

Centre may scale down equity infusion plan for 3 state-run oil-marketing companies

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China major seeks to end IOC subsidiary's Lanka dominance

In Response, Lanka IOC To Add 30 Petrol Pumps To Its Retail Network

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New Delhi: The stage is set for a long-drawn India-China proxy duel in Sri Lanka as Chinese major Sinopec begins retailing automotive fuels in the island nation from next month, challenging the position of Lanka IOC — the wholly-owned arm of Indian state-run giant IndianOil Corporation.

Lanka IOC has responded by mobilising expansion of its retail network and has floated EoIs for adding 30 new petrol pumps to its existing network of 250 outlets over the coming months.

Lanka IOC entered Sri Lanka in 2003 and cornered 16% of petrol and diesel sales as well as 35% of lubri-



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cants, bitumen and bunkering (marine fuel) last year in a duopoly with CYPETCO.

Sinopec is the first of the three companies, chosen by Colombo through the EoI (expression of interest) route, to set up operations. Australia's United Petro-

leum and US company RM Parks — with Shell — were the other two.

Under Colombo's liberalisation policy, Sinopec will get control of 150 of the 1,200 retail outlets operated by Sri Lanka's national oil company CYPETCO (Ceylon Petro-

leum Corporation) for 20 years. Another 150 will go to RM Parks, seen taking 3-4 months to begin operation, while United Petroleum's plans remain unclear.

Sinopec is also one of the two companies — the other being Vitol — shortlisted by Colombo for a proposed \$4 billion refinery at Hambantota, where a deepwater port has been given to China on a 99-year lease — something that still rankles in India from time to time.

A refinery, people in the know said, could give Sinopec an edge against Lanka IOC, which imports products from the parent's refineries as Sri Lanka has a small refining capacity. Sinopec can price out Lanka IOC, especially under the new regime wherein Colombo prescribes the 'maximum selling price'.



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Diesel is pricing a scarcity with winter market looming large

At any other time in history, the current state of the global diesel market would have sent some countries into a panic. All over the world, prices for the fuel are sky-high relative to the crude oil from which it is made, pointing to a scarcity that should alarm inflation-obsessed governments everywhere. And within just a few months, the Northern Hemisphere will enter winter, pushing up demand for heating. The good news is that the market looked even worse this time last year following Russia's invasion of Ukraine—and prices ultimately came down, helped by a relatively mild winter. However, today's shriveled stockpiles mean the world can ill afford any bullish market surprises: supply curbs can arise at any time, or demand shocks can come from cold weather or surprisingly strong economies. "We should be building stocks now as they usually begin drawing seasonally from September," said Eugene Lindell, head of refined products at industry consultant FGE.

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IOC Begins Digitalisation Drive to Optimise Ops, Management

Move is helping refiner boost its efficiency as well as bottom line

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New Delhi: Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's top refiner, has embarked on a major data-driven digitalisation drive to optimise its crude purchase, refinery operations and financial management, which has helped boost its efficiency as well as bottom line, said a senior executive.

"What we have begun doing is to use the immense data available to us to drive our decisions," Manish Grover, executive director (strategic information systems), Indian Oil Corporation, told ET.

IOC generates a sea of data daily from its operations spanning refineries, pipelines, petrol pumps,



aviation fuel stations, natural gas networks and petrochemicals.

"We operate refineries at 10 locations as a group. We deal with as many as 400 types of neat crude at a time. Crude is imported at three ports and then transferred to various refineries, most of which are landlocked. In this complex exercise, we end up dealing with

as many as 12,000 variants of crude mixes at a time," said Grover. "And then you have exigencies created by the war which requires you to take quick decisions for crude purchases at high sea and quicker unloading schedule for them."

The objective is to improve yields and cut down on any interruptions, said Grover, adding that each day of refining interruption would mean a potential loss of Rs 200-300 crore in sales. The new digital architecture at the firm helps "predict what can go wrong and help us act to prevent that", he said.

"We have created digital twins of the refinery units, which helps us optimise the operation, resulting in annual gains that run into millions of dollars," said Grover.

FINANCES OF IOC, BPCL, HPCL IMPROVE

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capex of ₹30,395 crore in FY24 compared with ₹35,205 crore in FY23. BPCL's estimated capex is ₹10,000 crore in FY24 from ₹11,527 crore in FY23. HPCL to invest ₹10,210 crore in FY24 against ₹13,847 crore in FY23.

The share price of IOC, BPCL and HPCL fell 0.95%, 1.27% and 0.17%, respectively, on Friday on the BSE.

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Takeaways

- » This is the eighth extension for OVL, the overseas arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- » 'We are embracing challenges, safeguarding interests & fostering partnerships'
- » The company has so far not found any commercially recoverable oil and gas reserves in the block in the 17 years it has been exploring there but has continued presence there because of India's strategic interest in the South China Sea
- » Vietnam too wants the Indian firm to counter China's interventions in the contested waters



licence requirement of shooting 3D seismic data and reprocessing of 2D seismic data as well as drilling of the committed one well.

Officials said OVL acquired 3D seismic data and reprocessed 2D seismic data to fulfil a part of the minimum work programme of the phase-1 of exploration period.

Also, petroleum system modelling studies have been carried out based on data provided by PetroVietnam. OVL first took a two-year extension of the exploration period till June 2014 and then another for one year.

A third extension was

granted on May 28, 2015, and a fourth in 2016. It got the fifth extension for two years in 2017 and a sixth from June 16, 2019 to June 15, 2021.

The seventh extension of two years was till June 15, 2023. Another official said the company had a couple of years ago drilled a well on the block but it could not reach the target depth and so it now has to drill the well all over again.

The company has not found any hydrocarbon in the block but is continuing to stay invested to maintain India's strategic interest. The block lies in the part of the South China Sea over which China claims sovereignty.

In 2011, Beijing had warned OVL that its exploration activities off the Vietnam coast were illegal and violated China's sovereignty, but the company continued exploring oil and gas.

OVL made a foray into Vietnam as early as 1988 when it bagged the exploration licence for Block 06.1. OVL owns a 45 per cent stake in Block 06.1 and its share of condensate and oil equivalent gas production from the block was 0.693 million tonne during the 2022-23 fiscal.

The production sharing contract (PSC) for Block 06.1 was till May 18, 2023 but the Vietnam government has extended it for another 16 years.

The 955 sq km Block 06.1 located in Nam Con Son basin has two producing fields — Lan Tay and Lan Rosneft — and has a 35 per cent stake while the remaining 20 per cent is with PetroVietnam.

The firm in 2006 got two exploration blocks — Block 127 and Block 128. While Block 127 was relinquished due to poor prospects, the other block was retained. The first extension for Block 128 followed China putting the area under the block for global bidding.

AGENCIES

OVL Gets another 3-yr Extension for Vietnamese Oil & Gas Block

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on X. The firm had in a proposal to regulator PVN sought a three-year extension of the exploration phase-1

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Russia shadow fleet king Gatik sinks on paper, transfers tankers

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GATIKSHIP Management, which emerged out of nowhere to become one of the largest transporters of Russian crude after the war in Ukraine broke out, does not have a fleet of its own anymore. Over the past three to four months, the mysterious Mumbai-based shipper swiftly transferred oil and fuel tankers managed by it to a web of related companies in the wake of the global attention and scrutiny it attracted for moving Russian oil. These tankers, however, continue to play a central role in keeping Russian oil flowing to India and other parts of the world.

According to the latest data from the international shipping resource base Equasis, Gatik is not listed as the commercial manager of even one tanker. As reported earlier by *The Indian Express*, around the middle of May, Gatik was listed as the commercial manager of 38 vessels, and the number declined rapidly to 19 vessels by early June. At its peak, Gatik was the commercial manager of around 60 old crude oil and petroleum product tankers, valued at over \$1.5 bil-



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Shipping industry experts see the move as an attempt by Gatik's benefactors to make tracking of the entire operation difficult and keeping the activity opaque. According to *The Indian Express's* analysis of changes in Gatik's fleet, the company distributed the commercial management of at least 48 of its tankers over the past few months among 43 other firms, most of which seem to be related to Gatik. However, there was no

change in effective ownership of the ships as registered owners continue to remain the same in almost all cases. Interestingly, commercial management was transferred to the respective registered owners in the majority of the cases.

This follows a series of actions by international insurers, shipping registries, and maritime classification societies against Gatik. These actions are likely to have stemmed from apprehensions that Gatik's vessels might have been involved in hauling Russian oil sold above the West's \$60-per-barrel price cap.

While Gatik's name might

have been erased from the tankers' paperwork, they continue to be deeply involved in Russia's oil trade with India, shows an analysis of recent port call data of the ships. Of the 48 vessels, which include 30 oil tankers and 18 petroleum product tankers, 15 oil tankers made stops at Indian ports like Paradip, Vadinar, Sikkha, Visakhapatnam, Kochi, and Mangalore over the past six to eight weeks. These ports serve as the crude oil unloading points to feed some of the major refineries in India. Many of these tankers also had recent port calls at Russian ports.

Apart from Russia and India, geographies where the vessels operated included Turkey, Egypt, China, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, and South Korea, among others, the port call data shows.

From being a marginal supplier of crude oil to India before the war in Ukraine, Russia is now New Delhi's largest source of crude, having displaced traditional heavyweights like Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

The surge in India's import of Russian oil was driven by discounts being offered by Moscow after the traditional Western buyers started shunning Russian oil over its invasion of Ukraine.

The people behind Gatik and the web of related shipping companies remain shrouded in mystery.

In the maritime industry, vessel ownership structures can be extremely opaque, which often renders it impossible to trace the actual owner of a ship and the people behind shippers such as Gatik. International trade sources suggest that Gatik is an arm of Buena Vista Shipping (BVS), and could have close links to a shipper in the United Arab Emirates and Russian oil companies. Shipping databases list an office in Neptune Magnet Mall in Mumbai's Bhandup as the address of Gatik as well as BVS. The address of many of the companies to which Gatik's vessels have been transferred is listed as "care of Gatik", featuring the same Bhandup office. Interestingly, the office has been vacant for months now. BVS has not been responding to queries about its relationship with Gatik and the latter's role in global flows of Russian oil.

There are various ownership-related categories in the maritime industry, including commercial managers, registered owners, and beneficial owners.

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अगले साल तक तीन बायोगैस प्लांट शुरू होंगे

नई दिल्ली। राजधानी में तीन बायोगैस प्लांट अगले वर्ष तक बनकर तैयार हो जाएंगे। दिल्ली नगर निगम के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया कि नरैला के घोघा, नजफगढ़ के पास नंगली व गोयला डेयरी में दिसंबर 2024 तक तीन बायोगैस प्लांट का निर्माण कर शुरू करने की योजना है। यहां पर हर दिन प्लांट से 200 टन गोबर के साथ 15 फीसदी गीले कचरे को संसाधित किया जा सकेगा।

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अगले महीने सब्जियों की कीमतें घटने की उम्मीद कच्चा तेल बढ़ा रहा चिंता

■ दिल्ली, न्यूज एजेंसियां. सरकार को उम्मीद है कि बाजार में नयी फसलों के आने के साथ अगले महीने से सब्जियों की कीमतें कम होने लगेंगी. वित्त मंत्रालय के एक अधिकारी ने यह जानकारी देते हुए कहा कि कच्चे तेल के बढ़ते भाव को लेकर थोड़ी चिंता है, हालांकि यह अभी भी 90 डॉलर प्रति बैरल से नीचे है. अधिकारी ने आगे कहा कि उत्पाद शुल्क में कटौती



की योजना नहीं है. सरकार बुनियादी ढांचे में निवेश बढ़ा रही है, और निजी क्षेत्र के पूंजी निवेश में अभी तेजी आना बाकी है. उन्होंने आगे कहा कि केंद्र का

पूंजीगत व्यय सितंबर के अंत तक बजट अनुमान का 50 प्रतिशत तक हो जाएगा. यह आंकड़ा जून तिमाही के अंत में 28 प्रतिशत था. सरकार ने 2023-24 के बजट में पूंजीगत व्यय को 33 प्रतिशत बढ़ाकर 10 लाख करोड़ रुपये कर दिया था. अधिकारी ने आगे कहा कि छह फीसदी बारिश की कमी से खरीफ की बुआई पर असर पड़ने की आशंका नहीं है, क्योंकि कृषि क्षेत्र काफी लचीला है.

नए ऐप से घर बैठे PNG कनेक्शन लेना आसान !

■ विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

अब पीएनजी (पाइप नेचुरल गैस) के कनेक्शन लेने की प्रक्रिया आसान हो गई है। पीएनजी कनेक्शन लेने के इच्छुक लोगों के लिए आईजीएल (इंड्रप्रस्थ गैस लिमिटेड) ने फील्ड मोबिलिटी ऐप्लिकेशन की शुरुआत की है। इसके तहत अप्लाई करने की प्रक्रिया को सरल बनाया गया है। आईजीएल के पीएनजी कनेक्शन के लिए अब इस ऐप के जरिए लोग आसानी से अप्लाई कर सकेंगे। इससे लोगों को ऑन साईट रजिस्ट्रेशन और बिजनेस पार्टनर क्रिएशन की सुविधा मिलेगी। यह सुविधा अभी सिर्फ डोमेस्टिक कनेक्शन के लिए ही है। ऐप के जरिए आईजीएल फील्ड एग्जिक्यूटिव को यह जिम्मेदारी सौंपी गई है

आईजीएल ने की फील्ड मोबिलिटी ऐप की शुरुआत, आसानी से अप्लाई कर पाएंगे लोग

कि कस्टमर का काम समय पर पूरा करें।

इस ऐप पर आवेदन के साथ आप यह तय कर सकते हैं कि आईजीएल का फील्ड एग्जिक्यूटिव आपके पास कब आए। अभी तक फील्ड एग्जिक्यूटिव किसी भी दिन या समय में आता था। ऐसे में कई बार लोगों को परेशानी होती थी। फील्ड एग्जिक्यूटिव को उपभोक्ता अपनी ऑनरशिप डिटेल, एड्रेस और पीएनजी कनेक्शन से जुड़े अन्य डायग्नोस्टिक्स या डिटेल देंगे। इसके बाद उपभोक्ता को कनेक्शन के लिए पेमेंट करनी होगी। यह प्रक्रिया पूरी होते ही कस्टमर को उसका 10 डिजिट का बीपी नंबर तुरंत अलॉट कर दिया जाएगा।

अभी तक लोगों को कनेक्शन के लिए वेबसाइट पर आवेदन करना होता था। अब नए ऐप पर भी यह सुविधा भी मिलेगी। आईजीएल कनेक्ट नाम से एक ऐप पहले से है, लेकिन इस ऐप का मकसद मौजूदा उपभोक्ताओं को सुविधा देना है।

पाइपलाइन का कार्य पूरा, बंद सीएनजी स्टेशन देर शाम हुए चालू



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जासं, गाजियाबाद : इंद्रप्रस्थ गैस लि. की चिपियाना आरओबी के नीचे पाइपलाइन शिफ्टिंग का 19 अगस्त से कार्य चल रहा था। इसकी वजह से सुबह आठ बजे से संबंधित सीएनजी स्टेशन बंद रहे। कंपनी के अधिकारी अमनदीप ने बताया कि शनिवार सुबह से कार्य की वजह से सप्लाई बंद रही, जिसके लिए समयसीमा सोमवार सुबह आठ बजे तक निर्धारित की गई थी, लेकिन कंपनी की टीम ने 12 घंटे पहले ही पाइपलाइन शिफ्ट का कार्य पूरा कर लिया। जानकारी के अभाव में सीएनजी स्टेशन पर वाहनों को लेकर पहुंचे लोग बैरंग वापस लौटे।

पेट्रोलियम डीलर्स एसोसिएशन के सदस्य 23 को जंतर-मंतर धरने में होंगे शामिल



पानीपत के माडल टाउन में पत्रकार वार्ता में मौजूद पेट्रोलियम डीलर्स एसोसिएशन के प्रदेशाध्यक्ष संजीव चौधरी व अन्य। -निस

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हरियाणा पेट्रोलियम डीलर्स वेलफेयर एसोसिएशन के सदस्य राष्ट्रव्यापी पेट्रोलियम व्यवसाय की प्रमुख मांगों को लेकर नयी दिल्ली के जंतर मंतर पर आगामी 23 अगस्त को धरना में शामिल होंगे। यह जानकारी एसोसिएशन के प्रदेश अध्यक्ष संजीव चौधरी एडवोकेट एवं महासचिव राजकुमार कटारिया ने रविवार को माडल टाउन स्थित एक होटल में आयोजित पत्रकार वार्ता में दी। उन्होंने बताया कि पिछले 7 वर्षों से लंबित डीलर कमीशन में बढ़ोतरी को बिक्री मूल्य के प्रतिशत के

आधार पर लागू करने की मांग की जा रही है। वहीं 200 किलोलीटर प्रति माह बिक्री के पेट्रोल पंपों को कमीशन के अतिरिक्त आर्थिक राहत पैकेज दिए जाने, नए पेट्रोल पंपों की स्थापना को लेकर दिए जाने वाले विज्ञापनों को निरस्त करने और प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की विचारधारा एक राष्ट्र व एक रेट को मान्यता देते हुए पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों को जीएसटी की श्रेणी में शामिल किए जाने की मांग शामिल है। इस अवसर पर सोहन लाल बठला, वैभव देशवाल एडवोकेट, परमजीत खत्री, संजीव दहिया, धीरज चौधरी व जीएस सोढी आदि मौजूद रहे।