

Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shri Shripad Naik holds Bilateral Meeting with European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Delegation

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Shri Shripad Naik, the Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy, held a bilateral meeting with a delegation of the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), in New Delhi, on 24 September 2026. The meeting was held to review and further strengthen the ongoing cooperation between India and the European Union in the power sector.



The discussions covered a wide range of areas, including energy security, power sector transformation, low-carbon development, nuclear energy, carbon markets and development of new technologies. Both sides exchanged views on ongoing initiatives and explored avenues to deepen collaboration, building on the strong momentum in India-EU relations, including the significant progress achieved in the India-EU Free Trade Agreement.

Shri Shripad Naik highlighted India's rapidly transforming power sector and the country's efforts to build a resilient, reliable and future-ready energy system. He noted India's progress in expanding non-fossil fuel capacity, including achieving the NDC commitments in this regard much ahead of the target, strengthening transmission and distribution infrastructure, deploying energy storage and smart-grid solutions, and advancing nuclear energy, energy efficiency and green hydrogen.

Both sides discussed opportunities for enhanced cooperation in emerging areas, including long-duration energy storage, digital power-system technologies, green hydrogen, carbon capture, utilization and storage, and nuclear technologies, including Small Modular Reactors. They also exchanged perspectives on carbon markets and the evolving carbon-pricing landscape, including Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

The meeting reaffirmed the importance of energy and power cooperation as a key pillar of the India-EU partnership. Both sides expressed their commitment to continued engagement, exchange of expertise and deeper technological and institutional cooperation to support secure, resilient and sustainable energy systems.

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