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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.

15.67 per cent

more electricity from fossil-fuel stations in September 2026 than in September 2025, on the Central Electricity Authority's reports

Every figure in this brief is taken from the reports of the Central Electricity Authority, or is worked out from them. The brief is dated 28 October 2026, with CEA's figures to September 2026, saved on 28 October 2026. CMIE's release calendar lists 2 to 12 November 2026 for CEA's next generation figures.

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This brief sets each month's electricity against the same month a year earlier, from April 2024 to September 2026. It also sets out what the coming releases will be read against.

Sources: Read on 28 October 2026. CEA, Executive Summary on Power Sector, September 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, September 2025.

What the Central Electricity Authority's own reports show

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.

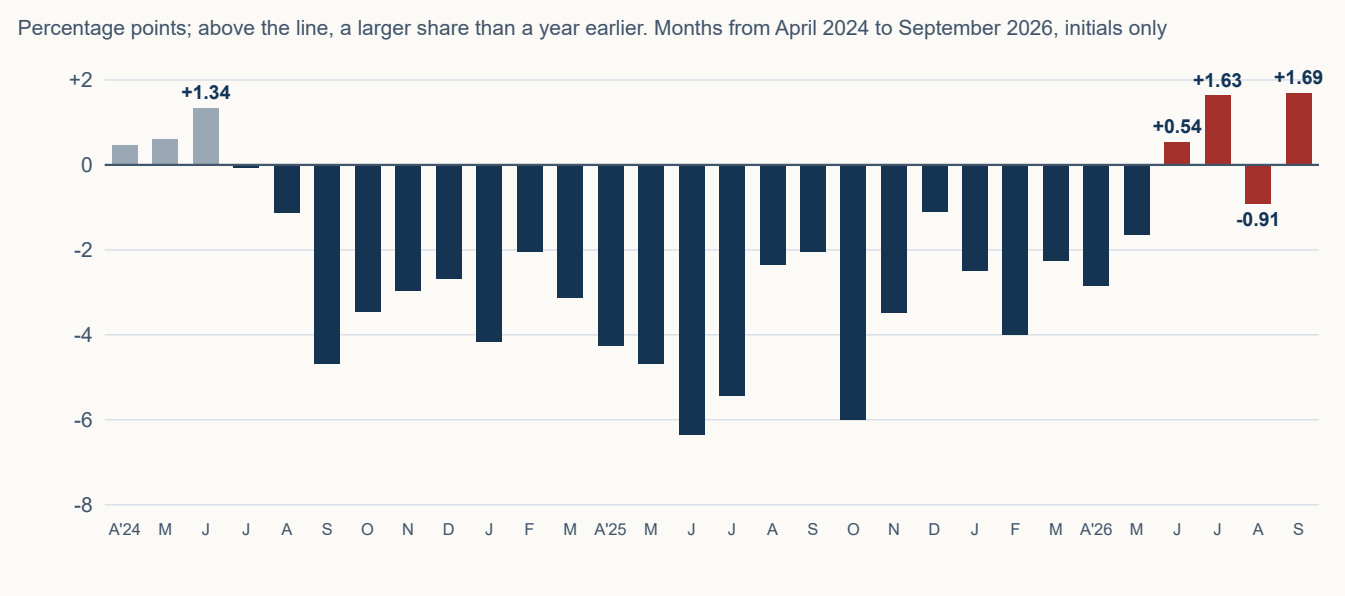
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Finding	What CEA's own reports show
Fossil generation above a year earlier, six months in a row	Fossil-fuel generation was higher than in the same month of 2025 in each month from April to September 2026, and in September it was 15.67 per cent higher.
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.

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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.

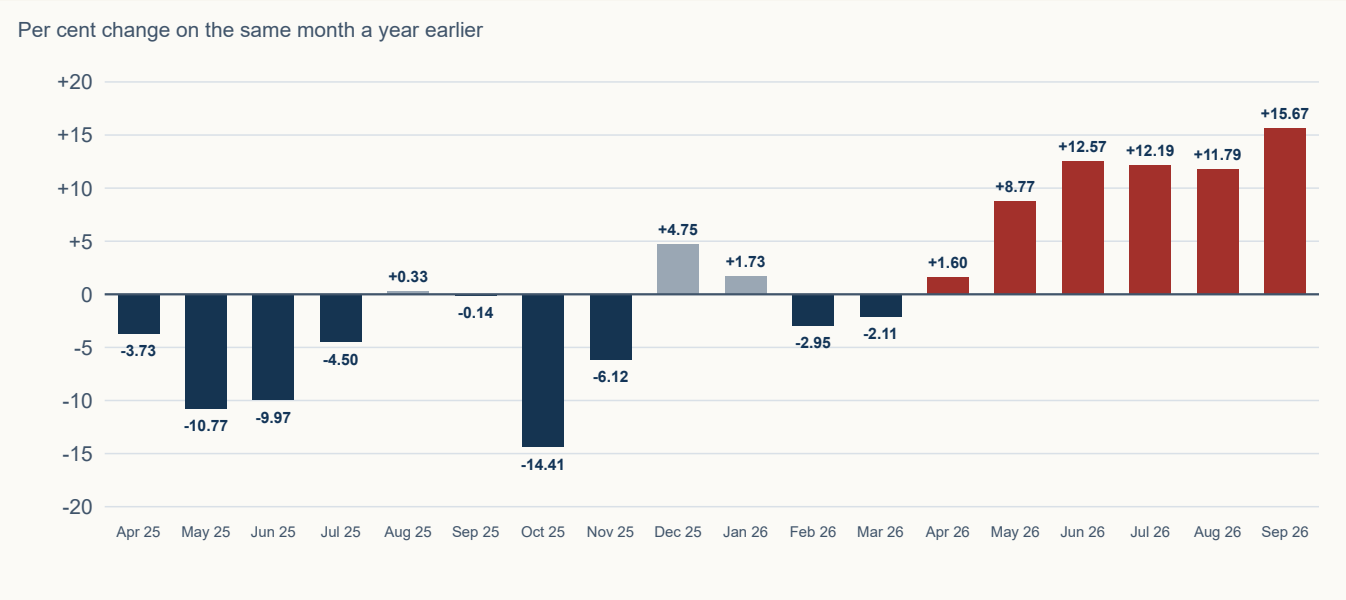
In June 2026 the share stood 0.54 percentage points above June 2025, in July 1.63 percentage points above July 2025, and in September 1.69 percentage points above September 2025. Each month is set against the same month a year earlier, because generation rises and falls with the seasons.

CEA's reports from January 2022 to March 2023 were also read. Two of those months are not held, and three of the reports carry a table that does not hold together, so the months used here start in April 2023. The claim about June 2024 rests only on the months from June 2024, and every one of them is read. June 2024 stood 1.34 percentage points above June 2023.

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Fossil-fuel 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: by 1.60, 8.77, 12.57, 12.19, 11.79 and 15.67 per cent.



Each bar is one month's fossil-fuel generation against the same month a year earlier. The red bars are April to September 2026.

Month	Fossil, 2026, MU	Fossil, 2025, MU	Change, per cent	Share 2026, per cent	Share 2025, per cent	Change, points
April 2026	1,20,977.60	1,19,070.49	+1.60	72.76	75.61	-2.85
May 2026	1,24,107.52	1,14,095.95	+8.77	70.06	71.71	-1.65
June 2026	1,22,493.78	1,08,811.65	+12.57	68.66	68.12	+0.54
July 2026	1,19,359.44	1,06,393.46	+12.19	65.94	64.31	+1.63
August 2026	1,16,870.51	1,04,541.85	+11.79	64.42	65.33	-0.91
September 2026	1,18,000.53	1,02,013.32	+15.67	67.74	66.05	+1.69
April to September	7,21,809.38	6,54,926.72	+10.21			

From April to September 2026, fossil-fuel stations generated 7,21,809.38 MU, which is 10.21 per cent more than in the same months of 2025.

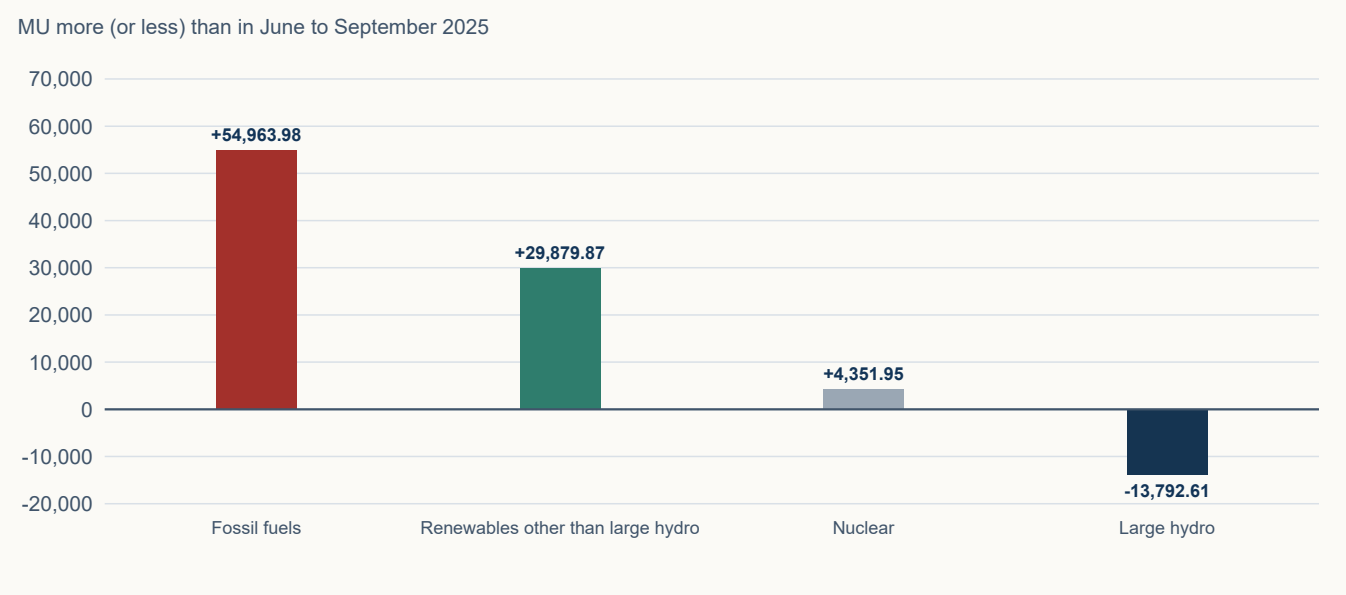
In September 2026 they generated 15,987.21 MU more than in September 2025. Renewable sources other than large hydro generated 5,946.50 MU more in the same month.

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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.

Source	June to September 2026, MU	June to September 2025, MU	Change, MU
Fossil fuels	4,76,724.26	4,21,760.28	+54,963.98
Renewables other than large hydro	1,46,292.13	1,16,412.26	+29,879.87
Nuclear	21,537.27	17,185.32	+4,351.95
Large hydro	70,490.14	84,282.75	-13,792.61
All sources	7,15,043.80	6,39,640.61	+75,403.19

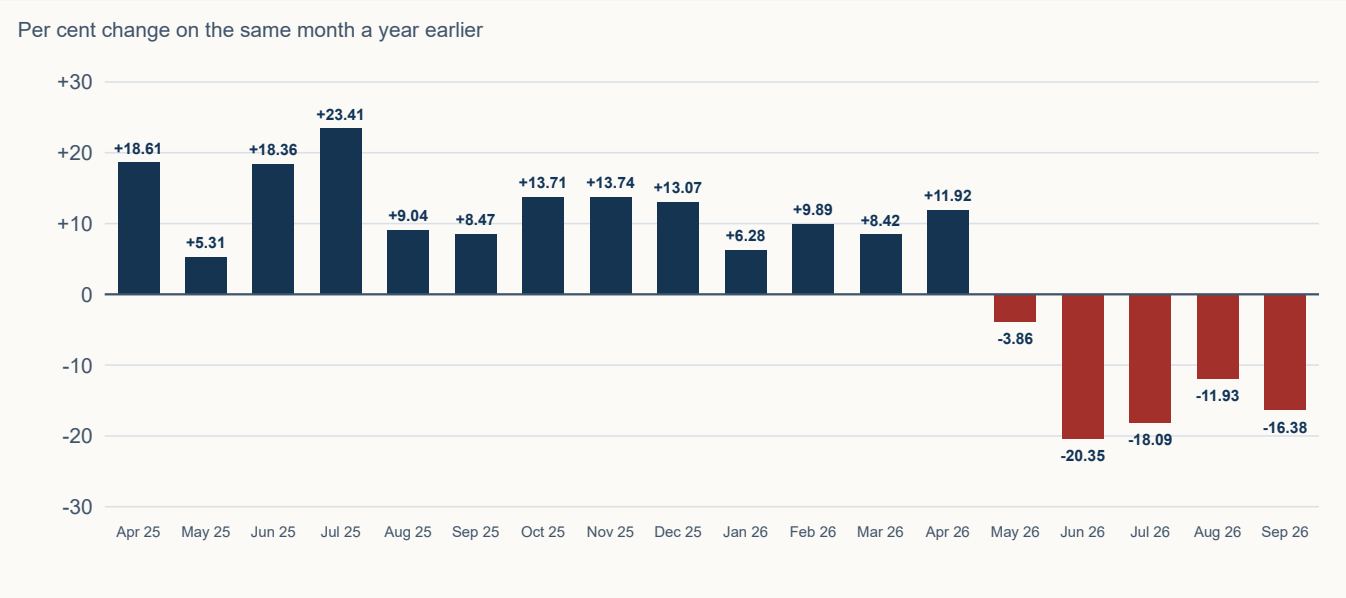
That is 72.89 per cent of the extra electricity in CEA's monthly reports, against a share of 65.94 per cent of all generation a year earlier. Renewable sources other than large hydro added 29,879.87 MU, and large hydro generated 13,792.61 MU less than a year earlier.

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Large hydro fell, and fell short of CEA's programme

Large hydro generated 18,662.51 MU in September 2026, against 22,317.41 MU in September 2025. CEA's Table 1 prints that as 83.62 per cent of the year before, a fall of 16.38 per cent.

Large hydro generated less than in the same month a year earlier in each month from May to September 2026, by 11.93 per cent in August and 16.38 per cent in September.



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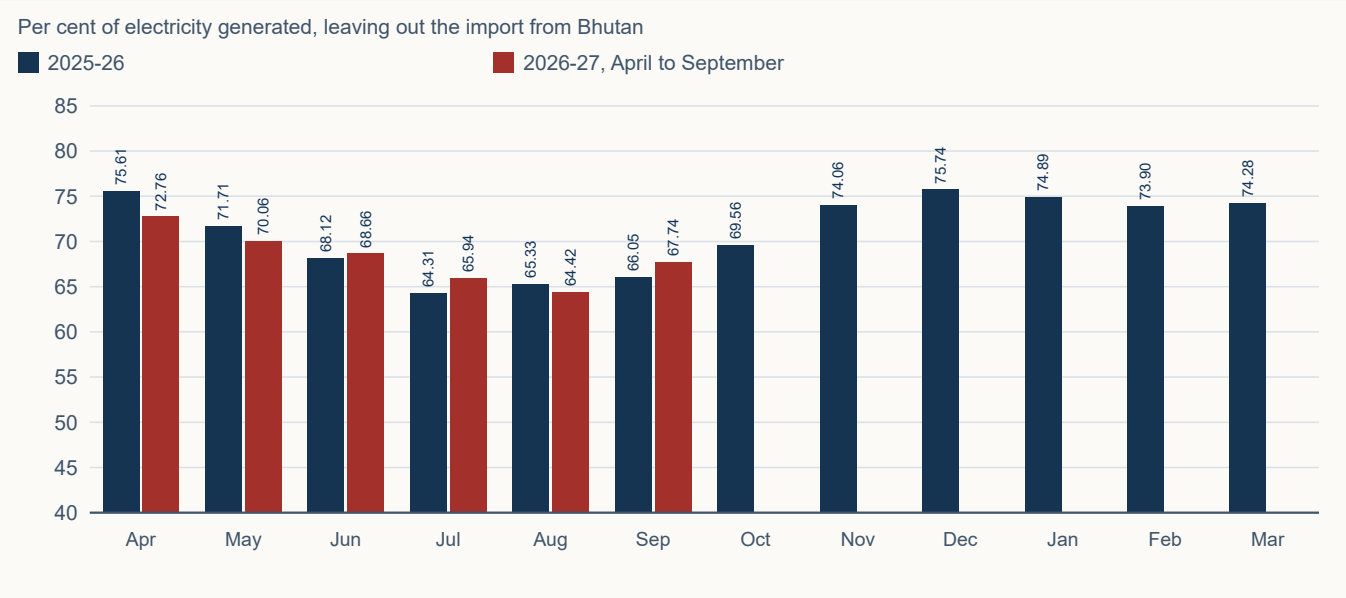
From April to September 2026 large hydro fell 12,577.27 MU short of CEA's own programme for those months, reaching 88.20 per cent of it.

CEA counts large hydro as renewable energy. Counting it, renewable generation in September 2026 was 4.74 per cent above September 2025.

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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.

Month	Fossil, MU	Large hydro, MU	Other renewables, MU	All, MU	Fossil share, per cent
October 2025	97,656.54	16,437.39	21,488.50	1,40,391.00	69.56
November 2025	97,855.25	9,816.95	20,600.01	1,32,132.49	74.06
December 2025	1,13,387.32	8,767.19	23,331.39	1,49,707.84	75.74

Every figure here is taken from the month's own CEA report as it was first printed. The table gives the months of 2025 in full, so that a new figure can be set against them line by line.

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Annexure: how the figures were made

Every figure in this brief is taken from the reports of the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), or is worked out from them. CEA is the statutory technical body of the Ministry of Power. The reports are its monthly "Broad Overview of Monthly Renewable Energy Generation", its Executive Summary on the Power Sector for September 2026 and its Monthly Renewable Energy Generation Report for September 2026.

Each month's figures are read from the All India row of the report's table of fossil and non-fossil generation for that month, as the month's own report first printed it. CEA may later revise a month in a newer report.

September 2026 is the one exception. CEA's Broad Overview for that month is a workbook of renewable generation with no table of fossil generation, so the figures for September 2026 are read from the month's Executive Summary. For July and August 2026 the Executive Summary's figures for fossil fuels, nuclear, large hydro and renewable generation equal the Broad Overview's to the last decimal.

Generation is counted in million units (MU), where one MU is one million kilowatt hours. This brief counts generation only, and does not count capacity, which is measured in megawatts.

Fossil fuels are the stations CEA counts in its columns Thermal and Gas, which its table adds together as Fossil. In the Executive Summary the thermal block counts gas as well. CEA's total leaves out the electricity India imports from Bhutan.

Under a Ministry of Power order of 8 May 2019, CEA counts large hydro, which means hydro projects above 25 MW, as renewable energy. This brief says each time whether a renewable figure counts large hydro.

CEA's count of renewable generation covers the capacity it monitors, which is the capacity for which generation data is available. Its Table 1 prints the installed capacity and the monitored capacity side by side. Every renewable figure and every total in this brief therefore covers the monitored capacity only.

Term	What it means
Central Electricity Authority (CEA)	The statutory technical body of the Ministry of Power, which publishes India's generation figures each month.
Million units (MU)	One million kilowatt hours of electricity generated.
Fossil fuels	The stations CEA counts in its columns Thermal and Gas, which its table adds together as Fossil.
Large hydro	Hydro projects above 25 MW, which CEA counts as renewable energy.
Other renewables	Wind, solar, biomass, bagasse, small hydro and other renewable sources, which CEA counts apart from large hydro.
Share against a year earlier	A month's share set against the same month a year before, in percentage points, so that the seasons cancel out.

Each term above is used in CEA's own sense, as its reports use it.

Sources: Read on 28 October 2026. CEA, Executive Summary on Power Sector, September 2026. CEA, Broad Overview of RE Generation, September 2025.

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