

RESULT UPDATE

KEY DATA

Rating	BUY
Sector relative	Outperformer
Price (INR)	335
12 month price target (INR)	401
52 Week High/Low	448/293
Market cap (INR bn/USD bn)	3,245/37.4
Free float (%)	48.9
Avg. daily value traded (INR mn)	5,367.6

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

	Jun-25	Mar-25	Dec-24
Promoter	51.1%	51.1%	51.1%
FII	16.1%	17.8%	18.2%
DII	28.9%	27.2%	26.8%
Pledge	0%	0%	0%

FINANCIALS

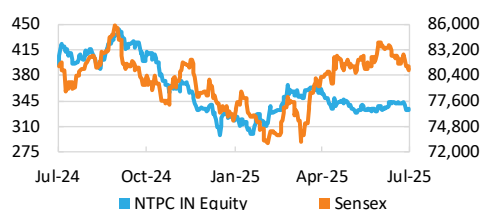
(INR mn)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	1,785	1,881	1,975	2,071
EBITDA	511	541	655	702
Adjusted profit	208	234	251	269
Diluted EPS (INR)	21.5	24.2	25.9	27.7
EPS growth (%)	23.1	12.5	7.2	7.0
RoAE (%)	13.5	13.4	12.9	12.6
P/E (x)	15.6	13.8	12.9	12.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.5	10.0	8.2	7.8
Dividend yield (%)	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.8

CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

	Revised estimates		% Revision	
Year to March	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	1,975	2,071	0%	0%
EBITDA	655	702	0%	0%
Adjusted profit	251	269	0%	0%
Diluted EPS (INR)	25.9	27.7	0%	0%

PRICE PERFORMANCE



Robust core RoE despite weak PLF

NTPC's Q1FY26 standalone (SA) adjusted PAT grew ~5% YoY to ~INR44bn, largely in-line with the rise in regulated equity at ~4% (implying 16.7% core RoE versus 16.8% YoY) despite weak power demand (-1.3% in Q1) driving ~7% dip in generation. Consolidated adj. PAT rose 11% YoY led by subsidiaries (+26% YoY; [THDC](#), [NTPC Green](#)). JVs' PAT fell 35% off a high base (one-off income in [Meja](#) in Q1FY25).

NTPC stays our top pick in Power Utilities on inexpensive valuation (1.5x FY27E P/BV) despite a 7% EPS CAGR over FY25–27E and 17% core RoE driven by ~22GW capex (50:50 thermal/hydro cum RE) and [higher incentives potential](#). Retain 'BUY', with an SoTP TP of INR401 (earlier INR404) at 2.5x FY27E SA book + NTPC Green at a 30% discount to CMP.

SA operationally weak; consolidated performance robust

Standalone (SA) adjusted. PAT rose ~5% YoY, in line with a ~4% YoY rise in regulated equity. Consolidated profit climbed ~11% YoY to INR61.1bn owing to a significant improvement in profit from subsidiaries at INR6.6bn (versus INR5.2bn last year) while provision/reversal of impairment aided PAT by INR3.1bn (versus nil YoY). NTPC's group generation dipped ~7% YoY in Q1FY26 on a weak demand-led dip in PLF to 75.2% (versus 80.4% in Q1FY25). NTPC Group has under-construction capacity of ~31GW (thermal 15.5GW, hydro 1.3GW, balance RE), implying 10–12GW addition annually over FY26–27E. Management guides for: i) 11.9GW in FY26E (3.6/1/7.2GW of thermal/hydro/RE); and iii) ~9.9GW in FY27E (1.5/0.4/8GW of thermal/hydro/RE). Most capacities are coming up under its subsidiaries/JVs; consolidated financials shall reflect most of the future growth. NTPC is targeting operational RE of 60GW-plus by FY32E (5.9GW at end-FY25) with another 100GW+ JVs/MoUs with states. Final dividend of INR3.35/share takes FY25 payout to INR8.35, implying a 2.5% yield; CMD Mr Gurdeep Singh's tenure extends by 1-year w.e.f. 1st August 2025.

Nuclear and PSP updates

The company has forayed into nuclear power via Ashwini JV with NPCIL—executing 4x700MW Mahi Banswara Atomic project. Also, set up a subsidiary to explore advanced nuclear tech; MoUs signed with states and sites identified. Pumped storage portfolio at 21.2GW: 10.2GW under NTPC, 11GW via THDC/NEEPCO, with 500MW commissioned at Tehri (THDC).

Key variables to watch out for over next 12–18 months

Variables to watch out for: i) increase in peak deficit driving up PLFs and incentives for coal plants over FY26–27E; ii) on-time commissioning of thermal/RE capex and resultant growth in profits; and iii) rising contribution of subsidiaries/JV profits.

Financials

Year to March	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	% Change	Q4FY25	% Change
Net Revenue	4,25,726	4,44,192	(4.2)	4,39,037	(3.0)
EBITDA	1,02,838	1,24,466	(17.4)	1,12,550	(8.6)
Adjusted Profit	44,140	41,950	5.2	50,011	(11.7)
Diluted EPS (INR)	4.6	4.3	5.2	5.2	(11.7)

Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Total operating income	17,85,248	18,81,381	19,75,136	20,71,341
Energy Cost	10,39,948	10,70,324	10,54,057	10,84,861
Employee costs	65,920	67,961	71,337	73,477
Other expenses	1,68,214	2,01,819	1,95,150	2,11,054
EBITDA	5,11,166	5,41,276	6,54,593	7,01,948
Depreciation	1,62,036	1,74,012	1,92,322	1,98,822
Less: Interest expense	1,20,482	1,31,681	1,77,373	1,94,773
Add: Other income	26,411	27,244	27,500	30,000
Profit before tax	2,81,417	3,21,983	3,71,554	3,97,510
Prov for tax	68,092	82,452	1,14,748	1,22,764
Less: Other adj	0	0	0	0
Reported profit	2,08,119	2,34,225	2,51,117	2,68,659
Less: Excp.item (net)	0	0	0	0
Adjusted profit	2,08,119	2,34,225	2,51,117	2,68,659
Diluted shares o/s	9,697	9,697	9,697	9,697
Adjusted diluted EPS	21.5	24.2	25.9	27.7
DPS (INR)	7.8	8.4	8.8	9.2
Tax rate (%)	24.2	25.6	30.9	30.9

Important Ratios (%)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Operation cost (% of rev)	71.4	71.2	66.9	66.1
Employee cost (% of rev)	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5
Other exp (% of rev)	9.4	10.7	9.9	10.2
EBITDA margin (%)	28.6	28.8	33.1	33.9
Net profit margin (%)	11.7	12.4	12.7	13.0
Revenue growth (% YoY)	1.3	5.4	5.0	4.9
EBITDA growth (% YoY)	7.1	5.9	20.9	7.2
Adj. profit growth (%)	23.1	12.5	7.2	7.0

Assumptions (%)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
GDP (YoY %)	5.8	6.3	6.3	6.3
Repo rate (%)	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0
USD/INR (average)	82.0	82.0	82.0	82.0
Commercial cap CI (MW)	71,802.0	74,577.0	78,305.9	82,221.1
Reg Eq Closing (INR bn)	800.0	861.0	861.0	861.0
Implied Reg RoE (%)	25.1	24.5	24.5	24.5
Avg coal plant PLF (%)	68.0	68.0	68.0	68.0
Units produced (BUs)	304.5	320.2	320.2	320.2
Capex (INR bn)	277.1	278.4	313.7	422.6

Valuation Metrics

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Diluted P/E (x)	15.6	13.8	12.9	12.1
Price/BV (x)	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.5	10.0	8.2	7.8
Dividend yield (%)	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.8

Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Share capital	96,967	96,967	96,967	96,967
Reserves	15,10,126	17,43,745	19,15,705	21,01,242
Shareholders funds	16,07,093	18,40,712	20,12,672	21,98,208
Minority interest	44,130	70,515	70,515	70,515
Borrowings	23,50,403	24,75,751	29,40,722	28,92,495
Trade payables	1,13,380	1,11,600	1,09,903	1,13,115
Other liabs & prov	2,43,762	2,88,543	2,88,543	2,88,543
Total liabilities	48,01,966	52,41,646	58,76,881	60,17,402
Net block	25,84,239	27,09,358	29,41,723	28,93,675
Intangible assets	0	0	0	0
Capital WIP	8,75,928	10,07,759	8,96,776	11,68,617
Total fixed assets	34,60,167	37,17,117	38,38,498	40,62,292
Non current inv	1,58,846	1,97,036	1,97,036	1,97,036
Cash/cash equivalent	68,473	1,14,571	6,01,777	4,91,161
Sundry debtors	3,46,372	3,47,507	3,64,824	3,82,594
Loans & advances	8,413	11,209	11,209	11,209
Other assets	6,11,135	6,66,898	6,76,228	6,85,801
Total assets	48,01,966	52,41,646	58,76,881	60,17,402

Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Reported profit	2,83,558	3,29,910	3,12,398	3,38,353
Add: Depreciation	1,62,036	1,74,012	1,92,322	1,98,822
Interest (net of tax)	1,19,548	1,30,477	1,77,373	1,94,773
Others	(27,500)	(86,375)	59,156	59,156
Less: Changes in WC	(93,368)	(523)	(28,344)	(24,131)
Operating cash flow	4,07,846	5,04,359	5,98,157	6,44,209
Less: Capex	(2,77,118)	(2,78,430)	(3,13,703)	(4,22,616)
Free cash flow	1,30,728	2,25,929	2,84,454	2,21,593

Key Ratios

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
RoE (%)	13.5	13.4	12.9	12.6
RoCE (%)	9.0	8.7	9.8	9.8
Inventory days	39	38	38	38
Receivable days	64	62	62	62
Payable days	37	36	36	36
Working cap (% sales)	46.5	49.4	73.2	65.6
Gross debt/equity (x)	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.3
Net debt/equity (x)	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.1
Interest coverage (x)	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.3

Valuation Drivers

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
EPS growth (%)	23.1	12.5	7.2	7.0
RoE (%)	13.5	13.4	12.9	12.6
EBITDA growth (%)	7.1	5.9	20.9	7.2
Payout ratio (%)	45.8	44.9	43.6	43.8

Exhibit 1: Standalone reported PAT (INR mn) along with key components – Drop in disincentives due to lower gas PLF (see below)

Particulars (INR mn)	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	YoY %	Q4FY25	QoQ %
Profit for the period	47,750	45,110	5.9%	57,780	-17.4%
Key Components	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	Change	Q4FY25	Change
Disincentive	-1370	-2110	740	40	(1,410)
Incentive	2,550	3,760	(1,210)	1,790	760
Dividend Income	1,180	2,570	(1,390)	7,830	(6,650)
Surcharge Income	540	910	(370)	740	(200)
Rebate	-2,550	-1,660	(890)	-1,860	(690)
Adjusted Profit	44,140	41,950	2,190	50,010	(5,870)

Source: Company

Exhibit 2: PLF scenario during Q1FY26 – Lower gas PLF hits NTPC's standalone profits

Description	Q1 FY26	Q1 FY25	Change (Q1-o-Q1)	Q4 FY25	Change (Q1-o-Q4)
PLF Coal (All India)#	69.61	76.19	(6.58)	-	-
PLF (NTPC) - COAL	75.16	80.39	(5.23) ^A	81.24	(6.08)
PLF (NTPC) - GAS	11.08	23.79	(12.71) ^B	2.14	8.94
PLF (NTPC) - SOLAR	26.81	23.80	3.01	24.54	2.27
PLF (NTPC) - HYDRO	59.50	57.36	2.14	13.92	45.58
PLF (NTPC) - SMALL HYDRO	61.81	55.52	6.29	29.35	32.46

Source: [Company Q1FY26 PPT](#)

Exhibit 3: Quarterly financial snapshot (INR mn) – Standalone

Y/E March	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	%YoY	Q4FY25	%QoQ
Generation (MUs)	91,327	97,896	-6.7	95,226	-4.1
Net Sales	4,25,726	4,44,192	-4%	4,39,037	-3%
Expenditure	3,22,888	3,19,726	1%	3,26,486	-1%
EBITDA	1,02,838	1,24,466	-17%	1,12,550	-9%
EBITDA (%)	24.2	28.0	-14%	25.6	-6%
Other income	7,602	6,338	20%	19,090	-60%
Depreciation	38,691	36,545	6%	40,325	-4%
EBIT	71,750	94,260	-24%	91,316	-21%
Interest	28,382	26,490	7%	30,973	-8%
PBT	43,367	67,770	-36%	60,342	-28%
Prior Period Items					
Tax	14,806	16,629	-11%	23,202	-36%
Tax rate (%)	34.1	24.5	39%	38.5	-11%
Movement in Regulatory deferral accounts (net of tax)	19,185	-6,031	418%	20,641.0	-7%
Exceptional items	-	0	0%	-	0%
Reported PAT	47,747	45,110	6%	57,781	-17%
PAT (adjusted)	44,140	41,950	5%	50,011	-12%
EPS (INR)	4.6	4.3	5%	5.2	-12%
Core RoE	16.7%	16.8%	-1%	15.8%	6%
Cost-break up					
	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	%YoY	Q4FY25	%QoQ
Raw material Costs	2,49,021	2,73,523	-9%	2,51,768	-1%
% of sales	58	62		57	
Staff Costs	13,500	13,760	-2%	16,658	-19%
% of sales	3.2	3.1		3.8	
Other Expenses	60,368	32,443	86%	58,060	4%
% of sales	14.2	7.3		13.2	

Source: Company

Exhibit 4: Reported PAT (INR mn) bridge between standalone and consolidated

Particulars (INR mn)	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	Change	Q4FY25	Change
Standalone Profit	47,750	45,510	2,240	57,780	(10,030)
Profit from subsidiaries	6,550	5,190	1,360	22,310	(15,760)
Share of profit from JVs	4,760	7,340	(2,580)	6,320	(1,560)
Provision/ Reversal of impairment	3,140	-	3,140	470	2,670
Dividend from Subsidiaries	(370)	(550)	180	(2,920)	2,550
Dividend from JVs	(750)	(2,020)	1,270	(4,900)	4,150
Other adjustments	-	(10)	10	(90)	90
Total adjustments	13,330	9,950	3,380	21,190	(7,860)
Consolidated Profit	61,080	55,060	6,020	78,970	(17,890)

Source: Company

Exhibit 5: THDC and NTPC Green contribute substantially to NTPC's consolidated PAT (INR mn)

Sr. no		Q1FY26	Q1FY25	Variation	Remarks
1	THDC India Ltd.	1440	-390	1830	COD of Khurja declared on 26 January 2025 Tehri & Koteswar were shut down during June 2024 due to dredging work
2	NTPC Green Energy Ltd.	2020	1550	470	Capacity addition and Other income
3	Bhartiya Rail Bijlee Company Ltd.	980	880	100	Decrease in Finance Cost
4	NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd.	520	510	10	
5	North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd	720	970	-250	One unit of Kameng and Ranganadi HEP non - operational due to outage
6	Ratnagiri Gas & Power Private Ltd.	860	1670	-810	Decrease due to lower generation
7	Others	10	0	10	
	Total	6550	5190	1360	

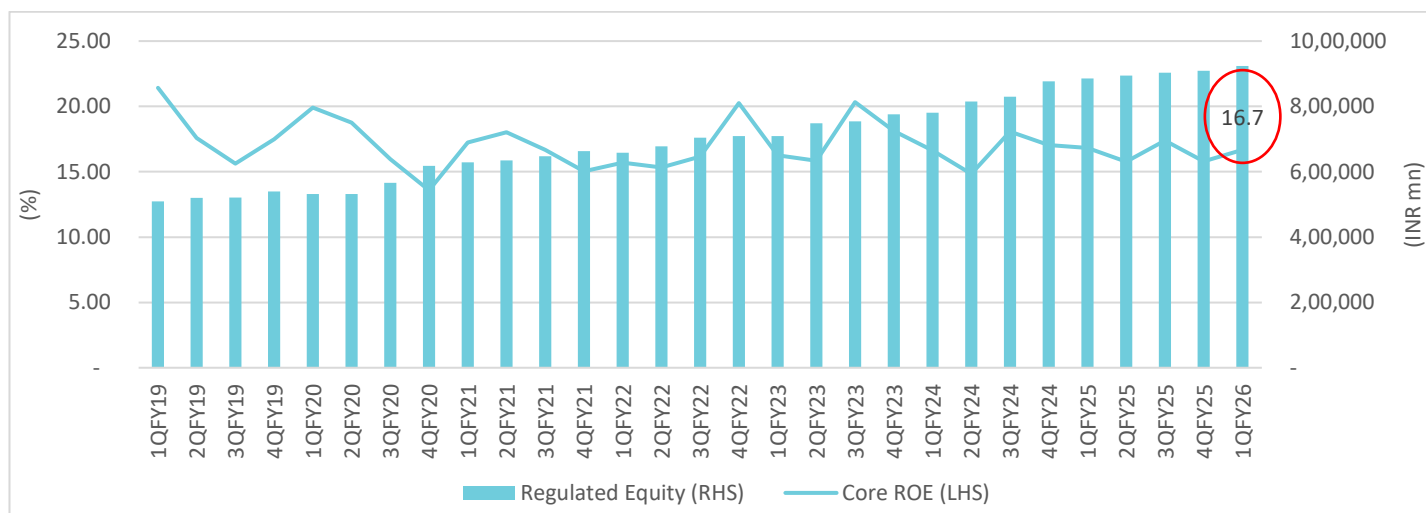
Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 6: JV share of profit variation (INR mn)

Sr. no		Q1FY26	Q1FY25	Variation	Remarks
1	Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Ltd	1,280	750	530	Due to volume growth and gas efficiency
2	NTPC Tamil Nadu Energy Company Ltd.	450	10	440	Unit outage in Q1FY25
3	Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company Private Ltd	1,310	1,030	280	Reduction in finance cost due to loan repayment
4	NTPC-SAIL Power Company Ltd.	520	530	(10)	
5	Aravali Power Company Private Ltd.	760	950	(190)	Decrease in LPSC income
6	Jhabua Power Ltd.	460	670	(210)	Increase in deferred tax
7	Energy Efficiency Services Ltd.	(640)	(220)	(420)	Decrease in revenues and increase in provisions
8	Meja Urja Nigam Private Ltd.	450	3,590	(3,140)	CERC tariff order accounted for during Q1FY25
9	Others	170	30	140	
	Total	4,760	7,340	(2,580)	

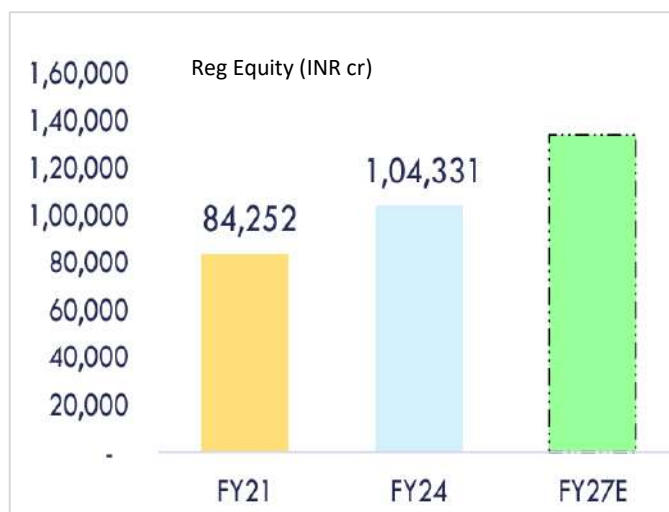
Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 7: Core ROE at a high 16.7% despite weak power demand in Q1FY26 (down 1.3% YoY)



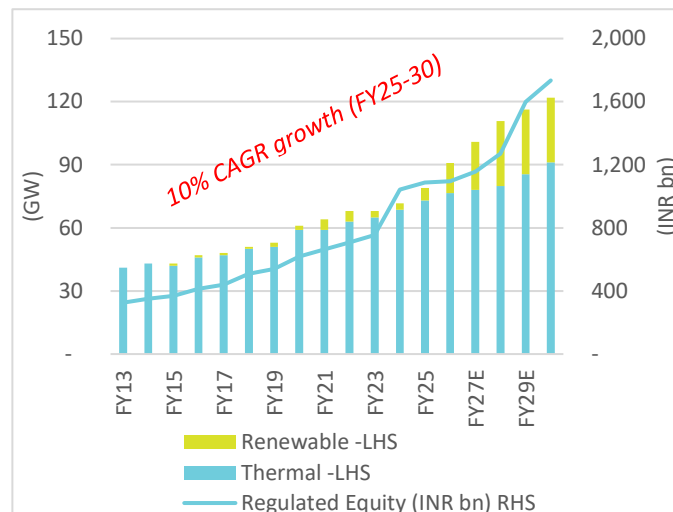
Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 8: Consolidated regulated equity to grow to >INR1.2tn



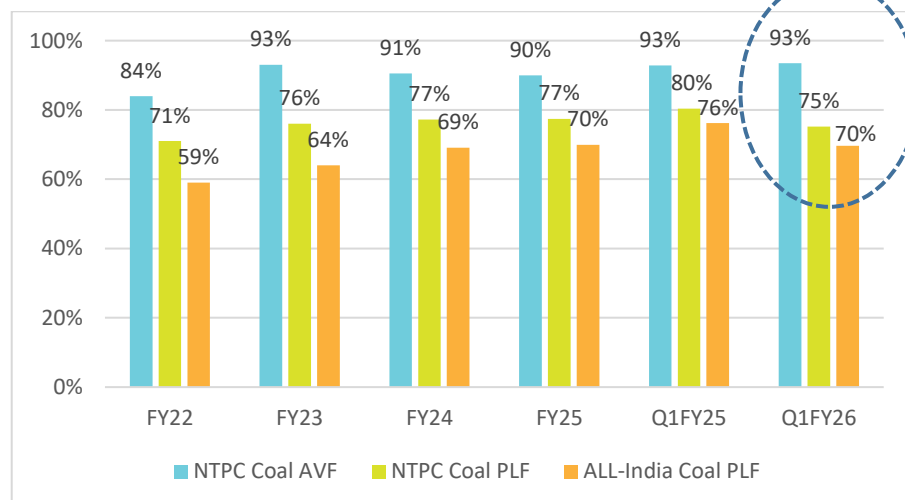
Source: [NTPC July'24 ppt](#)

Exhibit 9: Capacity addition to drive EPS growth



Source: Nuvama Research

Exhibit 10: Stable thermal PAF/PLF to drive future incentive earnings



Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 11: SotP valuation

NTPC SotP (INR)	Comments	Multiple (x)	SotP (RE – 30% Hold co Discount taken)
FY27 Regulated equity	P/BV	2.5	283
FY27 CWIP (Equity component)	P/BV	1.0	36
FY24 Investments & Cash	FY24	1.0	7
Subsidiaries	P/BV ; DCF		76
Target Price			401

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Company Description

NTPC, a Maharatna company set up in 1975, is India's largest power generation company, with ~80GW-installed capacity. It was founded by GoI, which now holds ~51% stake in the company. With 34GW of under construction projects, NTPC is looking to commercialise 10-12GW of capacity each year for the next two-three years. The company has forayed into coal mining operations with multiple mines in various phases of development. It has also forayed into renewable generation as it plans to set up 60GW RE capacity by 2032 and expand its overall generation portfolio to 130GW by 2032 with 30% of the basket from non-fossil fuel based capacity.

Investment Theme

NTPC is a distinctive play on thermal demand and transitioning towards RE, aided by its size and profitability. Thermal is still the mainstay but all future capacity addition is based on renewables energy with a target of 60GW capacity by 2032. NTPC currently has most of its operational capacity (standalone) under the regulated model. This enables it to pass on increase in costs, limiting the impact on profitability. NTPC's thermal profitability shall likely improve, given: i) no significant fuel based under-recoveries; ii) improving PLFs; iii) accelerated commissioning; and iv) higher incentives.

NTPC's RE focus is the mainstay given its: i) unique advantage to leverage its thermal plants to blend-in RE; ii) ready access to human and financial capital; and iii) risk framework, which protects against downside. Further, the thermal giant's transition towards new energy encompasses decarbonisation of industrials and mobility, not just RE.

While the existing business earns regulated RoEs of 18-19% on invested equity (including incentives), the RE capex is on a competitive bidding basis, wherein NTPC enjoys a 1–1.5% lower cost of debt (versus private sector peers) given its balance-sheet size and near-sovereign status being a Maharatna company. This enables higher IRRs despite competitive tariffs. NTPC aims to grow its RE portfolio to 60GW by FY32 from the current 4GW (15x growth). Given NTPC's 25% share in India's power generation and the country's plan to add 30–40GW of RE a year, we argue NTPC is poised to maintain its market share.

Key Risks

Delay in project execution: Any delay in execution of pipeline projects could result in downside from the estimated earnings/valuations.

SEB delays: NTPC earns surcharge on the overdue from the SEBs. However, given the SEB's critical financial health, there could be some risk of waiver in future. We see low probability of this being crystallised though.

Fuel supplies: Fuel non-availability could affect PAFs leading to higher-than-estimated fixed cost under-recoveries impacting RoEs. This could lower regulated returns of 15.5% in 2025-29

Additional Data

Management

CMD	Shri Gurdeep Singh
Dir (Finance)	Shri Jaikumar Srinivasan
Dir (Operation)	Shri Ravindra Kumar
Dir (Projects)	Shri K. Shanmugha Sunadaram

Holdings – Top 10*

	% Holding		% Holding
ICICI Prudentia	5.16	Vanguard Group	2.09
Life Insurance	4.34	HDFC Asset Mana	1.76
Nippon Life Ind	4.10	BlackRock Inc	1.75
SBI Funds Manag	2.22	Kotak Mahindra	1.09
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*Latest public data

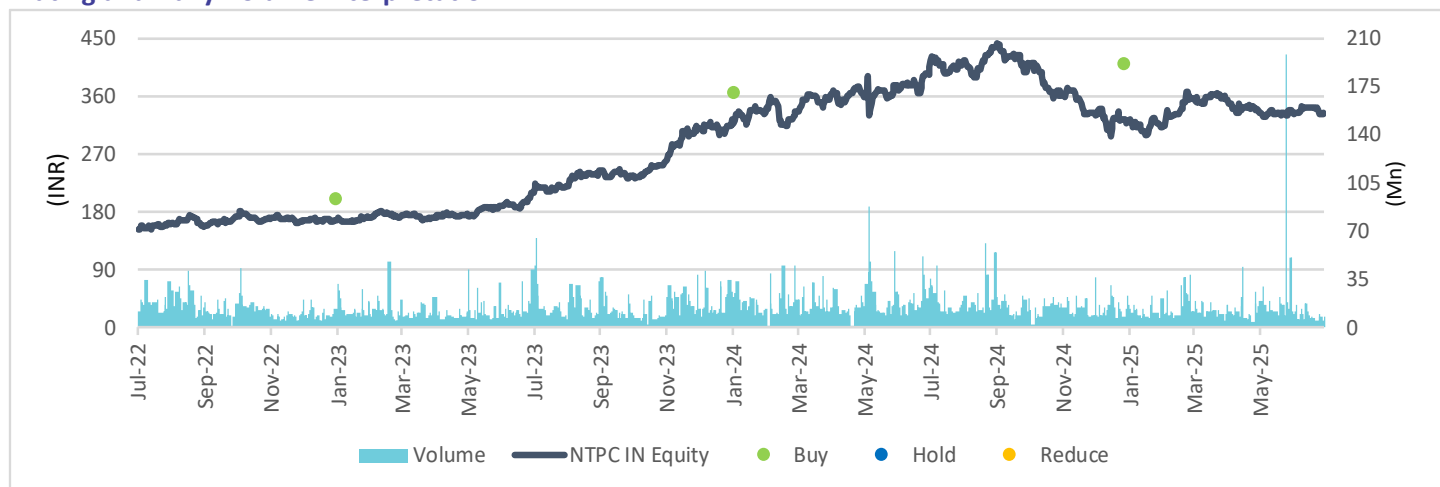
Recent Company Research

Date	Title	Price	Reco
25-May-25	Strong consolidation growth; RE-adds key; <i>Result Update</i>	344	Buy
25-Jan-25	Muted numbers; RE growth key focus; <i>Result Update</i>	321	Buy
25-Oct-24	Growing despite seasonally weak Q2; <i>Result Update</i>	398	Buy

Recent Sector Research

Date	Name of Co./Sector	Title
28-Jul-25	ACME Solar Holdings	On-time capacity addition fuels growth ; <i>Result Update</i>
25-Jul-25	Indian Exchange	Energy Brace for impact: Market coupling hits; <i>Result Update</i>
08-Jul-25	Power	Onset of monsoon dampens demand; <i>Sector Update</i>

Rating and Daily Volume Interpretation



Source: Bloomberg, Nuvama research

Rating Rationale & Distribution: Nuvama Research

Rating	Expected absolute returns over 12 months	Rating Distribution
Buy	15%	202
Hold	<15% and >-5%	66
Reduce	<-5%	36

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