

Thermal power replacement project facing uncertainty



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NAMRUP: Two back to back incidents have brewed no less trouble for the Namrup-based thermal power plant at a time when power shortage has been plaguing the north [east](#) Indian [state](#). The incidents in question took place in the thermal power replacement plant which BHEL started construction eight years back.

The first setback for the ₹560 crore project took place in September where a ravaging fire broke out under mysterious circumstances. That too just a couple of weeks before it was to be formally commissioned.

The last incident took place on November 6 where the vital power generating part remained totally paralyzed in the 100 me power generating plant.

Talking to Assam Times, sources said both the incidents took place under mysterious circumstances where machines worth ₹200 crore were damaged and nobody knows when these would be restored.

But the authorities have been maintaining a stoic silence. Despite repeated questions, managing director Kalyani Baruah refused to divulge anything in detail and pleaded ignorance. Instead, she tried to downplay the entire subject.

Sources further raised doubts on the role of a section of employees who could have sabotaged the plant since the timing of both the ravaging incidents were mysterious.

The chief minister was appraised of the progress for fixing a date to formally commission it. The the fire originated forcing the authority to reschedule the date to December 3. Again the second incident took place on November 6 leaving the entire project in a [state](#) of dire uncertainty. Is it a case of calculated conspiracy?

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