

127 Indian cos dedicated to net-zero targets: Icra report

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- UK leads in cos committed to net-zero targets
- India ranks sixth in commitment
- Shift towards renewable energy adoption
- Cos managed decline in emission intensities

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ABOUT 127 companies in India are committed to net-zero targets, according to a report.

The report by Icr ESG Ratings' showed that about 7 per cent of these belong to high emissions sectors like construction materials and mining, while others are from sectors like textiles, software, and services -- typically considered to have low to medium levels of carbon footprint.

The report on science-



based target initiative (SBTi) commitments by Indian companies reveals a significant shift towards renewable energy in the power sector particularly among companies with net-zero commitments, resulting in reduced emissions.

SBTi is a voluntary target-setting initiative whereby companies can commit to setting science-based targets and have their objectives independently assessed and validated. Commitments and target taking are done through stated sector-wise guidelines by SBTi.

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panies committed to SBTi net-zero targets, and India

ranks sixth. On the other hand, China was found with the lowest share of companies with such commitments. This is despite being the largest emitter, the report said.

“Our findings emphasise the importance of committing to net-zero targets and how aligning with SBTi is a good way to enhance climate strategies, promote transparency and accountability, and highlight the need for continued innovation and regulatory support,” said Sheetal Sharad, Chief Ratings Officer, Icr ESG Ratings.

“Such initiatives and standards should acknowledge the role of India as a key actor in climate change action,” she added.

Sharad suggests that when developing guidelines towards target setting, they “should consider the infrastructure-led growth in developing nations like India. This will encourage more entities towards alignment”.