

India's Journey Towards Clean Energy

India has made significant strides in transitioning to cleaner power sources over the past decade. This progress is evident in the substantial increase in budgetary allocations to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, rising from ₹1,535 crore in fiscal year 2015 to ₹32,626 crore in 2025. However, these allocations have often been underutilised, resulting in lower revised estimates.



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Scheme Launch

Introduced in 2019 with an outlay of ₹34,422 crore

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Objectives

Off-grid solar irrigation pumps and grid-connected solar plants on fallow farmlands

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Current Status

Tepid response with less than half a gigawatt of installed capacity

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COVID-19 Impact on Energy Transition

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Supply Chain Disruptions

Major disruptions to coal, oil, and gas supply chains during the pandemic

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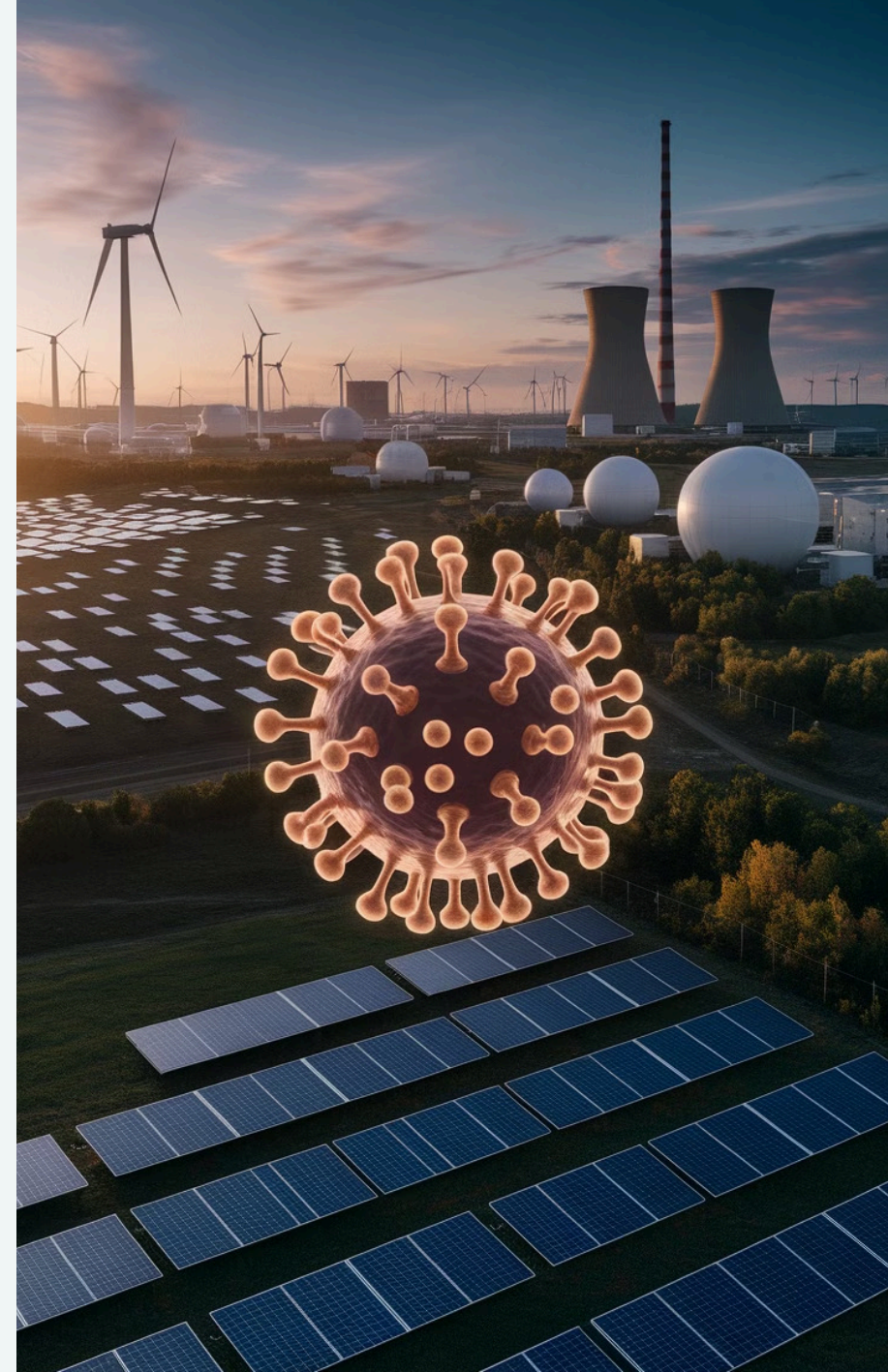
Realisation

Energy transition recognized as both desirable and necessary

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COP26 Pledge

India commits to producing half its energy from renewables by 2026



Budget 2021: Heralding Clean Energy Shift

₹18,10... **₹4,50...**

PLI for ACC

**For advanced chemistry
cell manufacturing to
boost grid-scale battery
storage capacity**

PLI for Solar PV

**Initially allocated for
solar photovoltaic
modules**

₹19,50...

Increased PLI

**Solar PV scheme budget
increased in 2022**

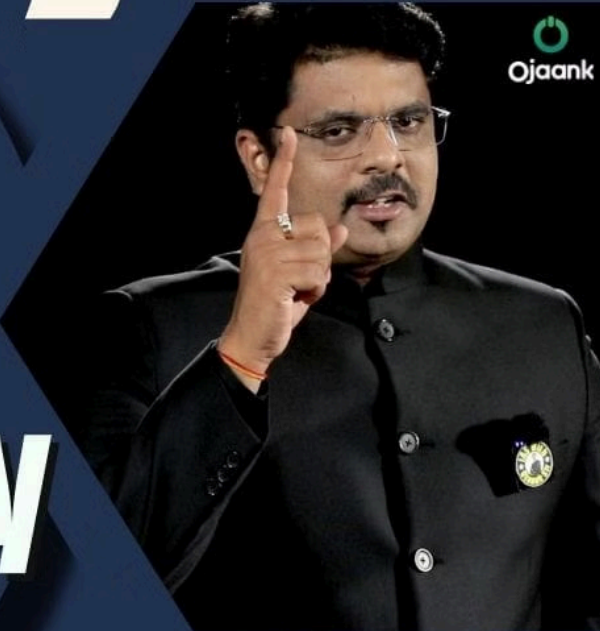


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Customs Duty on Solar Components

Solar Modules

40% basic customs duty imposed

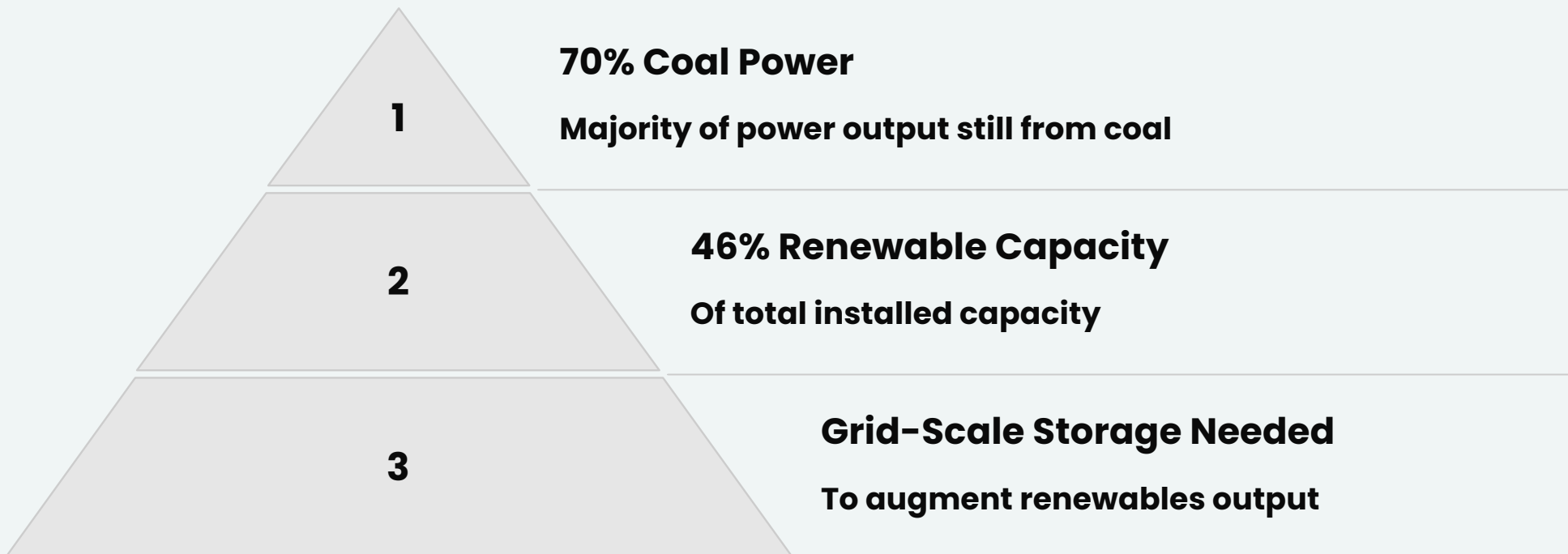
Solar Cells

25% basic customs duty levied

Impact

Slowed solar power installations nationwide due to rising prices

Current Energy Scenario in India



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Government's Recent Initiatives



Exemption of Critical Minerals

12 critical minerals exempted from basic customs duties

Capital Goods Exemption

35 capital goods exempted from basic customs duties

Aim to Reduce Dependence

Efforts to reduce reliance on China for energy transition resources and technology



Need for a Critical Minerals Framework

Just Extraction

**Socially and environmentally
just during mineral extraction**

Equitable Distribution

**Fair distribution of critical
minerals**

Leadership Role

**India must aim to play a
bigger role in formulating this
framework**

India's Path Forward in Clean Energy

As India continues its journey towards clean energy, it faces both challenges and opportunities. The country must balance its ambitious renewable energy goals with the realities of its current energy mix and economic considerations. By taking a leadership role in formulating a critical minerals framework and focusing on sustainable, equitable practices, India can pave the way for a greener future while addressing global energy transition challenges.



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