at empowering households and farmers. Under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, around 2.5 million households have benefitted from rooftop solar installations in less than two years, with a target to cover 10 million households by March 2027. Under the PM-KUSUM scheme, about 2.17 million farmers have benefitted through replacement of diesel pumps and solarisation of agricultural feeders.

The Union Minister noted that the global energy transition will require unprecedented investment and cooperation. India alone is expected to require around USD 300 billion by 2030, creating significant opportunities across renewable generation, storage, green hydrogen, grids and manufacturing. With stable policies and transparent markets, he said, India continues to remain one of the most attractive destinations for clean energy investment.

Calling for enhanced international cooperation, Shri Joshi stressed the importance of technology transfer, access to low-cost finance, capacity building and harmonisation of standards, particularly to support developing countries in scaling up renewable energy without compromising development aspirations.

Reaffirming India's strong support for IRENA, he stated that India stands ready to share its experience, institutions and technical expertise and to work closely with all member countries, especially Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States, to accelerate the global renewable energy transition. Union Minister emphasised that India's energy transition is not only about capacity addition, but about people, opportunity and a shared sustainable future.

Delighted to participate in the High-Level Dialogue on Reimagining Energy Futures: Bold Visions for Shared Prosperity at the 16th Session of @IRENA

Reiterated India's belief that the global energy transition must be clean, just, affordable and inclusive, aligned with the SDGs... pic.twitter.com/GFRRPyDAaX

— Pralhad Joshi (@JoshiPralhad) January 11, 2026

Earlier, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi also participated in the High-Level Dialogue on "Reimagining Energy Futures: Bold Visions for Shared Prosperity" held on the sidelines of the assembly. He reaffirmed India's commitment to a people-centric energy transition, driven by strengthened international cooperation on finance, technology and governance, with the objective of delivering shared prosperity for all. Emphasising that the energy transition must become a mass movement driven by equity and inclusion, the Minister said that India added nearly 50 GW of RE capacity in 2025.

Congratulations to the Dominican Republic on assuming the Presidency of @IRENA.

Best wishes to the Vice Presidents — Kenya, Solomon Islands, Spain and Antigua and Barbuda for a successful tenure.

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The Union Minister congratulated the Dominican Republic on assuming the Presidency of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and extended best wishes to the Vice Presidents, Kenya, Solomon Islands, Spain and Antigua and Barbuda, expressing confidence that their leadership will further strengthen multilateral cooperation and advance a sustainable and inclusive global energy transition.

Held a productive meeting with Dr. @amnaaldahak, UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment, to strengthen India–UAE cooperation on climate action, #CleanEnergy and #FoodSecurity. Discussed synergies for sustainable development, with a focus on renewables, decentralised... pic.twitter.com/8XIIQA
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The Union Minister also held a meeting with Dr. Amna bint Abdullah Al Dahak, Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates, to further strengthen India–UAE cooperation on climate action, clean energy and food security. During the interaction, the two sides reviewed the expanding partnership in renewable energy, investment and innovation, anchored in multiple Memoranda of Understanding signed between 2014 and 2024 and aligned with the UAE's Net Zero 2050 goal. The discussions focused on enhancing collaboration in renewables, decentralised energy solutions, manufacturing, energy storage, technology cooperation and blended finance, with an emphasis on people-centric, scalable initiatives to enhance energy security, resilience and long-term sustainability.

About IRENA

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is an intergovernmental organisation that supports countries in their transition to a sustainable energy future, and serves as the principal platform for international cooperation, a centre of excellence, and a repository of policy, technology, resource and financial knowledge on renewable energy. Presently, IRENA has 170 Members (169 States and the European Union) and 14 states-in-accession. India is also one of the founder members of IRENA.

The 16th Session of the IRENA Assembly and related meetings is being held from 10 to 12 January 2026 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The Assembly session will focus on the theme of "Powering Humanity: Renewable Energy for Shared Prosperity. The Assembly session will gather global leaders and energy decision-makers to discuss strategies and underline necessary actions for the acceleration of renewable energy across countries, regions, and the world, driving economic inclusion, equity, and human wellbeing.

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