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Haryana CM Meets Russian Envoy to Strengthen Global Engagement

25th March 2026

Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Saini met H.E. Mr. Denis Alipov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to India, at Sant Kabir Kutir in Chandigarh. The meeting marked an important step in advancing the state's international outreach under Haryana's "Go Global" approach.

During the interaction, both sides undertook a comprehensive review of India-Russia bilateral relations with a particular focus on identifying new avenues to expand exports from Haryana to Russia. Discussions centered on leveraging emerging trade and investment opportunities to enhance economic cooperation and promote mutually beneficial partnerships.

The Chief Minister emphasized the need to strengthen institutional partnerships between Haryana and various regions of Russia, while also boosting direct business engagement. Key sectors identified for collaboration included agriculture, information technology, automobiles, manufacturing, and scientific and technological innovation. Additional areas of cooperation discussed were skilled workforce development, labour mobility, and the expansion of educational opportunities to support long-term growth.

The dialogue also highlighted the importance of promoting sports and cultural exchanges as a means to deepen people-to-people ties and foster greater understanding between the two regions.



India, Africa Chart Roadmap for Deeper Energy Partnership at Bharat Electricity Summit 21st March 2026

India and African nations agreed to deepen cooperation in key energy sectors including renewable power, grid modernization, energy storage, and institutional capacity building at the India–Africa Strategic Partnership Meet held during the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026.

The meeting was chaired by Union Minister for Power Shri Manohar Lal and brought together ministers from several African countries, leaders of the African Union and Africa50, senior officials, diplomats, power utilities, financial institutions, and industry representatives.

Participants emphasized the need for a structured, action-oriented partnership aimed at delivering tangible outcomes in energy access and infrastructure development. Discussions centered on leveraging India's experience in transitioning from energy deficit to surplus and Africa's rising demand and resource potential to create reliable, affordable, and sustainable power systems.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Manohar Lal described electricity as a foundation for economic growth and dignity, and reiterated India's vision of One Sun, One World, One Grid as a pathway for global energy integration. He underlined that India–Africa cooperation in energy is transformative rather than transactional, rooted in co-creation and long-term development.

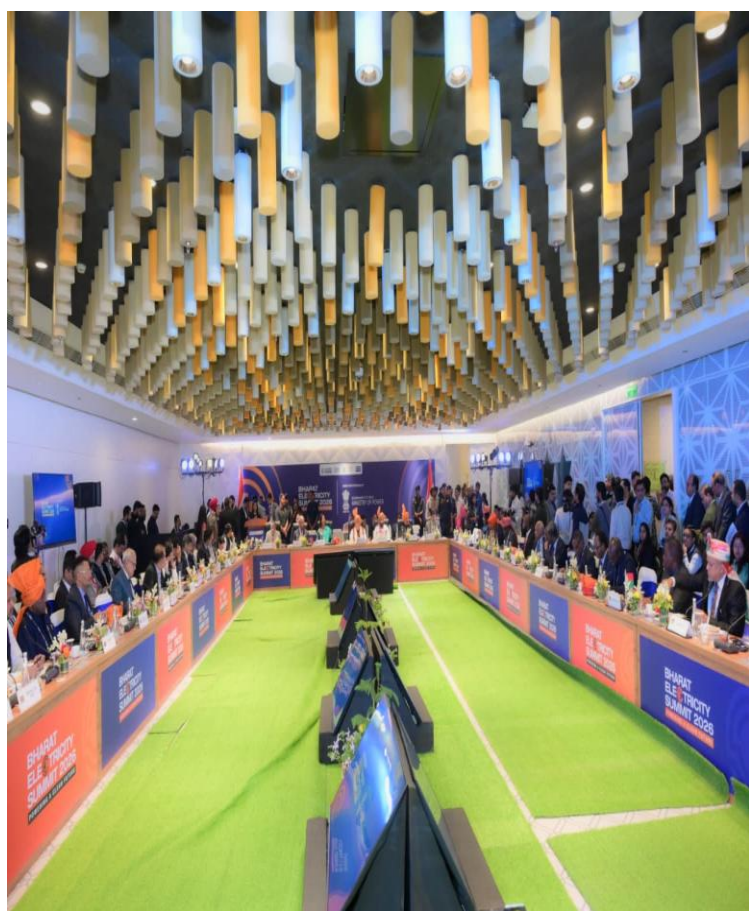


Renewable Energy, Storage Take Centre Stage in India–Africa Strategic Dialogue 21th March 2026

Renewable energy expansion and emerging technologies such as energy storage and grid flexibility emerged as central pillars of India–Africa cooperation during a high-level strategic partnership meeting at the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026.

Union Power Minister Shri Manohar Lal identified renewable power, energy storage solutions, and flexible grid systems as priority areas where India's technical expertise could support Africa's clean energy ambitions. Delegates agreed that scaling up solar, wind, and decentralized energy systems was essential for achieving sustainable development and long-term energy security.

Shri Manohar Lal highlighted India's rapid growth in renewable capacity and emphasized that scalable Indian models could be adapted to African contexts, particularly for rural and remote electrification. Reference was also made to the International Solar Alliance as a key platform for strengthening South–South cooperation.



Africa Seeks Investment, Not Aid, in Energy Partnership with India: Africa50 CEO 21st March 2026

Africa is seeking investment-driven partnerships rather than aid to accelerate its energy transition, Africa50 CEO Alain Ebobissé said during the India–Africa Strategic Partnership Meet at the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026.

Speaking at the forum, Ebobissé emphasized Africa's growing emphasis on bankable project development, transmission expansion, and private capital mobilization. He noted that integrated planning and new investment frameworks were creating opportunities for impactful and commercially viable energy projects.

The meeting highlighted successful collaboration between Africa50 and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, including the Kenya transmission project, as a model combining innovative financing, technical expertise, and public-private partnerships.

Union Power Minister Shri Manohar Lal said India's experience in building resilient transmission networks and surplus power capacity positioned it as a trusted partner for African infrastructure development. Participants agreed that investment-led collaboration would ensure scalability, sustainability, and long-term returns.

The discussions underlined the critical role of financial institutions and development partners in enabling cross-border energy projects that strengthen regional integration and grid connectivity in Africa.



Haryana Eyes Energy, Digital Governance Ties with African Nations

Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini highlighted opportunities for sub-national cooperation with African countries in energy management, digital governance, and agriculture during the India–Africa Strategic Partnership Meet at the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Saini emphasized that Haryana’s development approach is rooted in sustainable governance and effective resource management, particularly irrigation and energy use. He stated that India–Africa relations should be guided by partnership and cooperation rather than dominance or competition.

The Chief Minister noted that Haryana’s experience in energy efficiency, governance reforms, and agricultural innovation could complement African development priorities.

He underscored the importance of people-centric policies and technology-driven solutions in achieving sustainable growth.

The remarks highlighted the growing role of Indian states in India’s international outreach and development partnerships, particularly in sectors aligned with Africa’s socio-economic needs.



India–Africa Energy Partnership Aims to Build Skills, Institutions for Long-Term Impact 21st March 2026

Institutional capacity building and human resource development were identified as critical components of the India–Africa Strategic Partnership during discussions at the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026.

Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy Shri Shripad Naik stressed that the partnership must move from intent to implementation, with energy access viewed as a driver of economic transformation rather than mere infrastructure delivery.

Dr Jean Mathanga, Minister of Energy and Mining of Malawi, called for stronger cooperation in electrification, transmission infrastructure, smart metering, and microgrids. She emphasized aligning these efforts with Africa’s goal of creating inclusive and resilient power systems.

Through mechanisms such as Africa50 and the International Solar Alliance, the partnership aims to facilitate technology transfer, skill development, and policy support. Focus areas include decentralized energy systems, mini-grids, hydro-solar integration, and local workforce training.

Officials noted that strengthening institutions and technical capacity would ensure long-term sustainability, enhance grid reliability, and foster enduring India–Africa partnerships that support inclusive growth and regional integration



TDK Eyes Major Investment in Haryana's Energy Storage Ecosystem 21st March 2026

Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal and Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Saini on Thursday held a high-level meeting with senior representatives of Japan-based TDK Company to discuss the firm's future investment plans in the state's energy sector. The talks focused on TDK's proposed investment of ₹3,500–4,000 crore in Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and allied advanced technologies.



During the meeting, the leadership highlighted Haryana's commitment to strengthening its energy infrastructure while promoting innovation-led and sustainable development. The proposed investment is expected to significantly enhance the state's capacity for energy storage, support grid stability, and facilitate greater integration of renewable energy sources. It is also likely to generate substantial employment opportunities, contributing to economic growth in the region.



TDK, a global leader in energy generation and electronic components, briefed the ministers on its ongoing work in cutting-edge technologies. The delegation reaffirmed its commitment to investing not only in battery energy storage systems but also in AI-based data centers, aligning with India's growing focus on digital and clean energy infrastructure.

State officials described the collaboration as a major step towards Haryana's vision of building a sustainable, innovative, and self-reliant energy ecosystem.



Government Launches ₹497-Crore RELIEF Scheme to Support Exporters Amid West Asia Crisis 21st March 2026

The Government of India has announced a ₹497-crore RELIEF scheme to provide targeted support to exporters facing severe disruptions due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia. The scheme aims to cushion Indian exporters from rising freight costs, shipping delays, and elevated insurance premiums caused by instability across key maritime trade routes.



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Unveiled by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the RELIEF initiative focuses on exporters trading with West Asian and Gulf countries, where consignments have been delayed or rerouted due to geopolitical tensions. The package includes automatic extension of export obligations, enhanced insurance coverage through the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC), and logistical assistance to mitigate financial stress during transit disruptions.



Officials stated that exporters with shipments between February 14 and March 15, 2026, would receive up to **100% insurance cover** without additional cost, while future consignments until mid-June would be eligible for higher coverage with government support. The scheme also provides flexibility under export. The ministry acknowledged that exporters—particularly in sectors like rice, engineering goods, textiles, and pharmaceuticals—have been adversely hit by halted shipments and rising demurrage charges.



India restores full RoDTEP export incentives amid geopolitical risks

24th March 2026

In a significant relief measure for exporters, the Government of India has restored full benefits under the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme until 31 March 2026. The decision, announced by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, reverses the earlier reduction in incentive rates and value caps that had been imposed as a temporary measure.

The move comes at a time when Indian exporters are grappling with rising freight charges, higher marine insurance premiums, and frequent delays in shipments due to escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia. Disruptions in key maritime routes across the Gulf region have forced changes in shipping patterns, significantly increasing logistics costs for exporters across sectors.

By restoring RoDTEP benefits to their earlier levels, the government aims to protect exporters' margins and ensure that existing export orders remain viable despite adverse global conditions.

Industry bodies have welcomed the decision, noting that sudden changes in incentive structures can severely impact pricing commitments already made to global buyers.

The restoration is expected to provide short-term stability to exporters while the government continues to monitor international developments and assess the need for further policy support to safeguard India's export growth.



Haryana Cabinet Clears Amendments to Industrial Licensing Policy to Boost Investment 24th March 2026

The Haryana Cabinet has approved significant amendments to the Industrial Licensing Policy-2015, marking an important step toward easing regulatory procedures and promoting planned industrial development across the state. The decision, taken on 24 March 2026, aims to reduce compliance burdens on developers while creating a more investment-friendly ecosystem.

A key feature of the amendments is the **rationalisation of External Development Charges (EDC)** in specific cases, particularly for industrial projects located in agricultural zones beyond designated urbanisable limits

The Cabinet also approved changes to enable **better utilisation of land** earmarked for transport and communication zones. Industrial licensing will now be permitted in these areas up to a defined limit, aligning the licensing policy with the state's Change of Land Use (CLU) framework. The amendments extend these provisions to high-potential and rapidly developing towns, expanding opportunities for industrial expansion.

Policy changes respond to long-standing industry demands and are intended to attract new investment, improve ease of doing business, and support Haryana's growth as a key manufacturing and industrial hub in the region.



About the Department

Established in 2020, the Foreign Cooperation Department has played a pivotal role in strengthening Haryana's presence on the world stage by promoting trade, investment, and the welfare of the Haryanvi diaspora. The Department through its persistent efforts envisions to promote Haryana as the most preferred destination for foreign investments, boost exports from Haryana, advance Haryanvi culture, and further welfare interests of Haryanvi's through engagement, advocacy, and assistance.



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