

Power demand in August rises 12.8% to 169 bn units

SAURAV ANAND
New Delhi, September 10

INDIA'S POWER DEMAND surged 12.8% year-on-year to an all-time August high of about 169 billion units (BU), while electricity prices outside solar-generation hours jumped nearly 33% to ₹5.3 per unit from ₹4, signalling tighter supply conditions as weak rainfall pushed up cooling demand.

Peak power demand also rose about 12% to 258 GW from 230 GW a year earlier.

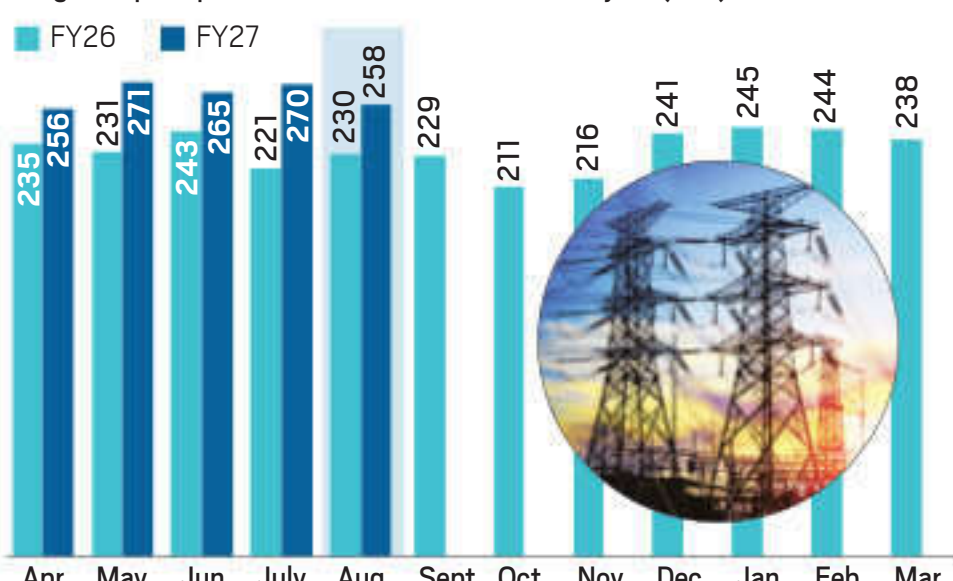
The price divergence was sharp. Average market clearing prices during solar hours remained virtually flat at ₹1.62 per unit against ₹1.61 last year, while non-solar-hour prices rose to ₹5.3.

Crisil said the increase indicated "heightened demand-supply stress outside daylight hours", even as solar generation helped prevent a steeper rise in average market prices.

According to Crisil Intelligence, the demand surge was driven by increased use of cooling equipment amid an El Niño-triggered rainfall deficit. Cumulative rainfall across India was 13% below normal between June 1 and August 26.

PRICE DIVERGENCE SHARP

August's peak power demand increases 12% on-year (GW)



Source: CEA, Crisil Intelligence

Northwest, central and southern regions saw rainfall deficits of 6%, 14% and 29%, respectively, during August 6-12.

The pressure also spilled into short-term markets. Real-Time Market volumes rose 10.6% to 5,565 million units (MU) from 5,029 MU, while the average market clearing price jumped 30.4% to ₹4.41 per unit.

The Day-Ahead Market price increased 22% year-on-year to ₹4.88 per unit.

For April-August, electricity

demand increased around 9.5% year-on-year, compared with just 0.3% growth in the corresponding period last fiscal, underscoring the sharp acceleration in consumption this year.

Generation rose broadly in line with demand. Total power generation increased about 12.6% to 180 BU in August.

Renewable energy generation jumped nearly 27%, supported by 16.3 GW of renewable capacity additions between April and July, while coal-based

generation rose 13%. Coal's share in total generation increased to 63% from 62% a year earlier.

Hydropower generation, however, declined about 9% amid weak rainfall. Energy content at 31 reservoir-based hydropower projects stood at around 22 BU as of August 30, below about 25 BU a year earlier and the full-reservoir potential of roughly 34 BU.

Higher coal generation also drew down inventories. Thermal plants held 29 million tonnes (MT) of coal as of August 30, down from 50 MT a year earlier.

Stock cover fell to nine days from 17 days, while average daily coal requirement increased to 3.10 MT during April-August from 2.97 MT a year ago.

Crisil expects power demand to rise 7.5-8.5% year-on-year to 1,840-1,850 BU this fiscal, driven by stronger cooling demand amid higher temperatures and lower rainfall. "Going forward, the trend in peak demand and the sensitivity of short-term market prices to temperature variations will remain key watch-points," it said.

Mundra operations resume as operators call off strike

NANDINI OZA
Ahmedabad, September 10

EMPTY YARD CONTAINER operators on Thursday called off their 13-day old strike against Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)'s decision to freeze empty yard codes located outside the port and SEZ limits. This brought operations back to normal at Mundra, the country's busiest port.

The Mundra Empty Yard & Allied Services Provider Association (MECYASA) told the stakeholders in an internal communication that it has decided to resume operations with immediate effect.

Narendra Joshi, a freight forwarder and a partner of an empty container yard, said the message was received on Thursday morning. The operations resumed from 10 a.m.

The message further said that a detailed trade advisory, duly reviewed and approved by the legal team, would be issued shortly with complete information and further guidelines. Seeking cooperation, the Association said the transporters, empty depots, freight forwarders, and stakeholders may

resume their regular operations. In a circular issued by Adani Ports and Logistics on August 21, the company said the move is aimed at reducing road congestion, improving vehicle turnaround, and strengthening safety and security, besides addressing what it describes as misuse of empty-depot codes.

It highlighted that instances of misuse of the empty depot codes were brought to its notice.

From the intervening night of September 1-2, Kandla Mundra Container Transport Association (KMCTA) had extended support to the empty yard and stopped picking up empty containers. Bhagirthysinh Jadeja, president of KMCTA, told FE that the loss incurred during the strike may run into crores of rupees. Several meetings were held between the stakeholders.

Jadeja claimed they had also put pressure on the shipping lines for intervention. "As it is, the business has suffered due to the Hormuz crisis," he remarked.

One key meeting in Mumbai on September 7 was chaired by DG (Maritime Administration).

Mumbai bound flight delayed for 3.5 hrs after pilot falls 'sick'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Varanasi, September 10

A MUMBAI-BOUND INDIGO flight from Varanasi was delayed by three hours and a half on Thursday after the pilot scheduled to operate it suddenly "reported sick", following which the airline made alternative arrangements, sources said.

Flight 6E-6544 was scheduled to fly from the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport to Mumbai.

Airport Director Puneet Gupta said the flight was delayed by three hours and a half due to technical reasons and was later operated to Mumbai. He denied reports of passengers creating a ruckus at the airport.

The airline, however, said

the delay occurred after the pilot assigned to the flight suddenly called in sick.

"This led us to make alternative arrangements and rush in another pilot who later flew the plane," a source in the airline told PTI over the phone.

Another source said, "The pilot who replaced the sick pilot came from Ahmedabad as Varanasi is not our base station. The flight was delayed by three hours and a half." "Since alternative arrangements had to be made, this caused some delay, but then the passengers were informed of the reasons and served refreshments," the source added.

The plane eventually departed for Mumbai after the alternative arrangements were made.

Govt starts DILRMP 3.0 with ₹565.5-cr outlay

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, September 10

THE GOVERNMENT ON Thursday launched the operational guidelines for the third phase of the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP 3.0), with an outlay of ₹565.5 crore for 2026-31, aimed at integrating land records, maps, registrations and related data through a GIS-based digital framework.

Launching the guidelines, Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the programme would move beyond digitisation of individual records



towards an integrated land management system. "Land is not just a piece of soil, it is the pride of our farmers, the blessing of our ancestors and the identity of future

generations," Chouhan said. Under DILRMP 3.0, each state will be able to develop its own "land stack" by integrating land-related datasets and systems through APIs.

These state-level stacks will form the building blocks of a federated national land stack, enabling interoperability while retaining ownership and control of data with the authorities concerned.

The programme will also assign a 14-digit Bharu-Aadhaar, or Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN), to every land parcel and provide for full georeferencing of cadastral maps.

As part of the initiative, 75 high-footfall sub-registrar offices will be modernised as "registration seva kendras", modelled on passport seva kendras.

The government will also focus on scanning legacy land records, creating a registration repository and computerising revenue courts. The NAKSHA initiative for urban land mapping will support the preparation of urban property cards.

Chouhan said DILRMP 3.0 would help farmers access institutional credit and reduce the need for repeated visits to government offices. The earlier phases of DILRMP have digitised 99.9% records of rights and 97% cadastral maps, while 99% of sub-registrar offices have been computerised, according to the government.

Apparel retail growth to moderate

INDIA'S ORGANISED APPAREL retail sector is projected to grow 12-13% this fiscal, moderating from the 15% growth recorded in the previous year, as consumers increasingly spread discretionary spending across categories beyond clothing, a report said on Thursday.

Revenue growth has been broadly steady so far in the high single digits between April and August 2026, but has largely been driven by the value-fashion segment, Crisil Ratings said in the report.

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Advt No	Name of the post	No. of Post
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04/2026-27	Deputy Chief Officer (Fire)	04

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SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Lot No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name(mortgagor s of property(ies))	A) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	B) Outstanding Amount as per Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/ Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lakhs)	B) EMD (last of EMD)	C) Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1.	BO. Netaji Bazar Rajlaxmi Readymade (Borrower) W/o Rajlaxmi Readymade Prop- Sunita Saha W/o Nilratan Saha Vill- Muktipara, P.O. Dighra P.S.- Chakdah, Dist- Nadia, PIN- 741222		All the piece and parcel of Land and Single stored residential building measuring about 0.08 acre, Under Mouza- Muktipara, J.L. No. 124, Plot No-244, Khatian No.-269, of Ghetugacchi Gram Panchayat, Deed No-1-1070 of the year 1990, P.S.- Chakdah, Dist- Nadia, Pin-741222, North- Panchayet Road, South- B.S. Sarker, East- Vacant Land, West- House of Kartick Saha.	(a) 29.11.2021 (b) ₹ 21,05,595.36 + further interest (c) 07.02.2022 (d) Symbolic	(a) ₹ 15,90,000.00 (b) ₹ 1,59,000.00 (c) ₹ 10,000			29.09.2026 From 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM	Not known to the Bank.			
2.	BO. Nabadwip 1.M/s Indrani Textile (Borrower) Prop. Mrs. Indrani Debnath Vill - Charamajdia, P.O. Charbrahmanagar, P.S. - Nabadwip, Dist- Nadia, PIN- 741301		All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Mouza- Char Majdia, J.L. No. 19, L.R. Khatian Nos. 729, 762, 763, 761, 737, 764, 727, 730, 731, 765, 728, 732, L.R. Plot Nos. 54/ 560, 60/ 574 & 60/ 575, P.S. - Nabadwip, Dist - Nadia, measuring 46.70 Decimal, registered vide Deed Nos. (1) I-759/1986, (2) I-2792/2015, (3) I-00074/2012 & (4) I-00075/2012 in the name of Sri Ratish Chandra Debnath, (5) I-760/1986 in the name of Sri Jagabandhu Debnath, (6) I-761/1986 in the name of Sri Sarbananda Debnath, (7) I-762/1986 in the name of Sri Jatindra Debnath, (8) I-763/1986 in the name of Sri Premananda Debnath, (9) I-764/1986 in the name of Sri Biren Debnath, (10) I-2686/2000 in the name of Sri Jagdeb Debnath, Sri Jayanta Debnath & Sri Sushanta Debnath, (11) I-4346/2003 in the name of Sri Sushanta Debnath, (12) I-2687/2000 in the name of Smt. Laxmi Bala Debnath, Smt. Indrani Debnath & Smt. Sabita Debnath.	(a) 25.05.2021 (b) ₹ 91,74,815.00 /- Further interest (c) 22.10.2021 (d) Symbolic	(a) ₹ 25,02,100.00 (b) ₹ 25,02,100.00 (c) ₹ 10,000		29.09.2026 From 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM	Not known to the Bank.				

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:

1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"

2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.

3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://www.baanknet.com> on 29.09.2026 @ 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM

4. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to website: www.baanknet.com & <https://www.pnb.bank.in>. During the e-auction, bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the increase in the bid amount must be of increment amount mentioned. 5 minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of 5 minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed.

5. For any queries regarding the terms and conditions of the sale, the interested bidders may contact Shri Anish Kumar, Mobile No-9002690289, Shri Jishu Biswas Mobile No. 9382163284

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Date: 11.09.2026, Place: Krishnanagar

AUTHORISED OFFICER, PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, SECURED CREDITOR

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9 (1) & 8 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002