Fossil-fuel generation was higher than a year earlier for six months in a row, April to September 2026

In this report: the fossil share against a year earlier; fossil-fuel generation; where the extra electricity came from; large hydro; what the coming releases will be read against.

In each month from April to September 2026, fossil-fuel stations generated more electricity than a year earlier, six months in a row on the Central Electricity Authority's monthly reports. In September 2026 they generated 1,18,000.53 MU, which is 15.67 per cent more than in September 2025, and their share of the electricity CEA counts, leaving out the import from Bhutan, rose to 67.74 per cent from 66.05 per cent.

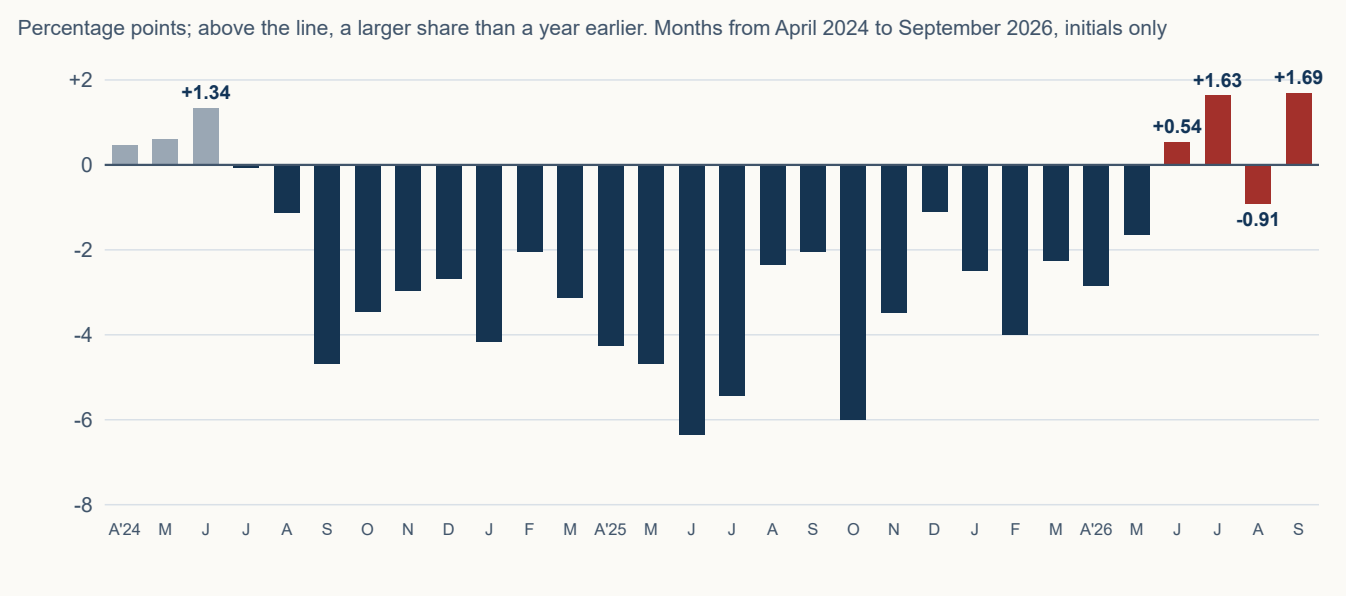
The run began in April 2026, after fossil-fuel generation in March 2026 stood 2.11 per cent below March 2025. In June, July and September 2026 the fossil share also stood above its level a year earlier, after 23 months below it, from July 2024 to May 2026.

Finding	What CEA's own reports show
Fossil generation above a year earlier, six months in a row	Fossil-fuel generation was higher than in the same month of 2025 in each month from April to September 2026, and in September it was 15.67 per cent higher.
Share above a year earlier in June, July and September	Leaving out the import from Bhutan, the fossil share stood 0.54 percentage points above June 2025 in June 2026. In July it stood 1.63 percentage points above, and in September 1.69 percentage points above.
Most of the extra power came from fossil fuels	From June to September 2026, CEA's monthly reports count 75,403.19 MU more electricity than a year earlier, leaving out the import from Bhutan. Fossil-fuel stations generated 54,963.98 MU of it, or 72.89 per cent of the extra electricity in CEA's monthly reports. A year earlier they had generated 65.94 per cent of all electricity, so their share rose.
Large hydro down, and short of its programme	Large hydro fell 16.38 per cent in September 2026 on a year earlier, and it fell 12,577.27 MU short of CEA's programme for April to September.
What the coming release is read against	Fossil fuels generated 69.56 per cent of India's electricity in October 2025 and 74.06 per cent in November 2025.

Sources: Read on 28 October 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, April 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, May 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, June 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, July 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, August 2026. CEA, Executive Summary on Power Sector, September 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, April 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, May 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, June 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, July 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, August 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, September 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, October 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, November 2025. CEA, Monthly RE Generation report, September 2026.

Fossil fuels' share, against the same month a year earlier

Fossil fuels here mean the stations that the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) counts as thermal and as gas. Their share is their generation divided by all generation in the month, leaving out the import from Bhutan. CEA counts renewable generation only from the capacity it monitors, and its total covers that capacity.



Each bar is one month, from April 2024 to September 2026. The four red bars on the right are June to September 2026.

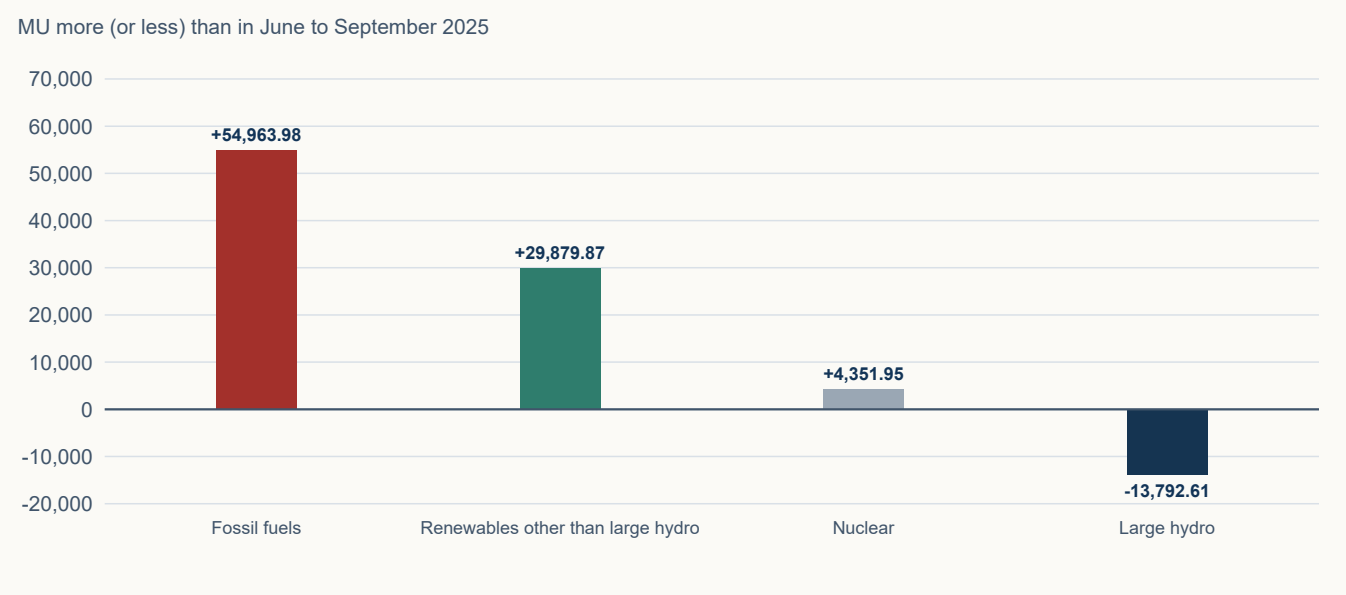
In June 2026 the share stood 0.54 percentage points above June 2025, in July 1.63 percentage points above July 2025, and in September 1.69 percentage points above September 2025. Each month is set against the same month a year earlier, because generation rises and falls with the seasons.

Sources: Read on 28 October 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, April 2023. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, May 2023. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, June 2023. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, July 2023. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, August 2023. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, September 2023. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, October 2023. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, November 2023. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, December 2023. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, January 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, February 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, March 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, April 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, May 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, June 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, July 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, August 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, September 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, October 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, November 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, December 2024. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, January 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, February 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, March 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, April 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, May 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, June 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, July 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, August 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, September 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, October 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, November 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, December 2025. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, January 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, February 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, March 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, April 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, May 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, June 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, July 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, August 2026. CEA, Executive Summary on Power Sector, September 2026.

Where the extra electricity came from, June to September 2026

CEA's monthly reports count 75,403.19 MU more electricity from June to September 2026 than from the same months of 2025, leaving out the import from Bhutan. Fossil-fuel stations generated 54,963.98 MU of that increase.

The four months run from June 2026, the month in which the fossil share first stood above its level a year earlier after 23 months below it.



Each bar is the change in one source's generation over June to September. The bars add up to the change in all generation counted in CEA's reports, 75,403.19 MU, leaving out the import from Bhutan.

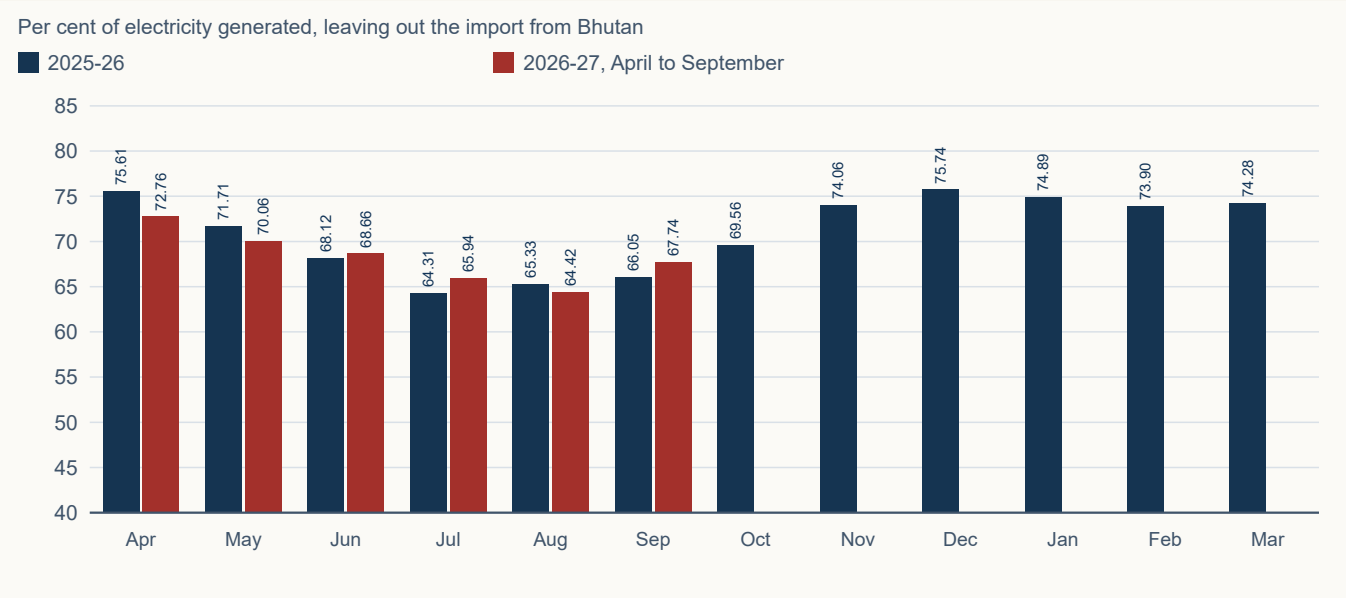
That is 72.89 per cent of the extra electricity in CEA's monthly reports, against a share of 65.94 per cent of all generation a year earlier. Renewable sources other than large hydro added 29,879.87 MU, and large hydro generated 13,792.61 MU less than a year earlier.

From April to September 2026 large hydro fell 12,577.27 MU short of CEA's own programme for those months, reaching 88.20 per cent of it.

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What the coming figures will be read against

CMIE's release calendar, read on 14 October 2026, lists 21 October to 3 November 2026 for CEA's final generation figures, 23 October to 2 November for its final renewable figures, and 2 to 12 November for its provisional generation figures. CEA's Executive Summary and renewable reports for September 2026, saved on 28 October 2026, are the latest this brief holds. The provisional figures that follow them are not out.



Each navy bar is a month of 2025-26 and each red bar the same month of 2026-27, from April to September. The red bars of June, July and September stand above the navy ones.

Whatever month a release covers will be read against the same month of 2025. In October 2025 fossil fuels generated 69.56 per cent of India's electricity, in November 2025 74.06 per cent, and in December 2025 75.74 per cent.

Every month from April to September 2026 saw fossil-fuel stations generate more electricity than the same month of 2025.

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