

# UP aims 12,734-MW power output by 2022

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**THE UTTAR PRADESH** government, which is aiming to make the state self-reliant by increasing power production, aims to more than double its power generation to 12,734 MW in the next two years. While the state currently generates 5,474 MW, the upcoming power stations will add another 7,260 MW by 2022. Of this, 1,320 MW power generated will be commissioned by the end of this year.

Of the two units of 660 MW each, being built at Meja — a ₹12,176-crore joint venture project with NTPC — one unit has already been commissioned in April last year, while the other will start from the first week of October. Similarly, the ₹6,011.83-crore 660 MW Hard-

uaganj thermal project of UP Vidyut Utpadan Nigam will also start generation by December.

The other projects that would start power generation by the end of 2021 or early 2022 include the two units of 660 MW each at Obra-C, being built at a cost of ₹10,416 crore, two units of 660 MW at Jawaharpur thermal project, being constructed at a cost of ₹10,566 crore.

“Power evacuation from the ₹5,816.70-crore 600 MW Panki thermal power project will start in December 2021, while the three units of the ₹17,2-

37.80-crore Ghatampur project, a joint venture project with Neyveli Lignite Corporation, will also start from May 2022. The project will generate 1,980 MW of energy,” said an official of Utpadan Nigam.

