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BHEL commissions 500 MW Thermal Unit in West Bengal

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (**BHEL**) has added one more coal-based power plant to the grid by successfully commissioning a 500 MW thermal generating unit in West Bengal. The 500 MW (Unit 3) was commissioned at the upcoming Sagardighi Thermal Power Extension Project of West Bengal Power Development Corporation (WBPDCL), located at Sagardighi in Murshidabad district of West Bengal. This is the first unit of Phase II (2x500 MW) of the power plant and the second unit is also in advance stage of completion. **BHEL** has been a major partner of West Bengal in the power development programme of the state. 73% of the coal based generating capacity of West Bengal is equipped with **BHEL** supplied sets. **BHEL**-make sets of 490-525 MW rating class today form the backbone of the Indian power sector with 77 sets aggregating to 38,530 MW having been already commissioned by **BHEL** in the country. A large number of similar rating sets ensures better spares inventory management for the developers. These sets have been performing much above the national average as well as international benchmarks. **BHEL** supplied thermal sets also consistently meet the performance standards notified by CEA. **BHEL** has also established its engineering prowess in the past through successfully delivering higher rated supercritical units of 660 MW, 700 MW and 800 MW ratings with a high degree of indigenization. **BHEL** has already commissioned 3,750 MW of power plants in the utility sector in the current financial year (2015-16) and is on track to achieve the target set by the government for the year.

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