

## INDIAN NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMME: A PROFILE

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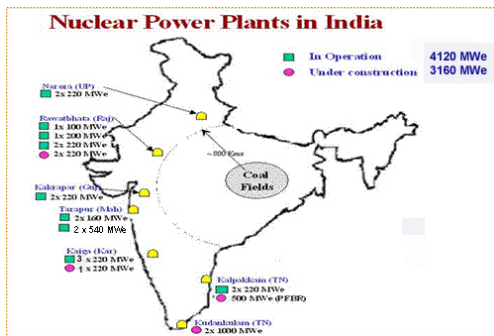
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## INDIAN REACTORS

- PAST      BWR USA
- CANDU
- PRESENT    4500 MWe.
- FUTURE      900 GWe.
- THORIUM.

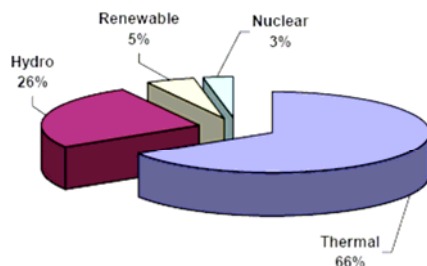
## INDIAN MAP



## INDIA

- 2% WORLD LAND MASS.
- 2% GLOBAL ELECTRICITY.
- 5% GLOBAL COAL RESERVE.
- EASTERN INDIA.

Electricity Generation - National Scenario



## ELECTRICITY SCENARIO

- TOTAL INSTALLED CAPACITY 1,20,000 MWe.
- 66% FROM COAL.
- 26% FROM HYDRO.
- 3% NUCLEAR.
- 5% WIND, TIDAL ETC.

## INDIA

- POOR RESERVE OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS.
- 70% OF OIL CONSUMED IS IMPORTED.
- ENERGY SECURITY, A MIX OF COAL, OIL, NUCLEAR, OTHER NON CONVENTIONAL SOURCES.

## NUCLEAR POWER IN THE WORLD

- 360,000 MWe TOTAL CAPACITY
- 16% of WORLD ELECTRICITY.
- 440 REACTORS IN 31 COUNTRIES.

## • FISSION PROCESS



## FISSILE AND FERTILE ELEMENTS

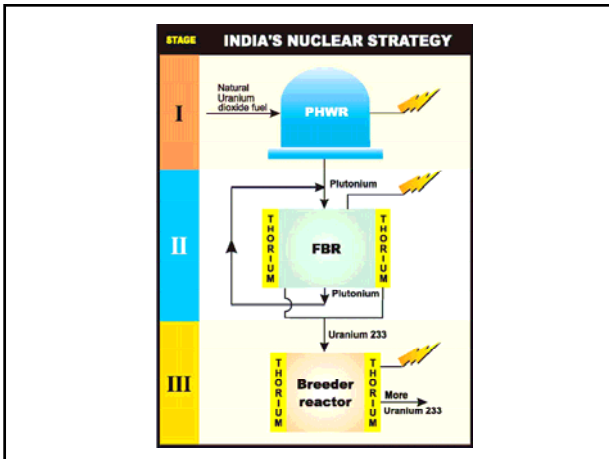
- FISSILE  $^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^{233}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$
- FERTILE  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$
- AVAILABLE IN NATURE
- URANIUM  $^{235}\text{U}$ [Fissile]+  $^{238}\text{U}$ [Fertile]
- THORIUM  $^{232}\text{Th}$ [Fertile]
- ARTIFICIALLY PRODUCED
- $^{239}\text{Pu}$ [Fissile] FROM  $^{238}\text{U}$
- $^{233}\text{U}$  [Fissile] FROM  $^{232}\text{Th}$ .

## TYPES OF NUCLEAR REACTORS

- THERMAL [FUEL+MODERATOR+COOLANT]
- (SLOW)
- EX: PHWR,PWR,BWR,
- FAST [FUEL + COOLANT]
- EX: LMFBR, HTGCR
- PRODUCES ITS FUEL.

## INDIAN RESERVE

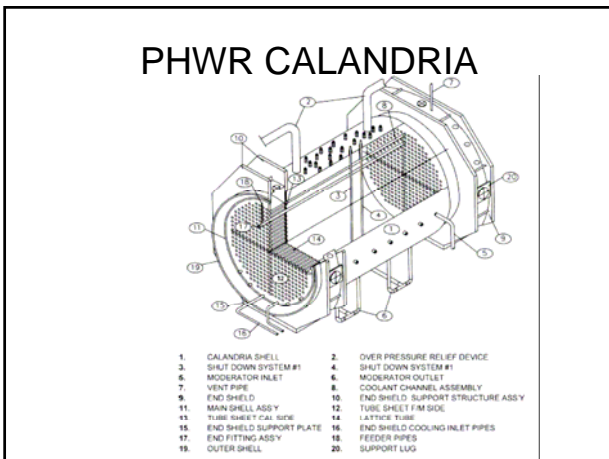
- NAT.URANIUM 78,000 T
- 0.8% OF WORLD RESERVE
- THORIUM 360,000 T
- 32% OF WORLD RESERVE
- PRODUCTION OF HEAVY WATER



- ### NEED FOR PHWR
- NO ENRICHMENT OF URANIUM.
  - LESS REQUIREMENT OF NAT.URANIUM.
  - HIGHER PU PRODUCTION.
  - AVAILABILITY OF HEAVY WATER.
  - CONVENTIONAL SIDE-INDIAN INDUSTRY.

- ### INDIAN PHWR
- POWER            220 MWe / 540MWe
  - FUEL             UO<sub>2</sub>
  - MODERATOR    HEAVY WATER
  - COOLANT        HEAVY WATER

- ### PHWR COMPONENTS
- CALANDRIA-END SHIELD
  - REACTOR VAULT
  - COOLANT CHANNELS
  - SHUT DOWN SYSTEMS
  - CONTAINMENT



- ### PHWR CALANDRIA
- MADE OF SS 304L.
  - 306 OR 392 PRESSURE TUBES.
  - MODIFICATION IN END SHIELDS.
  - FUNCTION OF VAULT.

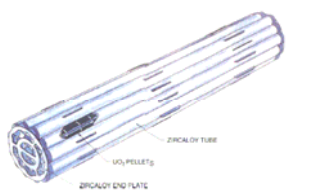
## PHWR COOLANT CHANNELS

- PRESSURE TUBE.
- ZIRCONIUM-2.5% NIOBIUM ALLOY.
- GARTER SPRINGS.
- REPLACEMENT OF COOLANT CHANNELS.

## PHWR REACTIVITY CONTROL

- NO MODERATOR DUMP.
- SHUT DOWN SYSTEMS
- PRIMARY            CADMIUM.
- SECONDARY        LIQUID POISON.

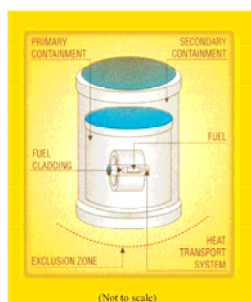
## PHWR FUEL ELEMENTS



## PHWR FUEL PERFORMANCE

- 220 MWe    540 MWe.
- 12 OR        13 BUNDLE.
- 19 OR        37 ELEMENTS.
- FAILURE RATE 0.096%.

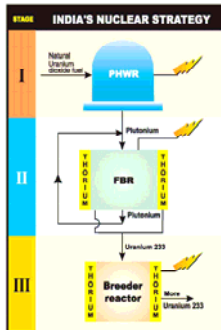
## PHWR CONTAINMENT



## PHWR CONTAINMENT

- DOUBLE CONTAINMENT.
- PRIMARY            PRESTRESSED CONCRETE.
- SECONDARY        REINFORCED CONCRETE

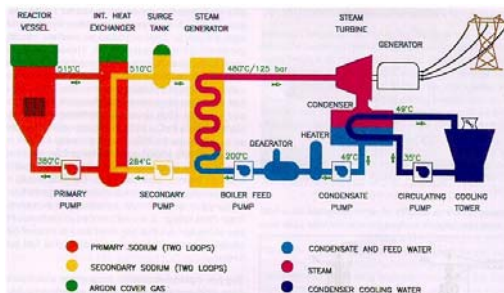
## FAST REACTOR



## FAST BREEDER TEST REACTOR

- RAPSODIE
- 70% PUC AND 30% UC.
- LOOP TYPE.
- SODIUM COOLANT.
- 40MWt.

## FBTR



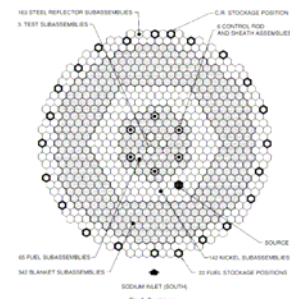
## FBTR COMPONENTS

- CORE.
- REACTOR VESSEL.
- COOLANT SYSTEMS.
- CONTROL.

## FBTR CORE

- MADE OF SS.
- 65 ASSEMBLIES OF FUEL.
- 342 THORIA BLANKETS.
- 143 NICKEL REFLECTORS.
- 163 STEEL REFLECTORS.

## FBTR CORE



### FBTR VESSEL

- MADE OF SS
- DOUBLE VESSEL.
- CORE.
- ROTATING PLUGS.
- PRIMARY PIPING.

### FBTR COOLANT SYSTEMS

- PRIMARY SODIUM.
- SECONDARY SODIUM.
- HEAT EXCHANGERS.
- PURITY OF SODIUM.

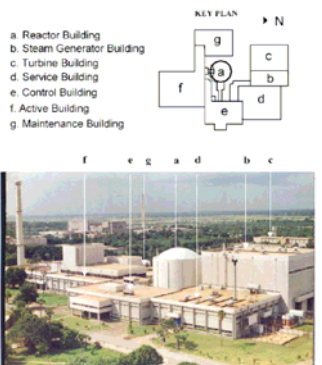
### FBTR CONTROL AND SAFETY

- REACTOR SHUT DOWN BY TWO CONTROL RODS.
- DOUBLE VESSEL.
- SODIUM VOID NEGATIVE.
- NO VALVE IN THE PRIMARY SIDE.

### FBTR MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- Reactor power            40 MWt
- Fuel Mark I                70% PuC + 30% UC
- Fuel Mark II               55% PuC + 45% UC
- Fuel pin diameter        5.1 mm
- No. of pins in a SA       61
- Control rod material      B4C

### AERIAL VIEW OF FBTR



### DESIGN OF PFBR

- PROVEN FUEL  $\text{PuO}_2 + \text{UO}_2$ .
- POOL TYPE.
- ADVANTAGES OVER LOOP.
- 500 MWe.

## PFBR CHARACTERISTICS

- POWER 500MWe.
- CORE HEIGHT 1000 mm.
- CORE DIAMETER 1900 mm.
- FUEL PUO<sub>2</sub> + UO<sub>2</sub>.
- FUEL PIN DIA 6.6 mm.
- FUEL PIN IN SA 217.
- CLAD D9.

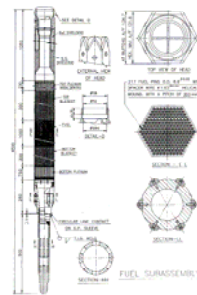
## PFBR COMPONENTS

- CORE.
- REACTOR VESSEL.
- COOLANT SYSTEMS.
- CONTROL AND SAFETY.

## PFBR CORE

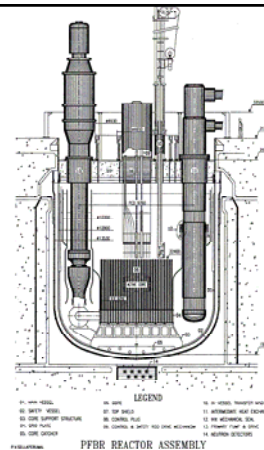
- 181 ASSEMBLIES.
- TWO ENRICHMENT 21% , 28% PUO<sub>2</sub>.
- 217 PINS IN A ASSEMBLY.
- ACTIVE FUEL 1000mm.
- AXIAL BLANKET 300mm.
- CLAD D9

## PFBR FUEL PIN



## PFBR VESSEL

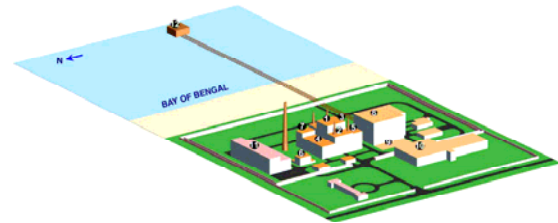
- DOUBLE VESSEL.
- CORE.
- PRIMARY PUMP, HEAT EXCHANGER.
- ROOF SLAB.
- ROTATING PLUGS.



## PFBR SAFETY

- NINE CONTROL RODS.
- DOUBLE VESSEL.
- DOUBLE ENVELOPE FOR PIPING.
- DEFENSE IN DEPTH.
- DELAYED NEUTRON DETECTION.
- TEN SCRAM PARAMETERS.

## PFBR LAY OUT



- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. REACTOR CONTAINMENT BUILDING | 7. RAD WASTE BUILDING    |
| 2. STEAM GENERATOR BUILDING     | 8. TURBINE BUILDING      |
| 3. CONTROL BUILDING             | 9. SWITCH YARD           |
| 4. FUEL BUILDING                | 10. TRANSFORMER YARD     |
| 5. ELECTRICAL BUILDING          | 11. SITE ASSEMBLY SHOP   |
| 6. SERVICE BUILDING             | 12. SEA WATER PUMP HOUSE |

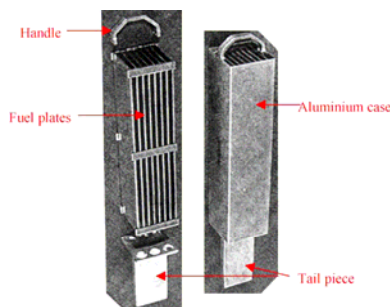
## THIRD STAGE -THORIUM

- Th 232 [FERTILE] U233 [FISSILE]
- KAMINI REACTOR.
- 600 GRAMS OF U233.
- 30 KWt.
- MODERATOR AND COOLANT. WATER.

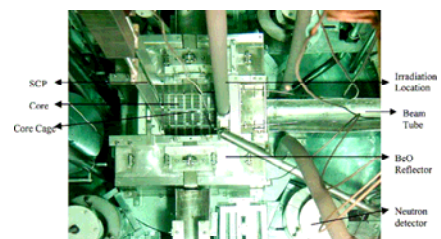
## FEATURES OF KAMINI

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|-------------|---------------------|
| • REFLECTOR | BeO.                |
| • CONTROL   | CADMIUM.            |
| • VESSEL    | SS                  |
| • PIPING    | SS                  |
| • FUEL      | (U233 + Al) PLATES. |

## FUEL PLATES OF KAMINI



## KAMINI REACTOR TANK





### UTILITY OF KAMINI

- **ACTIVATION ANALYSIS.**
- **NEUTRON RADIOGRAPHY.**
- **GEOLOGICAL STUDY.**
- **CHEMICAL SAMPLES.**

### ADVANCED HEAVY WATER REACTOR

- **[(Th-233U) MOX AND (Th-PU)MOX]**
- **MODERATOR HEAVY WATER.**
- **COOLANT WATER.**
- **300 MWe**
- **VERTICAL**
- **PRESSURE TUBE.**

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

- In the year 1944, Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha (1909–1966) said, “when nuclear energy has been successfully applied for power production, in say a couple of decades from now, India will not have to look abroad for its experts but will find them ready at home”.
- Six decades later, India has the largest number of nuclear power plants under construction in the world.

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

- **SELF RELIANT CAPABILITY.**
- **PHWR.**
- **COMMERCIAL PFBR.**
- **EXPLOITATION OF THORIUM.**