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ENERGY

Coal deliveries improve as stocks keep declining

PIB / Ministry of Coal | 2026-10-09

October power-sector coal supplies averaged 9% above September, the ministry reports, with stock drawdown more than halved. Critical-stock classifications indicate risk, rather than shutdowns.

India reports metal-free zinc-air catalyst

PIB / DST | 2026-10-07

DST reported a zinc-air battery catalyst reaching about 96% of commercial platinum-catalyst performance and maintaining output for 120 hours. Results remain laboratory research.

INFRASTRUCTURE

BigEndian secures support for VeerAI chip project

PIB / Department of Science and Technology | 2026-10-05

The Technology Development Board signed INR130 crore in optional convertible debt support for BigEndian's INR260 crore VeerAI surveillance-chip programme, targeting TRL-5 to TRL-9 progression.

TRAI publishes annual broadband figures

PIB / TRAI | 2026-10-05

TRAI's FY2025-26 report counts 1,065.88 million broadband subscriptions at March-end, up 12.90% annually. Revised Airtel machine-to-machine reporting affects wireless indicators; subscriptions are not unique users.

Submer and BTCL explore sovereign AI facilities

Submer | 2026-10-10

An India Mobile Congress MoU covers feasibility studies for GPU services, sovereign cloud, edge facilities and data-center projects up to 20 MW in India.

Bharat 6G Alliance signs five research agreements

PIB / Department of Telecommunications | 2026-10-09

The alliance exchanged five international MoUs and published ten reports at its symposium. Cooperation covers research, trials and standards toward future 6G networks.

INTELLIGENCE

India joins ITU AI for Good Lab pilot programme

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DoT introduced the ITU AI for Good Lab framework, with India among ten pilot countries. Planned workstreams cover policy readiness, skills and interoperable sandboxes.