

Kwar hydroelectric project

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In news– Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the construction of 540 Megawatt **Kwar Hydro Electric project located on river Chenab in Kishtwar district of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.**

About the project-

- The project shall generate 1975.54 million units in a 90% dependable year.
- It shall be commissioned within a span of 54 months.
- The Power generated from the Project will help in balancing the Grid and will improve the power supply position.
- To make the project viable, the Gov of UT of J&K will extend exemption from levy of water usage charges for 10 years after commissioning the project.
- The project will be implemented by M/s. Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited (M/s. CVPPL) a joint venture company between NHPC and JKSPDC with equity contribution of 51% and 49% respectively.
- The company has been entrusted with the construction of hydropower projects on a build, own, operate and maintain (BOOM) basis with an aggregate installed capacity of 3,094 MW.

Chenab River-

- The Chenab River is a major river that flows in India and Pakistan, and is one of the 5 major rivers of the Punjab region.
- It is **formed by the union of two headwaters, Chandra and Bhaga**, which rise in the upper Himalayas in the Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh, India.

