

## Putin Explores Nuclear, Energy Projects to Boost Kyrgyz Partnership



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Russian President Vladimir Putin announced on Wednesday that Moscow is exploring the possibility of helping construct Kyrgyzstan's first nuclear power plant, marking a potential milestone in the countries' energy cooperation. Speaking during his state visit to Bishkek, Putin said the project could utilize advanced Russian small modular reactor technology designed to

meet the highest safety and environmental standards.

Putin highlighted that Rosatom is already engaged in a major reclamation program for former uranium mining sites in Kyrgyzstan, and that nuclear collaboration would represent a natural next step. He added that Russia and Kyrgyzstan are also preparing to build a large solar power plant in the Issyk-Kul region, while a modern combined heat and power facility is set to be developed in the country's north.

During talks with Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov, Putin said both sides are ready to sign a package of significant agreements covering trade, economic cooperation, education and migration. He noted that a joint policy statement outlining future priorities is prepared for signature, reflecting the growing scope of their strategic partnership.

Putin emphasized that Russia "highly values" its relationship with Kyrgyzstan, underscoring cooperation based on mutual respect and shared interests. He also noted that around 97 percent of bilateral payments are already conducted in national currencies, with new mechanisms under review to streamline mutual settlements. Bilateral trade reached a record USD 4.1 billion last year, rising a further 17 percent in the first nine months of 2025.

Putin's visit comes ahead of the Collective Security Treaty Organization summit scheduled for Nov. 27 in Bishkek.

