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## **BHEL achieves yet another milestone in Afghanistan**



New Delhi, June 27: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (**BHEL**) has achieved yet another milestone in Afghanistan by successfully commissioning two units of 14 MW each at Salma Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Afghanistan. Significantly, the Salma Dam (renamed as Afghan-India Friendship Dam) was inaugurated by the Honâ€™ble Prime Minister of India, Sh. Narendra Modi, in the presence of H.E. Mr. Ashraf Ghani, the President of Afghanistan. In recognition of **BHEL**'s contribution towards setting up of the project, Sh. Atul Sobti, CMD, **BHEL** was honoured with an appreciation shield by the Honâ€™ble Union Minister of External Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj and the Hon'ble Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Sushri Uma Bharati. This project has been funded under Government of Indiaâ€™s grant to Government of Afghanistan. In the execution of the Salma hydro project, **BHEL** faced numerous challenges in the movement of men and material through difficult terrains. **BHEL** successfully overcame all the challenges/obstacles, and synchronised both the units well within the targets set out by Ministry of External Affairs.

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