

Ghatampur thermal plant's 2nd unit goes live, adds 660 MW power

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LUCKNOW: Uttar Pradesh's power sector achieved a milestone on Tuesday as Unit-2 (660 MW) of the 1,980 MW super-critical Ghatampur Thermal Power Project in Kanpur began commercial operation, bringing the plant's total operational capacity to 1,320 MW.

Energy minister AK Sharma said the development is a step toward energy self-reliance, noting that Uttar Pradesh has added 5,280 MW of thermal generation in recent years, nearly doubling

its power availability. "The increased capacity will support industrial expansion and help ensure a stable, high-quality power supply for consumers," he added. The project, a joint venture between Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam (UPRVUNL) and Niyvelli Lignite Corporation (NLC) India Limited, strengthens the state's generation capacity. Initially launched in 2016 with an estimated cost exceeding Rs 17,000 crore, the project faced delays but now significantly boosts the state's power generation capacity.