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India's Solar Growth Enters a New Era

CHENNAI – 18 Nov, 2026 India's solar energy sector has expanded significantly over the past decade, emerging as a key driver of the country's energy transition. Growth in installed capacity, domestic manufacturing and distributed solar adoption reflects the sector's expanding reach. Policy support, infrastructure development and citizen participation are accelerating this transformation. Solar power is strengthening energy security, supporting economic development and advancing climate action. These developments formed part of the broader discussions at the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo (BRESE) 2026, held in New Delhi from 2–5 November.

India's Solar Rise

A decade ago, solar power occupied only a small place in India's electricity mix. Today, it forms the largest share of the country's renewable energy capacity. From an installed capacity of 2.82 GW in 2014, the sector has expanded approximately 62 fold, reaching ~ 175 GW till 31 October 2026.

This transformation is driven by policy support, infrastructure development, manufacturing expansion, and citizen participation. Initiatives such as solar parks, rooftop systems, and solarised agricultural pumps are accelerating deployment across the country. India's expanding renewable energy sector was in focus at the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo (BRESE) 2026. The event brought together global stakeholders to advance cooperation, investment and innovation in clean energy.

The Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo (BRESE) 2026 was organised from 2–5 November at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Held under the theme 'Invest. Innovate. Inspire.', it brought together participants from over 130 countries, including policymakers, industry leaders, investors and researchers. Co-located with the 9th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen, the Summit hosted high-level discussions and ministerial meetings. It also facilitated business engagements and featured an exhibition involving over 400 organisations. 13 states participated as Partner States, showcasing their renewable energy potential and investment opportunities. The Summit also recognised winners of the Bharat Renewable Energy Hackathon 2026, featuring solutions to ten real-world renewable energy challenges.



India's solar momentum has translated into measurable outcomes. The country has added 37 GW of solar capacity in 2025, surpassing the United States in annual additions. India has also emerged as the world's second-largest solar growth market, underlining its growing role in the global clean energy transition.

A Decade of Solar Expansion