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## DEPARTMENTAL SUMMIT *on Water*



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# Anti-Dumping Duties Extended to Shield Domestic Industry from Chinese Imports



India has extended the anti-dumping duty on decor paper imports from China until 26 March 2027, providing continued protection to domestic manufacturers against low-priced imports. **The extension was notified by the Department of Revenue** following a recommendation from the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR). The measure aims to address the **adverse impact of dumped imports on Indian producers** and support fair competition in the domestic market.



Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/business/india-imposes-anti-dumping-duty-on-four-chinese-products/article69364596.ece>

The anti-dumping duty was initially imposed in December 2021 for a period of five years. **The applicable duty ranges from USD 110 to USD 542 per tonne, depending on the category and source of the imported product.** The latest notification extends the levy on decor paper originating in or exported from China **until 26 March 2027**. The extension follows the DGTR's assessment of conditions affecting the domestic industry.

## ANTI-DUMPING DUTY EXTENSION: KEY POLICY PROCESS

### Chinese Decor Paper Imports

Imports from China form the subject of the trade-remedy measure



### Government Notification

Department of Revenue gives effect to the extension through notification



### DGTR Assessment

Reviews evidence of dumping and its impact on Indian producers



### Duty Extended to 26 March 2027

Existing anti-dumping protection remains applicable to specified imports



### Trade-Remedy Recommendation

Recommends continuation of the existing anti-dumping measure



### Domestic Industry Safeguard

Addresses identified trade-related injury and supports fair competition



Source: <https://newsonair.gov.in/india-extends-anti-dumping-duty-on-decor-paper-imports-from-china-till-march-2027/>

Decor paper is used for surfacing furniture and flooring and also has applications in craft and interior design. **Its use across these sectors makes stable supply and competitive pricing important for manufacturers and downstream industries.** The continuation of the duty is intended to provide domestic producers with protection from the effects of dumped imports while allowing the market to operate under more balanced competitive conditions.

For Indian manufacturers, the extension provides greater certainty by maintaining the **existing trade-remedy measure and addressing price pressures arising from Chinese imports.** It is expected to help domestic producers sustain production and compete in the market. At the same time, importers and industries using decor paper from China will need to factor the continued duty into their procurement and import costs.



Source: <https://www.casansaar.com/notification-cbic/cbic-extends-anti-dumping-duty-on-imports-till-march-2027/6473.html>

The decision reflects the Government's use of trade-remedy measures to safeguard domestic industry against unfair trade practices. **Anti-dumping duties are imposed when investigations establish that imported goods are being sold below their normal value and are causing injury to domestic producers.** With the measure extended until March 2027, the decor paper industry will continue to operate under this framework, supporting domestic manufacturing while maintaining a rules-based approach to international trade.

# SEMICON India 2026 Showcases India's Emerging Global Semiconductor Ecosystem



SEMICON India 2026 marked a significant step in India's effort to connect its semiconductor capabilities with global industry. Held from 17–19 September at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, the fifth edition was organised under the **theme “Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem”**. More than **600 exhibitors**, including around 300 international companies, participated, while representatives from **52 countries, six country pavilions and 12 state pavilions** reflected the event's international reach.



# SEMICON India 2026

SILICON TO SYSTEMS : BUILDING THE ECOSYSTEM

SEPTEMBER 17-19 | YASHOBHOOMI (IICC), NEW DELHI

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2310311&reg=48&lang=2>

The exhibition came as India's semiconductor programme moved from project approvals towards commercial activity. **Twelve semiconductor projects have been approved across six states, involving investments exceeding Rs 1.64 lakh crore.** By September 2026, five semiconductor facilities had entered commercial operations. These facilities span silicon and compound semiconductor manufacturing, display technology and advanced packaging, indicating that India's capabilities are developing across multiple segments rather than being concentrated in fabrication alone.



Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2311726&reg=48&lang=2>

**International participation and cross-border collaboration emerged as important features of SEMICON India 2026**, reflecting the expanding global dimension of India's semiconductor ecosystem. The participation of international companies and country delegations created opportunities for collaboration across manufacturing, design, packaging, materials, equipment, research and development. **Fifty-six MoUs, announcements and strategic initiatives were recorded during the three-day programme.** The discussions also highlighted the growing interdependence between semiconductors, electronics, components and end-use systems, reinforcing the need for coordinated development across the wider technology value chain.

India is simultaneously expanding the policy architecture supporting this transition. **Semicon 2.0 received approval in July 2026 with Rs 1,27,500 crore earmarked to strengthen areas such as chip design, semiconductor manufacturing, equipment and materials, advanced packaging, research and development, and workforce skills.** Alongside these measures, design-support initiatives are extending access to advanced electronic design automation tools and helping academic institutions, start-ups and engineers participate in semiconductor development.

## SEMICON 2026: PLATFORMS FOR INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT



### Exhibition Showcase

- Semiconductor technologies
- Industry demonstrations
- Technology solutions



### Startup Pavilion

- Emerging semiconductor ventures
- Innovation-led solutions
- Entrepreneurial networking



### Student Innovation

- Student hackathon
- Practical technology challenges
- Academic-industry interaction



### Workforce Development

- Career opportunities
- Industry-oriented skills
- Talent engagement



### Women in Semiconductors

- Dedicated forum
- Professional participation
- Workforce inclusion



Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2311726&reg=48&lang=2>

SEMICON India 2026 therefore highlighted the **growing integration of India's semiconductor manufacturing, design, research, skills and supply-chain capabilities**. Its "Silicon to Systems" approach reflects an effort to connect these capabilities with emerging technologies and strengthen India's participation in global semiconductor value chains.

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# National Departmental Summit on Water Strengthens the Vision for a Water-Secure India

## DEPARTMENTAL SUMMIT *on* Water



Convened at Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi

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India's water-security efforts received a significant institutional push with the **National Departmental Summit on Water**, organised by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**. The two-day Summit brought together ministers and senior officials from States and Union Territories to strengthen coordination, share successful practices and identify practical measures for improving water management. The initiative reflects the importance of sustained Centre-State cooperation in **addressing water-related challenges and advancing the vision of a water-secure India**.



Source: [https://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/news\\_updates/pm-chairs-vaedictory-session-of-national-departmental-summit-on-water/](https://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/pm-chairs-vaedictory-session-of-national-departmental-summit-on-water/)

The Summit provided a platform for reviewing the implementation of ongoing water initiatives and identifying measures to improve their effectiveness. Discussions highlighted the need to move beyond infrastructure creation towards ensuring reliable services, protecting water resources and strengthening outcomes at the local level. The approach places **greater emphasis on coordinated implementation, regular monitoring and the adoption of practices that can deliver sustainable results** across States and Union Territories.



Source: <https://www.timesnownews.com/india/pm-modi-calls-for-greater-adoption-of-water-saving-technologies-says-use-ai-data-learn-from-global-best-practices-article-156033292>

Technology and innovation were also highlighted as important enablers of efficient water management. The Prime Minister called for **greater adoption of water-saving technologies and encouraged wider exposure to global practices through exhibitions and workshops**. Such efforts can support the development and adoption of practical solutions suited to India's diverse water conditions while encouraging manufacturers, institutions and other stakeholders to contribute to resource-efficient water management.

Community participation and institutional preparedness formed another important dimension of the Summit. Greater public awareness of water conservation, regular de-silting of water bodies and strengthened dam-safety preparedness were emphasised as measures requiring sustained attention. The **promotion of “Jal Utsav” and greater integration of water-management education in higher educational institutions** can further strengthen public engagement and build awareness around responsible water use.



Source: <https://www.aninews.in/news/national/politics/pm-modi-calls-for-robust-water-data-governance-through-effective-use-of-ai20260902234437/>

Data-driven planning and knowledge-sharing can further strengthen the implementation of water policies. **The Summit emphasised robust water-data governance, including systematic collection, management and analysis, with emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence supporting informed decision-making**. Structured study visits involving public representatives, officials and farmers were also proposed to facilitate the exchange of successful practices. Together, these measures reinforce a coordinated and participatory framework for advancing India's long-term water-security objectives.

# Arunachal's Hydropower Advantage in India's Renewable Energy Transition



Arunachal Pradesh's hydropower resources have gained national attention as India expands its renewable-energy capacity. The opportunity was highlighted at the **two-day conference on "Financing India's Journey Towards a Viksit Bharat"** in New Delhi, where Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein addressed the session on **"Financing the Energy Transition"**. His remarks underlined the need to mobilise finance and infrastructure to harness the state's hydropower resources within India's longer-term energy transformation.



Source: <https://blog.mygov.in/hydropower-powering-arunachal-pradeshs-economic-future/>

The scale of the resource provides the foundation for this opportunity. Arunachal Pradesh has an assessed **hydropower potential of nearly 58,000 MW**, representing around 40 per cent of India's total hydropower potential. The state has set a **target of harnessing 40 GW by 2047**. Installed

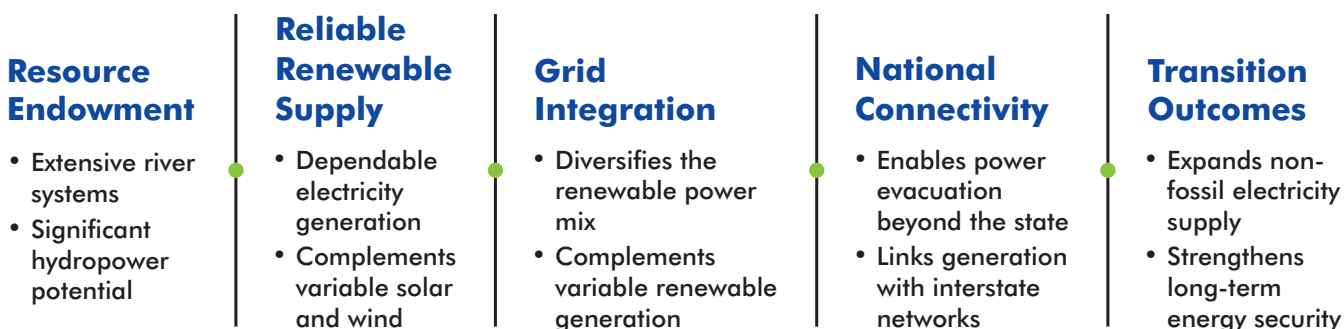
capacity has risen from 405 MW in 2016 to around 1,200 MW and subsequently to 2,270 MW following the commissioning of the Subansiri Lower Project. Hydropower's relatively dependable generation profile can also complement variable solar and wind resources.



Source: <https://www.virthli.in/2025/06/aranachal-pradesh-cabinet-fast-tracks.html>

The development pipeline indicates the scale of investment involved. Arunachal Pradesh's **“Decade of Hydropower 2025–35”** initiative targets the addition of 19 GW of generation capacity, backed by an investment pipeline estimated at around Rs1.9 lakh crore. **Projects totalling around 19,000 MW are at different stages of development**, including a 4,880 MW project under construction. Such a pipeline creates substantial requirements for long-term capital, project execution and institutional coordination.

## ARUNACHAL'S HYDROPOWER PATHWAY TO CLEAN ENERGY





Source: <https://constructionreviewonline.com/4-billion-arunachal-pradesh-hydropower-projects-accelerate-indias-clean-energy-transition-drive/>

Infrastructure will determine how effectively this capacity can be integrated into India's electricity system. **Arunachal Pradesh's difficult terrain and remote project locations increase the importance of high-capacity transmission networks and efficient power-evacuation arrangements.** Greater private-sector participation, alongside continued Government of India support through appropriate incentives and facilitation mechanisms, can help address financing and implementation requirements.

The strategic significance of Arunachal's hydropower therefore extends beyond state-level generation. Integrating its resources with national power networks can **strengthen the diversity and reliability of India's renewable electricity base while supporting energy security.** The associated investment and infrastructure activity can also create employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, linking hydropower development with the broader objectives of Viksit Bharat 2047.

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# AFSPA Extended in Three Northeastern States Amid Fresh Security Review



The Centre has extended the **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA)** in designated “**disturbed areas**” of **Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh** for another six months from **1 October 2026**. The decision follows a further review of the law-and-order situation in the three states. The notifications continue the existing provisions for the six-month period, subject to earlier withdrawal, thereby maintaining AFSPA in the areas covered by the latest declarations. The extension was announced through separate notifications specifying the territorial jurisdictions covered in each state.



Source: <https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/centre-extends-afspa-in-parts-of-manipur-nagaland-and-arunachal-pradesh-1455413-2026-09-25>

In Manipur, the disturbed-area declaration covers the entire state except areas under 13 police stations across five districts. **The excluded jurisdictions are located in Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur and Kakching districts.** The selective exclusions mean that the latest notification does not impose uniform coverage throughout the state, retaining specific areas outside the disturbed-area declaration.



Source: <https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/afspa-extended-for-six-months-in-parts-of-manipur-nagaland-arunachal-pradesh-13585062.html>

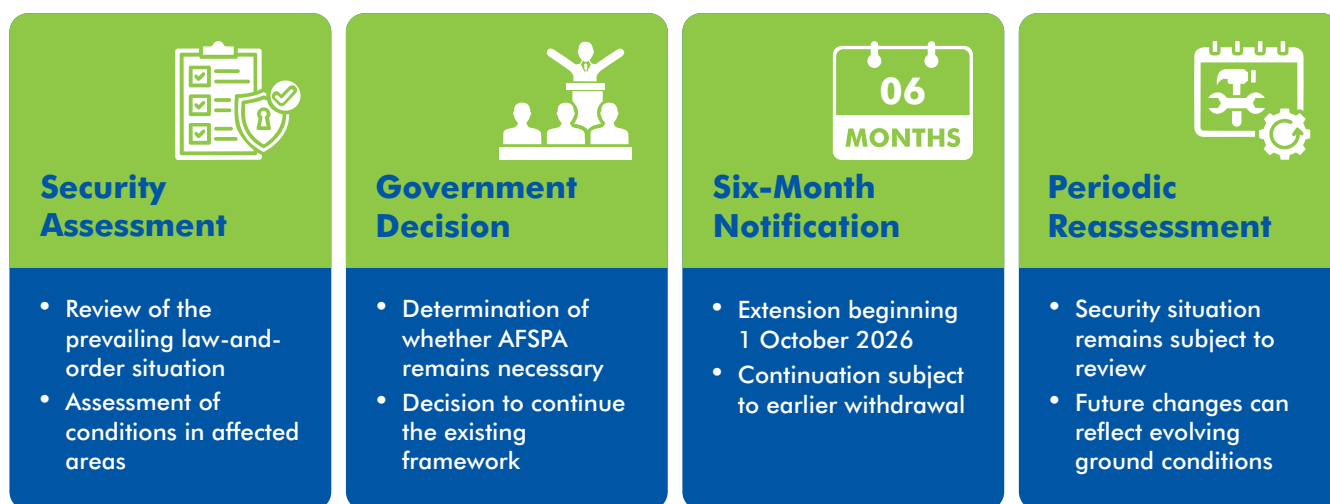
In Nagaland, AFSPA has been retained across nine districts – **Dimapur, Niuland, Chumoukedima, Mon, Kiphire, Noklak, Phek, Peren and Meluri.** The notification also covers areas under 21 police stations in five additional districts: Kohima, Mokochung, Longleng, Wokha and Zunheboto. These areas have been retained within the notified framework following the latest review of the law-and-order situation.

In Arunachal Pradesh, AFSPA remains applicable in Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts, along with areas under Namsai, Mahadevpur and Chowkham police stations in Namsai district bordering Assam. **The notification continues the existing territorial coverage rather than extending the Act uniformly across the state.** The decision therefore maintains the specified disturbed-area jurisdictions identified in the latest government notification. The notified areas include districts situated along the state's eastern frontier, where security considerations remain relevant.



Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/afspa-extended-by-six-months-in-disturbed-areas-of-manipur-nagaland-and-arunachal-pradesh/articleshow/134486452.cms>

## PROCESS BEHIND THE AFSPA DECISION



The latest extension represents a continuation of the existing security arrangement rather than a blanket expansion of AFSPA across the Northeast. The decision underscores the Centre's continued reliance on periodic assessment of the law-and-order situation to determine where the special provisions remain necessary. **The six-month extension keeps the existing framework in place while leaving scope for further review as conditions evolve.**

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