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Salma Dam inaugurated by PM Modi; one of India's most expensive infrastructure projects in Afghanistan

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghanistan's President Ashraf Ghani during inauguration of the Salma Dam. (Photo: MEA)

Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) on Saturday jointly inaugurated the Salma Dam (Herat Dam) along with Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani. The Salma Dam, also known as the Afghan-India Friendship Dam, has been built by WAPCOS, an Indian “mini-ratna I”.

Situated on the upper reaches of Hari Rud River in Herat province, Salma Dam project

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The reservoir water spreads about 20 km in length and 3.7 km in width. The gross capacity of the Dam is 633 million m³. The height of the Dam is 104.3 Mt, length 540 Mt and width at the bottom is 450 Mt.



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The availability of power and water through the project will lead to the overall economic development of the western region of Afghanistan. It will address the energy requirements and irrigation needs of western Afghanistan.

The project is located 165 km east of Herat town and connected with earthen road. Due to security reasons Indian engineers and technicians involved with the project have been reaching the site once in a month by helicopter service provided by Government of