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# **BASIC OF ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEM**

***SEMESTER 01***



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# Hydro Electric power plant

Hydro electric power is power obtained by causing potential energy in height, which further converted to kinetic energy of turbine and then synchronous machine used to convert this energy to electrical energy.

$$P = W Q H \eta \cdot X 9.81 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kW}$$

$W$  = Specific weight of water  $\text{kg/m}^3$

$Q$  = Rate of flow of water  $\text{m}^3/\text{sec}$ .

$H$  = Height of fall and head in m.

$\eta$  = overall efficiency of operation.

## Factors before constructing a plant

- Capital cost of plant
- Capital cost of erecting and maintaining TL
- Energy generation cost comparison.

## Elements of hydroelectric plants

Storage reservoir - Stores water during excess flow periods (ie. rainy seasons) and supply some during lean-flow periods and thus it helps in supplying water to turbine.

**Dam** — The function of dam is not only to create artificial head by raising water surface of stream but also to provide pondage, storage or facility of diversion into conduits.

**Fore bay** — It serve as regulator reservoir storing water temporarily during light load period and providing the same for initial increase on account of increasing load during which water in canal is being.

**Spillway** — It acts as safety valve. It discharge surplus water in downstream side when reservoir is full during flood period.

**Intake** — The intake includes the head work which are structures at the intake of conduits, tunnels and tunnels.

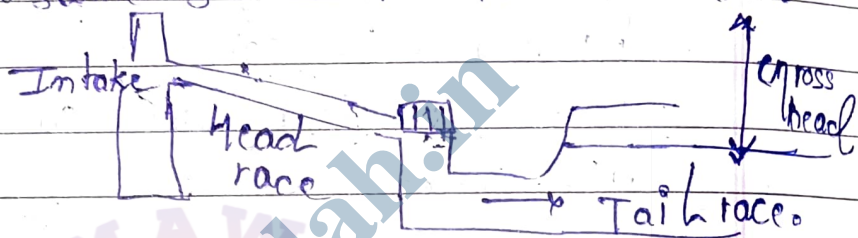
These structures include booms, screens or trash-racks, sluices to prevent entry of debris & ice into the turbine.

**Valves and gates** — In low head plants, gates at entrance of turbine casing can shut off flow and provide unwatering to turbine for inspection.

Trash racks - To prevent ingress of floating and other material to the turbine.



Tail race - The water after doing useful work in turbine is discharged to tail race which may lead into same stream or to another one.



Draft tubes - pipe carrying water from turbine to tail race.

Prime mover or Water turbine - In hydroelectric power plant water turbine is used as prime mover and their function is to convert kinetic energy water into mechanical energy.

Surge tank - A reduction in load or load on generator causes the governor to close the turbine gates and thus creates increased pressure in penstock. This results in water hammer phenomenon which will require pipe to extra-ordinary strength to withstand otherwise penstock may burst.

Penstock - it is a ~~and~~ closed conduit which connects fore bay or surge tank to the scroll case of turbine.

- In medium head plants, each unit is provided with its own penstock.
- In high head plants a single penstock is used.
- The thickness of penstock must be adequate to withstand both the normal hydrostatic pressure and sudden surges due to fluctuation in load.

Classification according to extent of water flow regulation-

01. Run-off river plants without pondage.  
Some hydro plants are so located that water is taken from river directly and no pondage or storage is possible.

02. Run-off river plants with pondage - which makes it possible to cope hour to hour with fluctuations of load through a week or some longer period depending on size of pondage.  
→ They can serve as base load or peak load plant depending on flow of stream.

03. Reservoir power plant - when water is stored in a big reservoir behind a dam, it is possible to control flow of water.

## Classification according to water head

- Low head hydro power plants - It consists of a dam across the stream to back up the river and create a fall the water flowing through.
- It is created near the dam so no surge tank is required.
- In low head plants, francis propeller or Kaplan turbine are employed.
- Since for given output, large quantity of water is required and head is low. So pipes of larger diameter.

### Medium head hydro power plant

- River is usually trapped off to a fore bay on one bank of the river as in flow head plants.
- Horizontal shaft francis propeller or Kaplan turbines are used.

### High head hydro electric power plants

- If high head is available, a steep lateral valley can be dammed and a reservoir for storage of water is formed.
- Surge tank can also act as temporary reservoir to meet sudden increase in demand.

## Classification according to the type of load.

- 01. Base load power plant
- 02. Peak load power plant → pumped storage power plant.

## Water turbine

### Base on types of flow

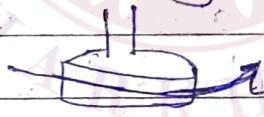
- 01 Axial flow turbine → water flow along the shaft axis.
- 02 Inward radial flow turbines → water flow along radial.



- 03 tangential or peripheral flow turbine. water flow is along the tangential direction.

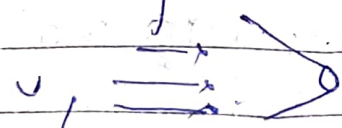


- 04 Mixed flow → Radial inlet and axial outlet.



### Base on action of water

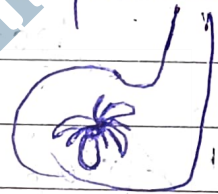
- 01 Impulse type → If entire pressure of water is converted into kinetic energy in a nozzle and the jet thus formed drives the wheel.



02 Reaction type - When water pressure combined with its velocity, work on summing the turbine.

### Pelton wheel

- ↳ Suitable for high head and low flow
- ↳ It has a rotor equipped with elliptical buckets along periphery of turbine.
- ↳ This turbine is not suitable for water head below 200m.



### Francis turbine

- ↳ It is an inward mixed flow type of reaction turbine and is suitable for medium head & medium flow plant.
- ↳ They develop power partly due to velocity of water and partly due to difference in pressure acting on front and back of runner buckets.
- ↳ Efficiency 92%.
- ↳ alternator is above the turbine.

### Propeller turbine

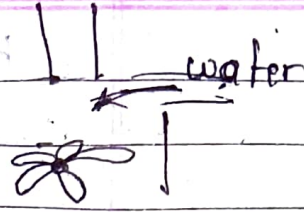
- ↳ It is an axial flow reaction type turbine.
- ↳ has got no provision for changing runner blades with turbine in motion.
- ↳ Efficiency 92% at full load.

$$P = \rho W H \eta \times g$$



## Kaplan turbine

- > It is also a reaction type turbine and has gate and governing mechanism similar to Francis turbine.
- > In Kaplan turbine water strike the turbine axially.
- > Efficiency - 90%.
- > pumped storage.



## Selection of site for Hydro electric plants

- 01 Availability of water
  - 02 Water storage
  - 03 Water head
- Depends on topography of area.  
high head reduce storage requirement.
- 04 Distance from load center.
  - 05 Accessibility of site.

## Merits of Hydro

- > No fuel is required
- > High reliability and cheaper operation.
- > Plant can be run be varied quick.
- > No stand by losses.
- > Plants and output life have longers.

## Demerits

- > larger area
- > construction cost is high.

long TL is required as plants  
long dry season of water

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Kaplan - low head  
Francis - Medium head  
Pelton - high head.

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## Why Electrical Energy:-

☐ Electrical Energy can transmit over a long distance but other form of energy can't be transfer over a long distance. (i.e. flexible energy.)

- > It is neat and clean Energy.
- > The operation of any device by electrical energy is quit fast.
- > Better control.
- > Electrical Energy can be transform into any other form of Energy easily.

## Source of Electrical Power.

There are mainly two sources of Electrical power:-

1. Conventional source of Energy.
2. Non-Conventional source of Energy.

### 1. Conventional Energy Sources:-

- > Conventional Energy sources are those that have been used for a long time and are well-established.
- > This includes fossil fuel (coal, oil, Natural gas), Nuclear power, Hydro power etc.
- > Conventional source of Energy are limited in supply can be harmful to the environment.

## 2. Non-Conventional Energy Source.

- Non-conventional Energy sources are those that are newer and less well-established.
- This includes solar power, wind power, geothermal power, biomass and ocean energy.
- Conventional source of energy are limited supply abundant and more environmentally friendly.

## Power sector scenario in India

- India's power generation sector is the third-largest in the world, and is made up of both conventional and renewable sources.
- Thermal power plants are main source of electricity in India, generating around 75% of the country's total.
- from Renewable sources. These include wind, solar, biomass, and hydro power. As of June 2024, India's installed renewable energy capacity was 203.19 GW, which is 45.5% of the country's total installed power capacity.
- In FY 2023-24, India's total electricity generation was 1,949 TWh.
- India's goal is to have 500 GW of non-fossil based electricity installed capacity by 2030.

## Conventional Sources

1. Fossil fuels - Coal, oil and Natural gases are the most common fossil fuel used to generate electricity. They are burned to create heat, which is used to turn a turbine that generates electricity.

Fossil fuel are a non-renewable source, meaning that they will eventually run out. They also produce greenhouse gases, which contribute to climate change.

2. Nuclear power - Nuclear power plants use the heat generated by nuclear fission to turn a turbine that generates electricity. Nuclear power is a clean source of energy that does not produce greenhouse gases. However, there is a risk of accidents and nuclear waste disposal.

3. Hydroelectric power - Hydroelectric power plants use the force of flowing water to turn a turbine that generates electricity. Hydroelectric power is a renewable source of energy that does not produce greenhouse gases. However, it can have a negative impact on the environment such as flooding and disruption of fish migration.

## Non-Conventional source of Energy

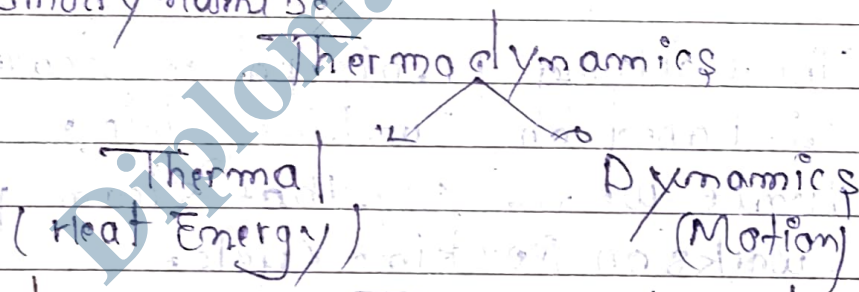
- 1° Solar power - Solar power plants use sun's energy to generate electricity. This can be done using photovoltaic cell convert sunlight directly into electricity. while solar thermal collector uses sun sunlight to heat water or air which can then be used to generate electricity. Solar power is a clean and renewable source of energy. However it is not always reliable as it depends on the sunlights.
- 2° Wind power - Wind turbines use the wind energy to turn a turbine that generates electricity. Wind power is a clean and renewable source of energy. However it is not always reliable as it depends on the wind blowing.
- 3° Biomass - Biomass is organic matter that can be burned to create heat. This heat can be used to turn a turbine that generates electricity. Biomass is a renewable source of energy but it can also contribute to greenhouse gas.
- 4° Ocean Energy - This can be in the form of waves, tides, or thermal gradients. Ocean energy is a clean and renewable source of energy. However it is not yet widely used as it is still in the development stage.

5. Geothermal power - Geothermal power plants use the heat from the Earth's interior to generate electricity. This can be done by drilling deep wells into the earth or by using hot springs. Geothermal power is a clean and renewable source of energy. However, it is not always available as it depends on the location of hot springs.

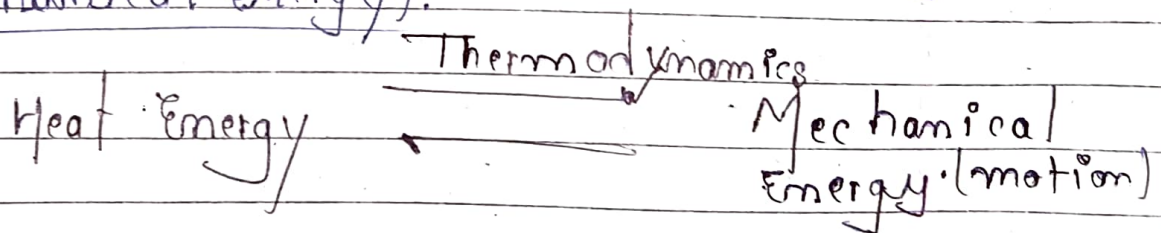
### Thermal Power plants -

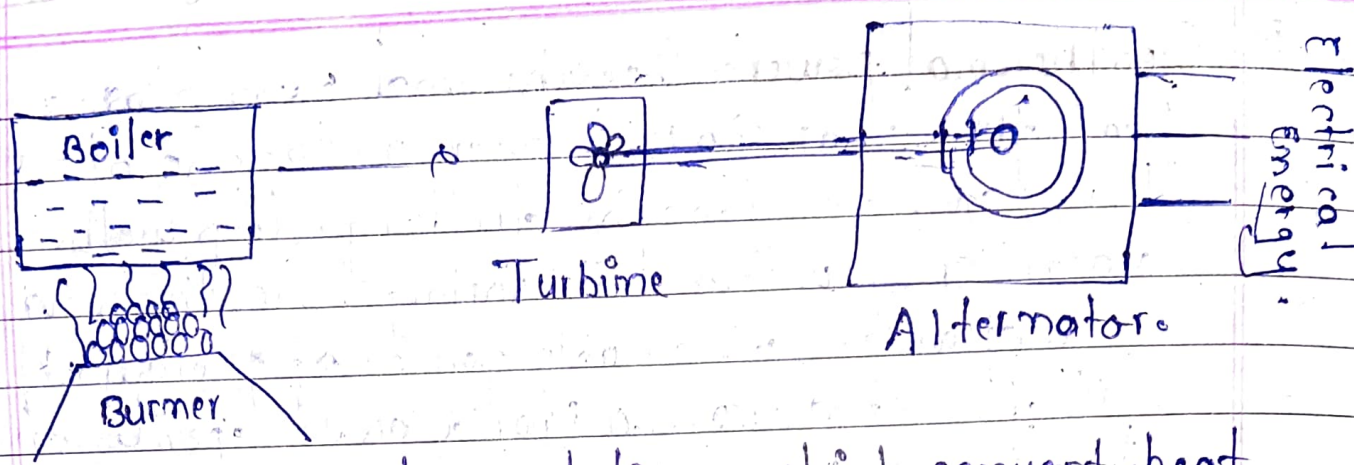
- ☐ Coal power plant.
- ☐ Steam power plant.

Thermal power plant - The word "Thermal" derive from Thermodynamics.

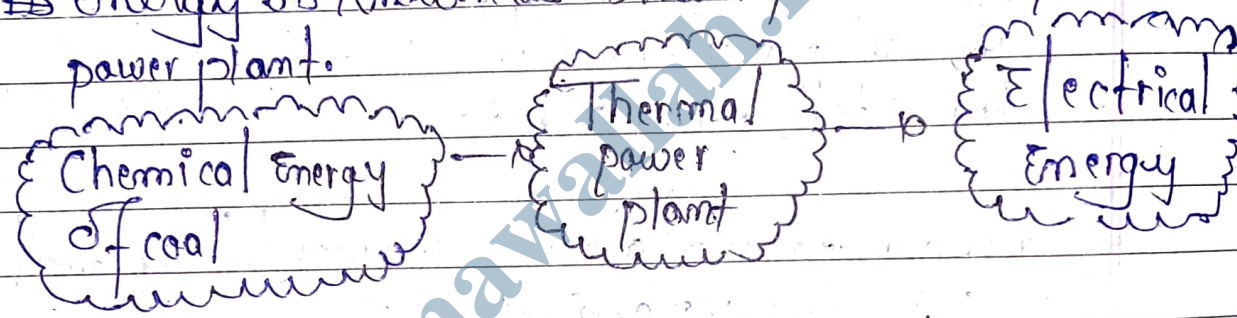


Thermodynamics - It is the branch of physics which deals Relation between heat energy and other form of Energy. (Basically Mechanical Energy).

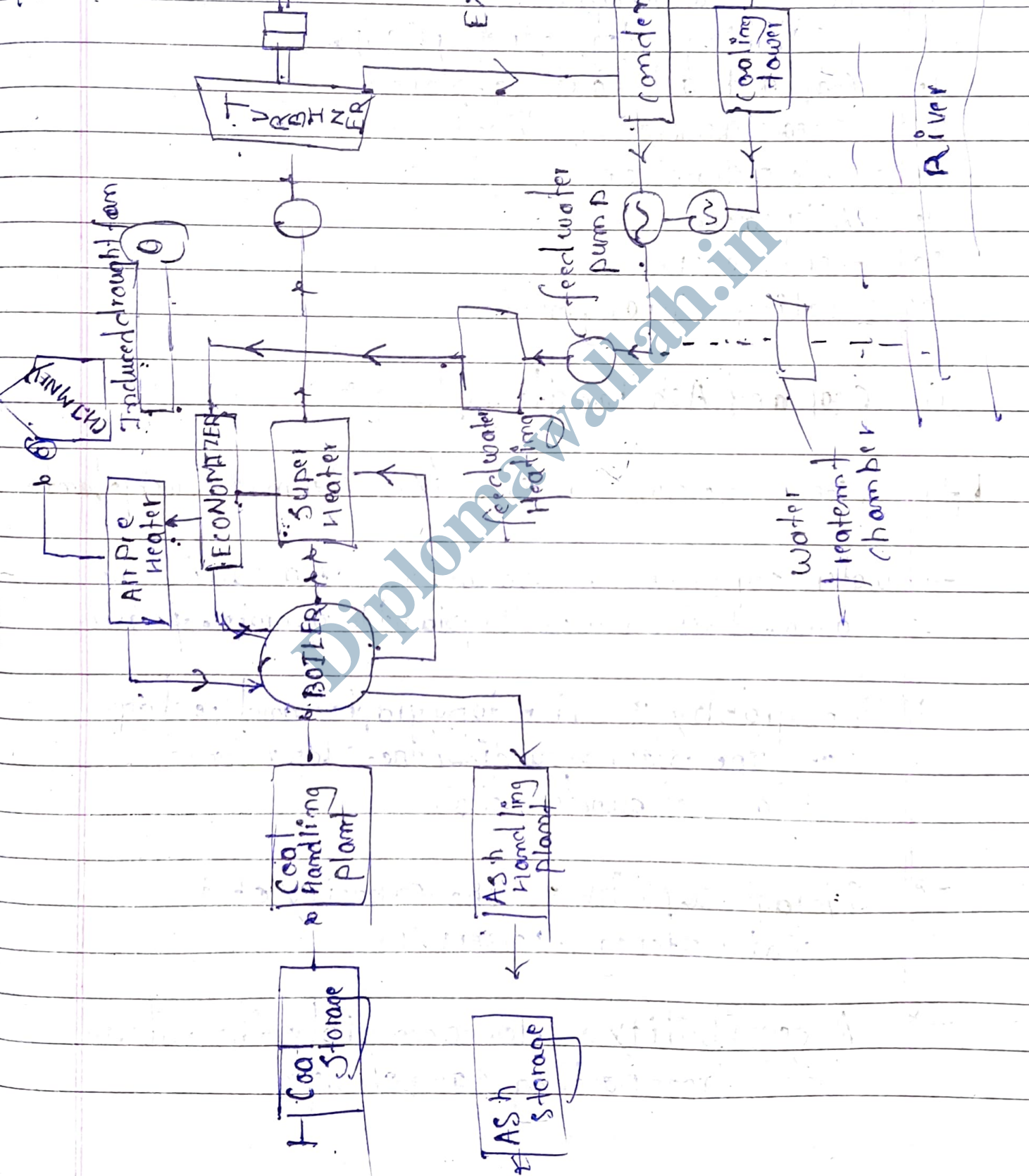
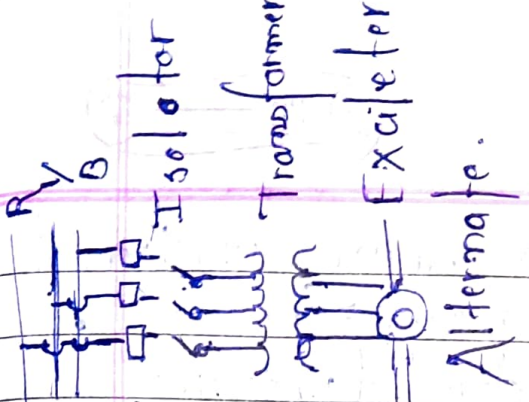




A. Generating station: which convert heat (Thermal) energy of coal burning into electrical energy is known as steam / Thermal / coal power plant.



Note → The working principle of steam turbine is based on Rankine cycle.  
Hence we can say that steam power plant works on Rankine cycle.




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There are many arrangements involved in thermal power plant for proper working and efficiency. The whole arrangement can be divided into the following stages for simplicity.

1. Coal and ash handling plant.
2. Steam generating plant.
3. Steam turbine.
4. Alternator.
5. Feed water.
6. Cooling Arrangement.

(1) Coal and Ash handling plant :-

 Site Selection Criteria for Thermal power plant :-

→ Water supply :- The availability of a sufficient amount of water for the plant to operate.

→ Topography :- The topography and geology of the site, including the slope and land characteristics.

→ Storage capacity :- The capacity of the water storage reservoir.

→ Accessibility :- How accessible the site is for transporting equipment.

- Distance to load centers - How far the site is from the load centers.
- Environmental impact - The potential environmental impact of the plant on the local area.
- Any technical and regulatory requirements that must be met.
- The cost of the transmission that will connect the plant to the grid.
- Availability of coal for site selection for steam power plant.

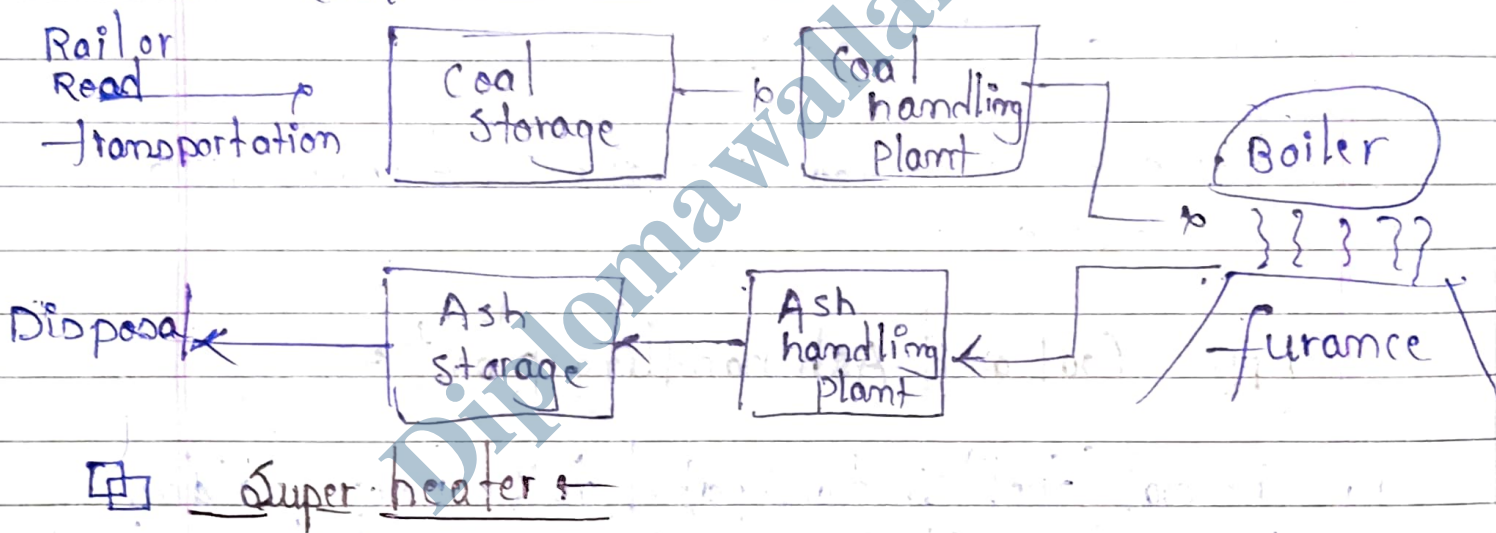
### Coal and Ash handling plant

- (a) The coal (fuel) is transported to the power station by road or rail is stored in the coal storage plant.
  - ⇒ The storage of coal is generally done for protection against coal strike, failure for transportation system and general coal shortage.
  - ⇒ From the coal storage plant, coal is supplied to the coal handling plant where it is pulverised (i.e. crushed into small pieces) to get proper burning of coal. So coal burning efficiency is increase.

⇒ The crushed coal is feed to the boiler furnace by conveyer belt.

⇒ After complete burning of coal ash is produced and this ash is removed to ash handling plant and then delivered to the ash storage plant for disposal.

The removal of ash from the boiler furnace is ~~ness~~ necessary for proper burning of coal.



The steam is produced in the boiler is use so it is further heated by the help of ~~spe~~ super heater where as steam temperature increase above the boiling point of steam by the fuel gas on their way to chimney. Generally there are two function of ~~sp~~ super heater.

⇒ It increase the overall efficiency of thermal power plant by utilizing the flue gas as shown in previous example.

⇒ In the absence of superheater too much condensation of steam in turbine which may lead to blade corrosion. So by using superheater blade corrosion is avoided.

### NOTE ←

⇒ The superheated steam from the superheater is feed to steam turbine through the main valve.

⇒ The pH of water which is feed into boiler is 8.5 to 9.5. because pH value less than 7 is (acidic) which cause corrosion of boiler and more than 7 (basic) cause scaling effect. Max<sup>m</sup> Superheating  $550^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

### ECONOMIZER ←

⇒ An economizer is basically a feedwater heater i.e. it feed water to boiler. It takes heat from flue gases for heating the water.

⇒ The feed water is feed to Economizer before supplying to the boiler.

⇒ An economizer takes heat from the flue gases to increase the temperature of feed water.

## Air pre heater

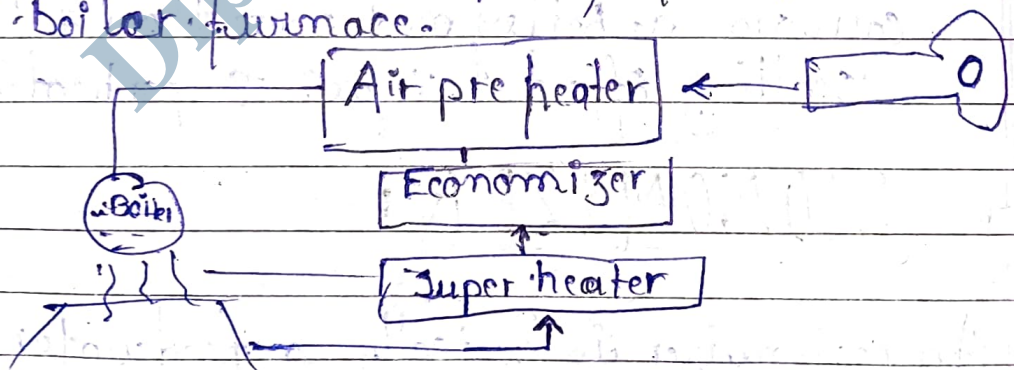
⇒ An Air preheater increases the temp of air supplied for coal burning by heat of flue gases.

⇒ Air is drawn from the atmosphere by forced draught fan and this air is passed through air preheater before supplying the boiler furnace.

### Q. Basic function of Air preheater

⇒ Increase thermal efficiency of the system.

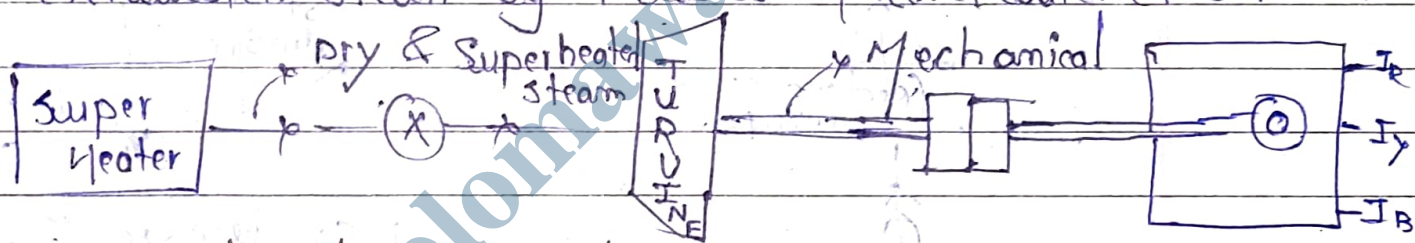
⇒ Increase the steam capacity per square meter of boiler furnace.



Note - In thermal power plant, electrostatic precipitator is used to remove dust from flue gases. It is installed between Air pre heater and induced fan.

## Steam turbine

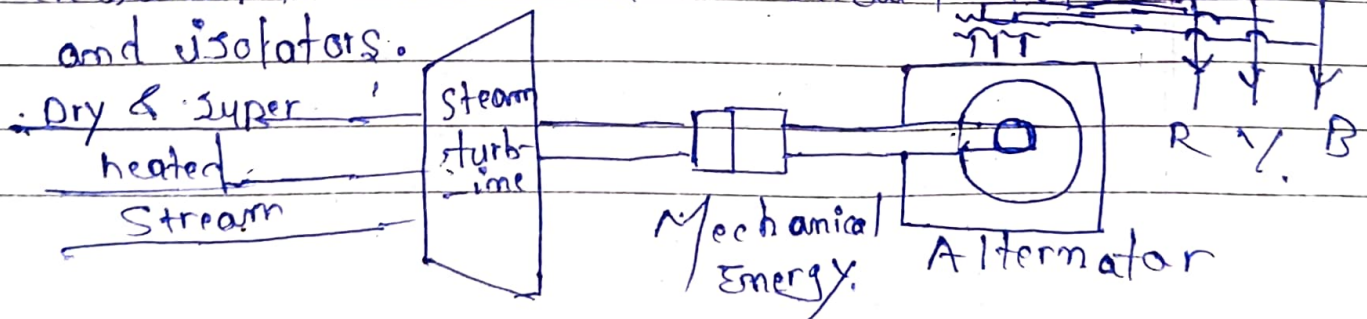
- ⇒ The dry and superheated steam from the super heater is fed to the steam turbine through main valve.
- ⇒ The heat energy of steam while passing over the turbine then blades rotating hence, heat energy of steam is converted into mechanical energy.
- ⇒ After giving heat energy of to turbine the steam exhausted to the condenser which condense the exhausted steam by means of cold water circulation



## (6) Alternator / AC Generator

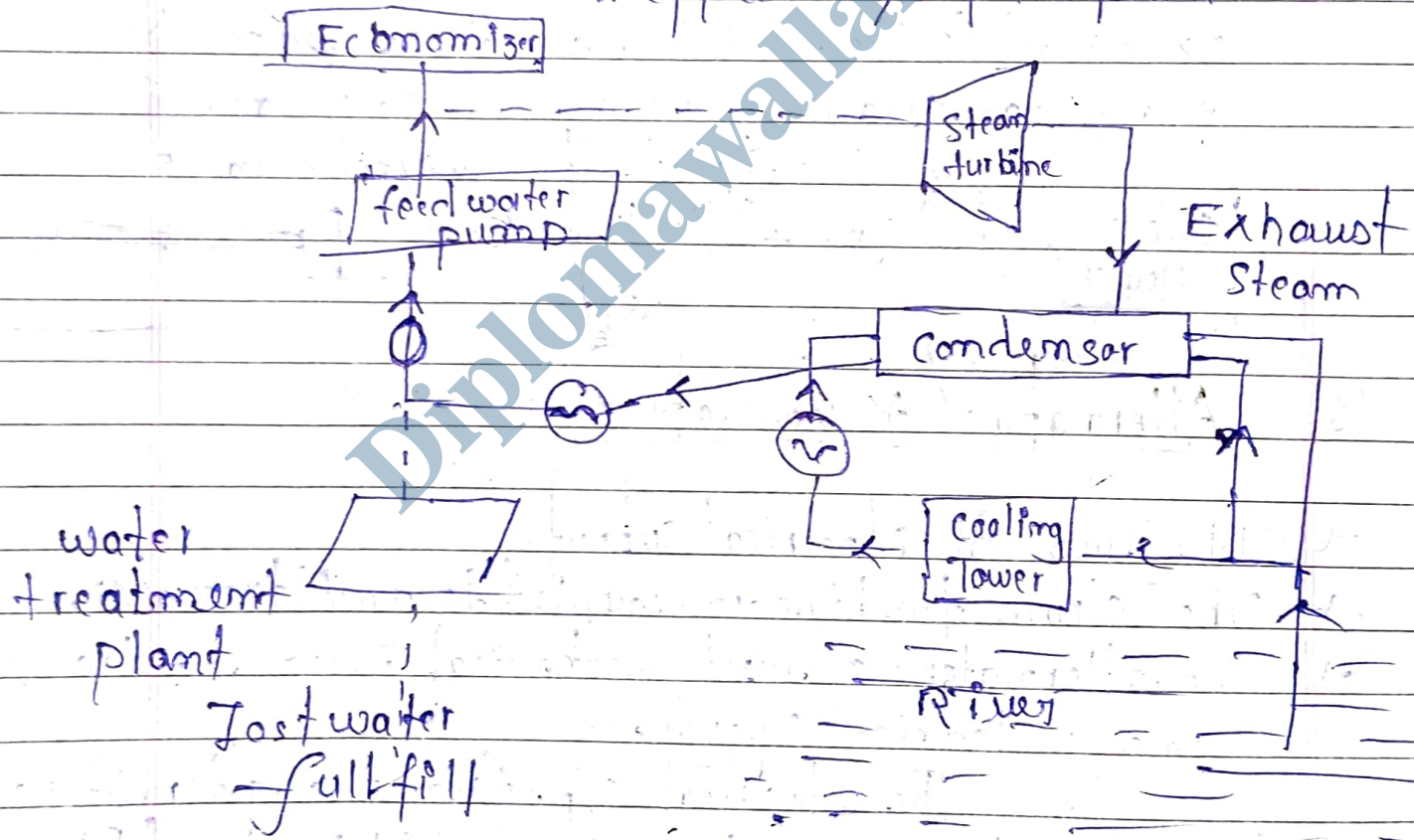
- ⇒ It gives AC Electrical Output.
- ⇒ The steam turbine is coupled to an Alternator.
- ⇒ The alternator convert mechanical Energy of turbine into Electrical Energy.

The Electrical o/p. from the alternator is delivered to the bus box via circuit Breaker [CB] and isolators.



## (7) Feed Water

- The condensate water in the condenser is used as feed water for boiler.
- Some water is may be lost in the cyclic process which is suitably compensate from the external water source.
- The feed water on it way to this boiler is heated by water heaters and economizer this increases the ~~over~~ overall efficiency of the plant.



## ☐ Cooling Arrangement :-

In order to reuse of exhaust steam, this steam is condensed by means of condenser.

- ⇒ Water is drawn from natural sources of supply river, canal or lake and is circulated through the condenser.
- ⇒ The circulating water takes the heat of exhaust steam and become itself hot.
- ⇒ This hot water coming out from the condenser is discharged at a suitable location in the river.
- ⇒ If there is not availability of water from natural water source throughout the year then a cooling tower is used during the scarcity of water in river. Hot water from the condenser is passed to the cooling tower, where it is cooled. The cold water from the cooling tower is reused in the condenser.