$400 Billion Investment Commitment in Renewable Energy: India's Green-Energy Capacity

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Key Facts

- **$400 billion in commitments:** sector-wide investment interest spanning solar, wind, hybrid, storage and green hydrogen; this is a "commitment" — the actual flow depends on implementation.
- **ALMM:** the approved list of solar module models and manufacturers eligible for use in government/government-assisted projects — an instrument of domestic-manufacturing protection and quality assurance; the review will seek a balance between supply cost and domestic capacity.
- **Target context:** 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030; installed renewable capacity is growing steadily, but storage and grid integration are the main challenges.

The News in Detail

- **Where and how:** on the occasion of the India Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Union Minister of New and Renewable

Energy Pralhad Joshi said that in the CEO roundtable of global investors and fund managers, preliminary investment commitments totalling $400 billion were received across the solar, wind, hybrid, storage, transmission and green hydrogen sectors; the final details are being prepared.

- **Investor confidence:** according to the minister, foreign investors, including a Canadian investment fund, counted India among the safest places to invest — a sign of India's growing credibility in the energy transition.
- **Decision on ALMM pending:** the ALMM framework for solar PV cells was extended in July until 31 December; industry opinion is divided over the extension, so the government will decide only after discussing with both stakeholder associations over the next 10-15 days.
- **Manufacturing capacity:** the country's solar cell manufacturing capacity is currently 41 GW, and manufacturers have committed to adding another 70 GW by year-end.
- **Linked to the conference:** at the same event, the International Solar Alliance's (ISA) Global Capability Center and the ISA Academy were also launched — an institutional step towards capacity building.

Significance from the Examination Point of View

- **Prelims:** what ALMM is and which ministry it is tied to (MNRE); the 500 GW target (2030); Panchamrit/net-zero 2070; links with PM-Surya Ghar, PM-KUSUM and the Green Hydrogen Mission.
- **Mains (GS-3):** sources of energy-transition financing (domestic versus FDI), the ALMM dilemma of self-reliant manufacturing versus cost efficiency, storage-grid constraints.

Prelims Practice Questions

Question 1. What is ALMM related to?

(a) A list of mining leases

(b) An approved list of solar module models and manufacturers

(c) Wind turbine standards

(d) A battery import quota

▼ Answer and Explanation

Answer: (b) — MNRE's Approved List of Models and Manufacturers — only listed solar modules in government schemes; protection for domestic manufacturing.

Question 2. What is India's 2030 non-fossil capacity target?

(a) 175 GW

(b) 300 GW

(c) 500 GW

(d) 1000 GW

▼ Answer and Explanation
Answer: (c) — 500 GW of non-fossil capacity — part of the 2021 Panchamrit announcement; 175 GW (2022) was the older target.

Sources

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