

India Nuclear Deal Coming

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Russia's ability to restart long-delayed work at India's Kudankulam nuclear plant has paved the way for a deal with Delhi to build two more atomic reactors in the near future, Rosatom head Sergei Kiriyenko said Wednesday.

The first two reactors at the plant in the state of Tamil Nadu were meant to be operational last year, but work by Russian engineers was delayed after protesters blocked access to the site following Japan's nuclear catastrophe. Work to launch the reactors restarted Tuesday after Indian police arrested dozens of protesters.

Kiriyenko said Moscow was ready to sign the agreement with India on the third and fourth reactors "starting tomorrow." India plans to add 64 gigawatts of nuclear power to its power-generating capacity by building 30 reactors by 2032.

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