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## DEAR READERS,

The AG Group once again welcomes you in 2026 with the Quarter 2 edition of its newsletter "The AG communiqué". This insightful newsletter sums up major updates from the corners of the globe about evolving economy, technological innovations, policy governance, sustainability, and cultural economy. This section will strategically offer you important information about India-Italy relations, cybersecurity threats to Indian enterprises, sustainable investment labeling rules of Australia, discussions of renewable energy investments among continents, and educational reforms in UAE

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# Italy and India Deepen Strategic Collaboration Across Energy and Manufacturing Sectors

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India and Italy elevated their bilateral ties to a **Special Strategic Partnership** in May 2026, reaffirming their shared commitment to implementing the **Joint Strategic Action Plan 2025–2029**. The renewed framework places clean energy, advanced manufacturing, and resilient supply chains at the core of bilateral engagement, reflecting a shared vision for economic progress and technological advancement.



Source: <https://www.opindia.com/news-updates/india-italy-strategic-partnership-to-be-elevated-to-special-strategic-partnership/>

Both countries agreed to expand cooperation in renewable energy, critical minerals, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, sustainable industrial technologies, and the circular economy. They also emphasized **strengthening research collaborations, promoting technology transfer, encouraging investment, and fostering business partnerships** to enhance production capabilities and support industrial development.



Source: [https://www.indiaitaly.com/makeinindiawithitaly?srsId=AfmBOoqdlkXp64cccT84lw07yDk0mnXyD9dzXNd046eC\\_tcX-8561kE](https://www.indiaitaly.com/makeinindiawithitaly?srsId=AfmBOoqdlkXp64cccT84lw07yDk0mnXyD9dzXNd046eC_tcX-8561kE)

The partnership further seeks to build secure value chains and promote innovation-led growth through closer engagement between governments, industries, and research institutions. By combining **India's production strengths with Italy's technological expertise**, both countries aim to expand clean energy cooperation, strengthen advanced manufacturing, and create long-term opportunities for investment and technological innovation.

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# CERT-In Issues Warning on Frontier AI-Powered Cyber Risks for Indian Enterprises

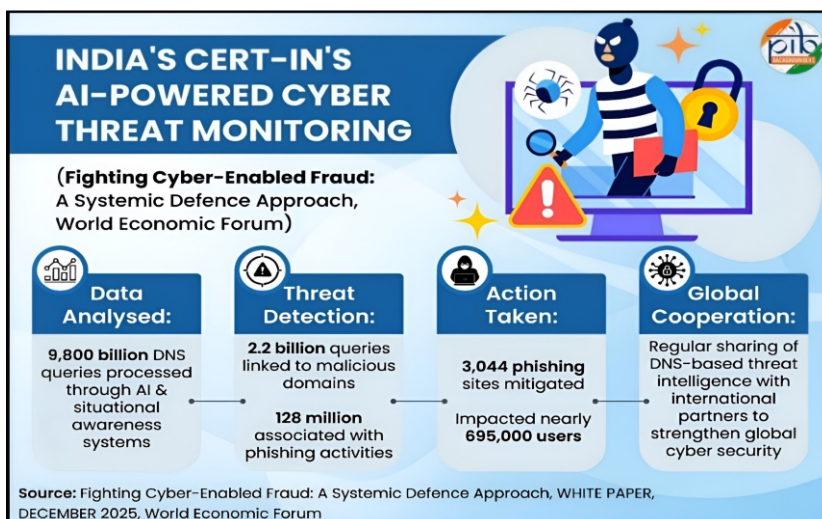
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India's apex cybersecurity agency, CERT-In, has issued a high-severity advisory warning Indian enterprises about the **emerging risks posed by frontier artificial intelligence (AI)**. The advisory notes that advanced AI models can independently detect software vulnerabilities, create malicious code, and facilitate phishing and social engineering attacks, allowing cybercriminals to carry out sophisticated operations.



Source: <https://www.sarkaritel.com/cert-in-warns-of-rising-ai-driven-cyber-threats-amid-mythos-concerns/>



Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressNoteDetails.aspx?Noteld=157049&ModuleId=3&reg=48&lang=2>

CERT-In has warned that Indian enterprises, particularly micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), are becoming increasingly exposed to cyber threats as frontier AI simplifies sophisticated cyberattacks. The agency cautions that these **risks could lead to data breaches, financial losses, operational disruptions, and reputational damage**, especially for organisations with limited security capabilities.

To strengthen cyber resilience, **CERT-In has urged organisations to adopt a Zero Trust security architecture**, implement multi-factor authentication, ensure timely software patching, strengthen threat monitoring, and conduct regular employee awareness programmes. It also recommends maintaining incident response plans, secure data backups, and periodic security assessments, emphasizing that proactive cyber defence is essential.

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# Australia Advances Sustainable Investment Labeling and Anti- Greenwashing Rules

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**GREENWASHING?**

Australia strengthened its sustainable finance framework by **proposing a Sustainable Investment Product Labelling regime** to improve transparency and reduce greenwashing in financial markets. In **February 2026**, the Australian Government's Treasury released a consultation paper on a standardized labelling system for investment products making sustainability-related claims. The initiative forms part of the **Government's broader Sustainable Finance Roadmap**.

The proposed framework introduces eligibility criteria, standardized product labels, mandatory consumer-facing disclosures, and evidence-based requirements to support environmental and social claims. By requiring issuers to **substantiate these claims through consistent disclosure standards**, the proposal seeks to curb greenwashing while improving the credibility and comparability of sustainable investment products.



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Source: <https://www.marketing-interactive.com/uk-unveils-anti-greenwashing-rules-for-investors-and-financial-firms>

Once implemented, the framework is expected to **strengthen investor confidence, enhance market integrity, and improve consumer protection** by ensuring sustainability claims are transparent and verifiable. The reforms are also intended to channel private capital towards genuinely sustainable investments, supporting Australia's long-term sustainable finance objectives and market resilience.

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# Renewable Energy Investments Accelerate Across Africa, Asia, and the Gulf Region

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Governments and private investors announced new renewable energy projects and financing commitments across Africa, Asia, and the Gulf region, reflecting efforts to strengthen energy security. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), **global energy investment is projected to reach US\$3.4 trillion in 2026**, with **US\$2.2 trillion** allocated to clean energy technologies, electricity networks, storage, and low-emission fuels.



Source: <https://africa-energy-portal.org/events/are-energy-access-investment-forum-eaif-2026>



Source: <https://www.eog-asia.com/totalenergies-nextnorth-to-build-440-mw-solar-project-in-philippines/>

Across several African economies, including South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Kenya, and Nigeria, policy reforms, development finance, and rising electricity demand supported the **expansion of large-scale solar and wind infrastructure**. These initiatives attracted domestic and international capital, expanding the region's renewable energy capacity and improving long-term energy resilience significantly.

Meanwhile, Asian economies increased renewable power capacity through new solar installations and electricity grid upgrades. In the Philippines, **TotalEnergies and Nextnorth began constructing a US\$300 million, 440 MW solar farm**. Abu Dhabi-backed infrastructure partnerships also highlighted the Gulf's growing role in supporting clean energy deployment through strategic-cross border investment initiatives.

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# UAE's 2026 Education Reform Reflects the Shift Toward Global Competency-Based Learning

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Beginning in the 2026–2027 academic year, the UAE introduced a major education reform **requiring Advanced Mathematics and Science to be taught in English in private schools**, strengthening alignment with international education standards and workforce needs. The policy also seeks to enhance students' preparedness for higher education and careers in an increasingly interconnected global economy.



Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/middle-east/uae-education-reform-2026-english-mandatory-for-mathematics-and-science-in-private-schools/articleshow/128025418.cms>

Beyond language policy, the updated curriculum places greater emphasis on developing competencies such as **critical thinking, digital literacy, problem-solving, collaboration, and ethical decision-making**. By adopting student-centred learning approaches, the reforms encourage learners to apply knowledge in practical settings rather than relying solely on rote memorization, reflecting evolving global education practices.



Source: <https://focus.hidubai.com/what-dubais-new-education-reforms-mean-for-parents-and-students/>

Complementing these education reforms, national initiatives promoting life skills, responsible citizenship, and community engagement further strengthen the development of adaptable learners. Together, these 2026 measures demonstrate the UAE's commitment to building an education system that equips students with globally relevant competencies while **advancing the country's long-term vision of becoming a leading knowledge-based economy**.

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