

Kavalur telescope on schedule

BANGALORE, July 9. — The Rs. 6-crore telescope, Asia's largest being erected by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics at its Kavalur observatory in Tamil Nadu, is expected to be commissioned by October this year, according to the Project Manager, Dr. S.C. Tapde.

There was no hitch in commissioning the project due to "problems in import of a vital component, as reported by a news agency (not PTI) recently, and work was going according to schedule, Dr. Tapde said while addressing members of the Bangalore Science Forum last night.

Dr. Tapde said the 230 cm diameter mirror of the giant telescope had already been polished and grounded at the Institute's workshop here PTI,