

## Third unit of RattanIndia plant tested

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**Amravati:** When the nation has been experiencing acute power shortage, there is rejoicing news for the energy sector here. RattanIndia Power Limited, a 1350MW thermal power project situated at Nandgaonpeth Five Star MIDC here, successfully tested its third 270MW power generation unit for commercial operations on Monday night.

"We have successfully tested our third unit for commercial operations last night. We have reported this to MSEDCL and now awaiting COD (Commercial Operations Date) certificate from it and Central Electricity Authority," VC Vishwakarma, executive director, RattanIndia Power Limited, said while talking exclusively to TOI.

RattanIndia Power Limited, previously known as Indiabulls Power Limited, has now three units of 270MW capacity each ready for commercial

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operations and hopes to get COD for its remaining two units by this March end. "We expect COD for our fourth and fifth unit by March 31. We are working hard in that direction," said Vishwakarma, who has been camping at the plant site near Dawargaon on Morshi road for almost a year to expedite the project work.

"We are very keen to commercially operate our plant to its full capacity from March. Our chairman, Rajiv Rattan, is striving hard. He wants to make the plant one of the best in the country. We are here to realize his dream," said Vishwakarma.

However, the way to power generation at full capacity is not smooth for RattanIndia Power Limited.

"We are presently not in a position to run our two units simultaneously. We need 4,000 tonnes of coal every day to operate one unit. We have to fetch it by road from our depot at Walgaon. People there complain of health hazards while traffic jams, accident risks, toll taxes make this exercise cumbersome as well as time consuming. The work of laying rail line is under progress and is expected to be over by March. Only then will we be able to run the plant at its full capacity," Vishwakarma said.

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