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Thermal power project worth ₹33K cr gets go-ahead

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The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has approved the proposal to set up three thermal power units totalling 2,400 megawatt (Mw) in Prayagraj district.

The Meja project stage II (3x800 Mw) will encompass a total investment of nearly ₹33,000 crore over the next 5 years. The project is a 50:50 joint venture between NTPC Limited and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam.

“The project will fortify the state’s energy security, along with fulfilling industrial development and the growing energy needs,” said a senior government official.

Now, the proposal, which has been cleared by the state energy task force, will be put before the Yogi Adityanath

cabinet for final approval. Earlier, the NTPC Board had Sanction an additional equity of about ₹3,173 crore for the development of the project. The Meja stage I (2x660 Mw) is already operational.

Apart from ramping up thermal power, the state government is also boosting its solar and renewable energy portfolio.

Speaking at the UP Energy Expo 2026 organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak said the state has taken a big leap in the field of alternative energy and reducing carbon footprint.

Leading energy firms such as Sigenergy India, Icon Solar, KEI Industries, Polycab India, SAIL Industries, Radico Khaitan and Synco Energy participated in the UP

Energy Expo.

“In April, UP set a national record by installing over 52,000 solar plants, thereby securing the top position in India,” Pathak said.

Energy demand in UP is estimated to touch 33,375 Mw in June 2026. As such, the state has prepared a road map to ensure availability of 34,000 Mw.

UP is among the top performing states under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana. So far, over 480,000 residential rooftop solar plants have been installed across 75 districts in the state.

Apart from rooftop solar plants, the private sector is partnering with rural entrepreneurs to set up micro solar farms, which feed energy to the local community including shops and micro enterprises.