

Work on fast breeder reactor in full swing

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Work on the 500 MW prototype fast breeder reactor, located at Kalpakkam near here, is in full swing and the project will be completed as per schedule in September 2010, Atomic Energy Commission chairman Dr Anil Kakodkar today said.

"The project will be completed as projected by September 2010," he told reporters after inaugurating the 16th national symposium with the focal theme 'Radiation transport: experiments, computations and theory', at Meenakshi College for Women, here.

Considered as the flagship of commercial reactors, the power project is being set up by Bhavini, a public sector undertaking.

Replying to a question, he did not rule out the possibility of the project being completed a year earlier.

Asked if the recent heavy rains in Tamil Nadu had slowed down construction work, he replied in the negative and said the centre had overcome the effects of the December 2004 tsunami and work was now progressing at a fast pace.