

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the Foundation Stone of the Pakal Dul Power Project in Jammu & Kashmir today. Pakal Dul, with 1000 MW capacity, will be the largest Hydro Power Project in Jammu & Kashmir on completion. It is also the first storage Project in Jammu & Kashmir.

The project cost of **Pakal Dul** as per CCEA sanction is Rs. 8112.12 crore and it is supported by the Government of India as well as the Government of J&K. **Timelines of implementation is 66 Months** from the start of the Project. It shall be leading to additional Generation of 650 MU in downstream projects as it is a storage type project and shall **improve the water availability during the lean season**.

It has been agreed that the Govt. of J&K shall be getting 12 per cent free power after 10 years of commissioning of the Project and water usage charges as applicable. Additional 1 per cent free power will go towards Local Area Development Fund (LADF). Govt. of J&K has first right to purchase balance power of NHPC (49%) & PTC (2%). Furthermore, local population will be benefitted by the improvement and widening of roads and improvement of bridges under the Project.

