



16th Assembly of IRENA (Abu Dhabi)

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Context: The 16th Session of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) was held in Abu Dhabi (Jan 10–12, 2026) under the theme "*Powering Humanity: Renewable Energy for Shared Prosperity.*"

- **India's National Statement:** Union Minister Pralhad Joshi emphasized that the energy transition must be a "mass movement" guided by the philosophy of '**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**' (One Earth, One Family, One Future).
- **Key Projections:** India projected a requirement of approximately **\$300 billion by 2030** to scale up renewable capacity to meet its 500 GW target.
- **Global Call:** India called for transparent markets and stronger multilateral cooperation to support developing nations without compromising their growth aspirations.

Context: Officially known as the **Bhairav Light Commando Battalions**, these are the Indian Army's newly raised specialized units designed for 21st-century **hybrid warfare**.

- **Debut:** For the first time, they will march down **Kartavya Path** during the 2026 Republic Day parade.
- **Drone-Centric Doctrine:** These units are trained as a "pool of drone operatives." They specialize in using **First-Person View (FPV) drones** and loitering munitions to engage enemies at a distance, reducing human risk.
- **Strategic Deployment:** Currently, 15 units have been raised and deployed in sensitive sectors like Ladakh (14 Corps) and the deserts of Rajasthan.