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THE COMPASS

Robust outlook, subsidiary listing positive for Gail

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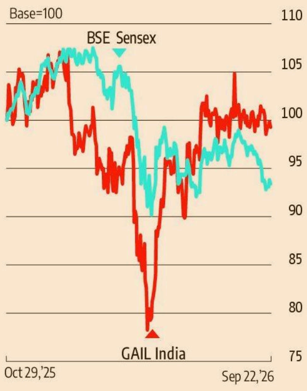
Despite supply disruptions caused by the West Asia war, Gail (India) reported strong first quarter (Q1FY27) results. Revenue was up 12 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to ₹38,950 crore with operating profit of ₹6,380 crore (up 91 per cent Y-o-Y). Adjusted net profit of ₹4,290 crore was up 127.5 per cent Y-o-Y.

The marketing segment had profit before tax of ₹3,350 crore. But management expects profits to normalise and retains the annual ₹4,500 crore profit before tax guidance. Transmission volumes stood at 122 million metric standard cubic meters per day (mmscmd) in Q1, with FY27 guidance at 123 mmscmd, raised from an earlier 119 mmscmd.

Petchem and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and liquid hydrocarbons (LHC) earnings in Q1 gained from better realisations, but management expects segment earnings to moderate. The PATA petchem complex is now operating at 100 per cent utilisation and petrochem is projected to see breakeven in FY27. But the petrochemical revenue declined 62.1 per cent Y-o-Y and sales volumes fell 79.1 per cent Y-o-Y.

Gail targets additional 7-8 million metric tonnes per annum (mmtpa) liquefied natural gas (LNG) sourcing by 2030 (CY30), with 2.5 mmtpa tied up. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) may beat FY27 guidance and also be upgraded for FY28, and FY29. This reflects healthy Q1 trends, while highlighting volatile geopolitics and price-sensitive domestic demand.



Gail's Q1FY27 adjusted Ebitda doubled Y-o-Y and adjusted net profit was up 140 per cent Y-o-Y. Depreciation rose 1 per cent quarter-on-quarter (Q-o-Q) to ₹860 crore, while other income of ₹570 crore was up 112 per cent beat estimates. Transmission Ebitda rose 14 per cent Q-o-Q, while volume rose 3 per cent Q-o-Q to 122.4 mmscmd.

LPG transmission Ebitda rose 67 per cent Q-o-Q to ₹140 crore. Petchem Ebitda loss dropped to ₹11 crore from ₹390 crore Q-o-Q (₹127 crore in Q1FY26) on higher realisation and lower gas costs, but utilisation was lower. The LPG-LHC Ebitda rose 370 per cent Q-o-Q to ₹800 crore on better realisation. Opex of ₹2,680 crore was up 12 per cent Y-o-Y, with other expenses down 14 per cent Q–oQ to 2,170 crore. The 1,707 km Mumbai-Nagpur-Jharsaguda Natural Gas Pipeline became fully operational in Q1, with Jharsuguda demand at 0.5 mmscmd. The Qatar force majeure and disruption of 7 cargos were offset by 8 spot LNG cargos. Of the Henry Hub or HH-linked LNG, 20 per cent is consumed at PATA, with balance for Brent-linked optimisation. The FY27 capex guidance is ₹11,500 crore. Ambient heating facilities at Dabhol LNG terminal are expected to be completed by June 2027, improving utilisation and flexibility.

The key risks remain adverse commodity and currency movements, more constraining regulations, engineering outages, and possible project delays. But this is a good performance given the stressful geopolitics.

The capacity expansions will leave Gail well-placed to meet long-term gas demand, which PNGRB projects will rise to 297 mmscmd by 2030 from current 200 mmscmd. This is why Gail is trying to tie up an additional 7-8 mmtpa LNG.

LHC production increased due to higher domestic gas allocation. There was continued expansion across the CGD network with 20,000 domestic PNG connections and three CNG stations added. The target by FY28-end is 275 additional CNG stations and 3.7 lakh new domestic PNG connections. Assuming normalisation of geopolitics, 20 per cent annual growth in Ebitda and net profit is possible through till FY28. The valuations should also include around ₹35-40 for subsidiary holdings. The listing of its subsidiary Gail Gas is expected to unlock value going ahead.

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Conservationist wins *businessline* Changemaker of the Year award

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Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister; Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor, *businessline*; and Nirmala Lakshman, Director and Publisher, The Hindu Group; pose with the awardees at the *businessline* Changemaker Awards ceremony in New Delhi on Tuesday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

In an inspiring ceremony charged with emotion, gripping stories of human achievement and a mellifluous classical fusion performance, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented *businessline*'s Changemaker of the Year award to grassroots conservationist Purnima Devi Barman for saving the endangered greater adjutant stork and empowering village women to become feisty protectors of the bird as well as self-reliant entrepreneurs.

Border Roads Organisation (BRO), which builds and maintains critical infrastructure in India's remote border areas, was crowned Iconic Changemaker as was 'pain doctor' M.R. Rajagopal, founder and chairman emeritus of Pallium India, who integrated palliative care in mainstream healthcare services.

Receiving the award, Ms. Purnima Devi said, "When women rise, magic happens and the *hargila* (stork) takes flight."

The eighth edition of the event saw awards being given in six categories – Digital Transformation, Social Transformation, Financial Transformation, Young Changemaker, Iconic Changemaker, and Changemaker of the Year. The Digital Transformation winner was Aparna Hegde, founder of ARMMAN (Advancing Reduction In Mortality and Morbidity of Mother, Children and Neonates), a non-profit that uses technology to reach out to expectant mothers and guide them.

In the Social Transformation category, there were two winners - Project Sambandh, founded by Colonel Vembu Shankar (retired), which helps families of armed forces personnel who die while in service but not in combat, and Sankara Eye Foundation for scaling up free eyecare. Financial Transformation winner was Gourmet Popcornica for building a fully-integrated farm-to-consumer value chain across several States and giving a pop to the popcorn economy. The Young Changemaker award went to Ariana Agarwal, a 16-year-old girl from Jaipur for giving visibility to invisible gig workers.

'Making a difference'

Acknowledging *businessline*'s role in bringing to the fore the work of changemakers, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said: "India is a vast country. Despite the States and Centre doing so much, it is the changemakers who are putting their heart and soul in their endeavours, who are making a difference on the ground."

Earlier, inaugurating the event, Nirmala Lakshman, Director, THG Publishing, said, "Every year, this evening gives us a chance to recognise the power of an idea to create change...and the persistence to see this through."

Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor, *businessline*, described how 1,600 nominations were received, from which the winners were chosen – a really tough job for the jury. "It was like a *samudra manthan* (churning of the ocean)," he said.

The 2026 awards function was presented by Sastra Deemed University and powered by City Union Bank. Associate partners were State Bank of India, Life Insurance Corporation, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation, Citizen Watches, Government of Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir Bank, NABARD, NTPC, Indian Bank, SAIL, GAIL (India) Limited, Essar Group, ICFAI Group, NMDC, and UCO Bank. The mobility partner was Kia Sorento.

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मनोज कुमार शर्मा गेल के निदेशक बने

नई दिल्ली। भारत की एकीकृत ऊर्जा क्षेत्र की प्रमुख कंपनी गेल (इंडिया)

लिमिटेड में मनोज कुमार शर्मा ने निदेशक (परियोजनाएं) का पदभार संभाल लिया है। गेल में यह जिम्मेदारी संभालने से पहले शर्मा इंडियन ऑयल कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड में कार्यकारी निदेशक एवं पूर्वी क्षेत्र पाइपलाइन के क्षेत्रीय प्रमुख के पद पर कार्यरत थे। उनके अधीन 5,700 किलोमीटर से अधिक लंबा पाइपलाइन नेटवर्क था।

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Need for dialogue to ensure energy supplies: Puri

SUDHEER PAL SINGH
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A sustained dialogue between producers and consumers is essential to support investment, strengthen energy resilience, and ensure reliable energy supplies for global growth and development, said Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.

The minister was cochairing the seventh high-level meeting of the Opec-India Energy Dialogue along with Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) Secretary General Haitham Al Ghais on Tuesday in New Delhi.

The meeting comes against the backdrop of the West Asia crisis and the resulting disruption to the global energy trade through the Strait of Hormuz. The conflict has disrupted oil supplies for major consumers, including India and China, and sent the benchmark Brent crude soaring beyond $100 per barrel.

Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri with Opec Secretary General Haitham Al Ghais (*right*) at the 7th meet of Opec-India Energy Dialogue in New Delhi PHOTO: X VIA @OPECSECRETARIAT

"Discussions focussed on oil market stability, energy security, and the importance of adequate and timely investment across the oil industry. Both parties reviewed the short-term, medium-term, and long-term outlooks, underscoring India's crucial role in global economic expansion and energy demand growth," the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) said.

Puri underlined that India and Opec share a mutually beneficial relationship and India values its longstanding engagement with the bloc and its member countries. "As one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, India will remain an important driver of global energy demand," he said.

Appreciating Opec's efforts towards promoting stability and transparency in energy markets amid geopolitical uncertainties, Puri called on Opec and India to work closely in advancing a balanced, stable and predictable energy market.

According to the ministry, Al Ghais commended India's balanced, realistic, and pragmatic approach to addressing energy challenges, emphasising that India's energy needs are Opec's priorities. "What is particularly heartening about our dialogue is the fact that India has consistently advocated diplomacy and dialogue as the means of resolving the great challenges of our age," Ghais said.

India, OPEC to deepen energy ties

INDIA AND THE Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on Tuesday agreed to deepen cooperation on oil market stability and investment, wrapping up their seventh high-level energy dialogue in the Indian capital with a pledge to reconvene next year in Vienna.

The meeting was co-chaired by Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and OPEC Secretary General Haitham Al Ghais, who reviewed short-, medium- and long-term market outlooks and reaffirmed India's growing weight in global energy demand, according to an official statement. The OPEC-India Energy Dialogue was launched in New Delhi in 2015 and has met annually at the ministerial level since. —PTI

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ONGC finds natural gas off Odisha coast

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In a major breakthrough for India's energy security, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has struck gas in the deep waters of the Mahanadi Basin off the eastern coast in Odisha.

The ONGC said that MDW-28, the maiden well of the ONGC's current deepwater campaign in the Mahanadi Basin is flowing gas with encouraging rates and sustained reservoir pressure.

This is the first well that the ONGC has dug in the Mahanadi under the government's flagship 'Samundra Manthan' campaign. Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri launched the campaign on July 25 with the spudding of MDW-28 (MN-DW18-1-H-D) in the deep offshore Mahanadi Basin.

The PSU has found gas in Mahanadi Basin waters. PHOTO: ONGC

"The well was perforated on September 18, following evaluation of subsurface data. It is currently flowing with a good gas rate and healthy reservoir pressure. During operations, top ONGC officials visited the drillship to interact with the crew on board and encourage them. This finding, along with other discoveries in the area, can be a candidate for development through shared facilities enabled by the PNG Rules, 2025, bringing deepwater resources onstream," the ONGC said on Tuesday.

The 2025 rules allow use of shared infrastructure to develop and exploit deepwater resources.

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India Inc's price dilemma

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The real test for corporate India may be whether higher prices can continue to support revenue growth without becoming a drag on profitability

FOR INDIA INC, the challenge in FY27 may not simply be higher input costs, but how much of those costs can be passed on without weakening demand. Companies are entering a period in which price increases can protect margins and revenues but also put pressure on volumes. The result could be a widening divergence between headline revenue growth and the underlying quality of corporate earnings.

The Q1 results offered a glimpse of this. India Inc's revenues grew by 21.3% year-on-year (y-o-y), supported by commodity- and bullion-price-led value inflation and volume growth in select sectors. However, operating profit margins contracted by 171 basis points (bps). Excluding oil and gas, aggregate operating margins were more resilient, improving marginally to 18.1% from 17.9% a year earlier.

Revenue growth is expected to remain healthy at around 13-15% in Q2 FY27, although moderating from the unusually strong performance in Q1. Cost inflation-led growth is likely to sustain, but volumetric consumption growth could moderate as companies raise prices to offset higher raw material, energy, labour, and freight costs.

Operating profit margins could contract by 100-150 bps y-o-y in Q2 FY27, as elevated input costs continue to weigh on profitability. While external uncertainties persist, attention has increasingly shifted to emerging domestic risks. El Niño has added a fresh layer of uncertainty to India's macroeconomic outlook, mainly through its implications for the southwest monsoon. A subpar monsoon could disrupt rural demand, impacting FMCG companies' revenues, and its impact could extend beyond the farm sector. Deficient rainfall can push up food inflation even as it compresses rural incomes, both of which directly influence consumption demand. Other sectors with significant rural exposure, including tractors, two-wheelers, and fertilisers, may face volume pressures. Weaker farm cash flows could also result in subdued credit demand and increased stress in agricultural and microfinance portfolios.

This makes the ability of companies to pass on higher costs increasingly important. Pricing actions can provide some protection to margins, but the benefits may come with a lag. For consumption-oriented sectors, an abrupt increase in prices could hit demand and competitive positioning. Cost optimisation, productivity improvements, and operating efficiencies could consequently become as important as pricing power in determining profitability.

A broad-based revival in private investment is likely to remain contingent on greater clarity on global and domestic conditions

Oil refining companies are likely to continue facing pressure from under-recoveries on petroleum products and thinner marketing margins. Aviation, automobiles, FMCG, cement, and other energy-intensive sectors are also exposed to higher crude oil and derivative prices, palm oil, coal, and other inputs, as well as the consequent rise in freight and packaging costs.

For some sectors, however, the ability to raise prices could provide a partial cushion. FMCG companies, for instance, are seeing healthy volume growth, supported by improving domestic consumption, but higher logistics and packaging costs, along with more expensive imported inputs like palm oil, are expected to weigh on margins. Price revisions could partly offset this pressure, although companies may have to stagger such increases to avoid affecting demand and competitive positioning.

The automobile sector presents a similar balancing act. Demand has benefitted from GST reforms and new model launches, but the high base, a potentially weak monsoon, and higher fuel prices could moderate growth. A sustained rise in petrol and diesel prices could weigh heavily on price-sensitive two-wheeler and entry-level passenger-vehicle segments, while higher logistics costs could put pressure on OEMs and auto-component margins.

Some sectors are better positioned to withstand the margin pressure. Metals and mining firms are supported by favourable commodity realisations, while upstream oil producers benefit from higher crude prices. Telecom operators and select utilities are also relatively better placed, supported by operating leverage or cost-pass-through mechanisms. Export-oriented sectors like textiles and auto components could benefit from better realisations arising from rupee depreciation, although their performance will remain contingent on global demand. Some export-oriented firms are likely to see a one-time earnings support in Q2 FY27 from refunds of US tariffs paid earlier.

While domestic consumption-oriented sectors like automobiles, retail, consumer durables, and hospitality are expected to remain better placed, persistent weakness in global demand and the transformation of the technology sector could weigh on export-oriented businesses.

Domestic demand itself can't be taken for granted. Retail inflation is also expected to edge higher over the next few quarters, potentially constraining discretionary spending, making it harder for firms to rely entirely on price increases to protect margins. Over the past few years, corporate balance sheets have been deleveraged, providing a cushion against cyclical fluctuations in demand. The financial sector's strength, with comfortable asset quality and capitalisation levels, should also provide the capacity to absorb stress while supporting credit growth.

The resilience of corporate credit profiles is important in assessing the impact of margin compression. Despite the expected moderation in operating margins, interest coverage is projected to remain resilient supported by stable funding costs. This suggests the current margin pressure need not immediately translate into widespread credit stress.

The push for infrastructure development and clean energy is expected to anchor investment activity, even as private sector capex recovery remains gradual. Select segments of manufacturing, including defence, electronics manufacturing, and electric mobility, along with power equipment, real estate, and data centres, are emerging as areas of private investment.

Nevertheless, a broad-based revival in private investment is likely to remain contingent on greater clarity around global and domestic conditions. For India Inc, the coming quarters may be less about the headline pace of revenue growth and more about its quality. If inflation continues to support topline growth while input costs remain elevated, the ability to convert revenues into operating profits will increasingly depend on pricing power, cost efficiency, and the resilience of demand.

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Gilts surge as Brent falls 2%

Government bond prices ended sharply higher on Tuesday, tracking a more than 2% intraday fall in near-month Brent crude oil futures. However, gains were capped by profit-taking at the key 7% yield on the 10-year benchmark bond, the lowest in eight sessions. Bond prices were down earlier in the session and tracked movements in Brent and US Treasury yields during the day. Bond prices later rose across tenures, with demand from asset and liability managers and some foreign portfolio investors in short-term papers, while insurers and some banks picked up long-term papers, dealers stated.

The 10-year benchmark 6.94%, 2036 gilt ended at ₹99.50, up for the second consecutive session from ₹99.23 on Monday.

The bond's yield fell to 7.0106% but off the day's low of 7.0033% from 7.0497% at the end of the previous session. "I think the 10-year benchmark yield will hold at 7%. It will not go below this," a dealer at a state-owned bank stated. "A four-bps fall is enough; we have a 10-year bond auction also this week." **-Informist**

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RESTRICTIONS AMID HORMUZ DISRUPTIONS

Jio-bp caps diesel sales amid global supply squeeze

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RELIANCE INDUSTRIES' JOINT venture with British energy major bp has capped diesel sales at 50 litres per fill and introduced daily sales limits at its fuel outlets as prolonged disruptions in West Asia and reduced Russian fuel exports tighten global diesel supplies, a person aware of the development said.

The restrictions cover Jio-bp's retail network spanning 21 states and Union Territories. Reliance reported 2,221 outlets at the end of June 2026. Similar curbs introduced earlier this year were gradually eased before the latest restrictions.

The restrictions have created difficulties for long-distance transporters, who depend on substantial fuel supplies to complete their journeys.

"The 50-litre cap is troubling transporters like us who operate on long routes," said Sameer Ali, a transporter from Pilkhuwa, Uttar Pradesh. Responding to Financial Express queries, a Jio-bp spokesperson said, "All Jio-bp Mobility Stations are operational and adequately stocked to serve our customers. We continue to offer our high-performance Active Technology Petrol and Diesel and remain committed to providing seamless and reliable refuelling services across our network."

Daily diesel sales at individual outlets have also been capped at 6,000 litres, the person aware of the development said. The spokesperson said the company was responding to changing demand conditions, particularly from industrial and other non-transport consumers.

"Given the prevailing demand dynamics, we are taking appropriate measures to ensure equitable availability of fuel for mobility and transportation needs, particularly in view of demand from industrial and other non-transport use. These measures are intended to support the broadest possible access to fuel for customers based on demand conditions."

"Our focus remains on ensuring fuel availability and a seamless customer experience across the Jio-bp network," the spokesperson added.

The restrictions come amid continuing disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb, which have constrained global petroleum product shipments. West Asia diesel exports halved year-on-year (y-o-y) during March-August, while attacks on Russian refineries have further tightened supplies.

Russia banned diesel exports in July following refinery disruptions. A drone attack on September 20 subsequently halted crude processing at Gazprom Neft's Moscow refinery, adding to supply pressures. European diesel futures have more than doubled since the beginning of 2026.

Meanwhile, India's diesel exports declined 14.3% month-on-month to 2.09 million tonnes (MT) in August from 2.44 MT in July, according to preliminary government data. Shipments were also 19% lower than the 2.58 MT exported in August last year.

Reliance, a major petroleum products exporter, also supplies diesel to overseas markets, including Europe.

SUPPLY SNAG

- Restrictions cover Jio-bp's retail network spanning 21 states, UTs
- Daily diesel sales at individual outlets have also been capped at 6,000 litres
- To discourage exports and safeguard domestic fuel availability, the govt reintroduced windfall levies on petroleum product exports in March
- On September 16, it reduced the diesel export duty to ₹20 per litre from ₹25 under its fortnightly review mechanism

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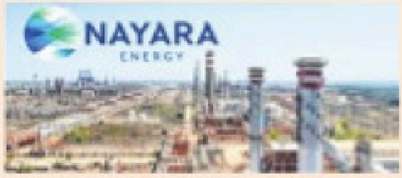
Delhi HC directs resumption of tech support services to Nayara Energy

The Delhi High Court has directed a Germany-headquartered company to immediately resume its software support services to Nayara Energy Ltd despite sanctions imposed on the Russian oil giant Rosneft-backed petroleum company under the European Council Regulation.

Justice Vikas Mahajan observed that Nayara Energy caters to approximately 8% of India's energy needs, and therefore, an uninterrupted flow of technical support services was absolutely essential for such critical infrastructure.



Justice Mahajan passed the interim order on Sept 21 on a lawsuit by Nayara Energy, formerly Essar Oil Ltd, against SAP India Private Ltd after the latter unilaterally blocked the plaintiff's access to its technical support services in July 2025 despite an agreement between the parties. The plaintiff was informed that its name had been included in the EU sanctions list concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, and SAP India, being an EU-headquartered company, was compelled to take immediate steps to ensure compliance.

The court stated that the unilateral and abrupt suspension of the support services was ex facie illegal and in breach of the mutually agreed contractual stipulations between the parties, and at the stage of interim relief, SAP India cannot rely on EU Regulations to avoid its contractual obligations under Indian law. **-PTI**

EIL wins $450 million contract for Dangote's Kenyan refinery proj

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NEW DELHI

Engineers India Limited, the state-run engineering consultancy, has signed a contract worth more than $450 million to serve as project management and engineering, procurement, construction and management consultant for Dangote Group's planned 700,000-barrel-per-day greenfield refinery and petrochemical plant in Kenya, extending a partnership forged on Africa's largest refinery.

The deal marks Engineers India Limited's second major engagement with the Lagos-based conglomerate, following its role as consultant on Dangote's 650,000-bpd Lekki Free Zone refinery in Nigeria—currently the world's largest single-train refinery—and its ongoing expansion to 1.4 million bpd, Engineers India Limited stated in a release.

Dangote Group, one of West Africa's largest industrial conglomerates with operations spanning 17 African countries, is pushing further into East Africa with the Kenyan project as it seeks to process a broader crude slate and expand its regional footprint beyond oil and gas into mining, cement, fertilisers and food.

Engineers India Limited has built its international profile in part through its work on the Lekki complex, which produces Euro V-grade gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and polypropylene. The Kenyan plant will be built from the ground up, positioning Engineers India Limited across the full project lifecycle from concept through commissioning.

The contract underscores India's growing role as an engineering and technical-services exporter to Africa's energy sector, deepening commercial ties between New Delhi and one of the continent's most influential industrial groups.

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BRINGS AUTOMATED CHECKS

IGL tightens checks on CNG cylinder hydro test certificates

SHIVANGI SHUKLA

New Delhi, September 22

Vehicles without a valid CNG cylinder hydro test certificate are being denied refuelling at Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) stations as part of a safety drive, with the company now introducing an automated system to identify such vehicles.

The technology enabled vehicle recognition and verification system has been initiated at 10 CNG stations and is aimed at strengthening checks on cylinder certification. Under the system, cameras capture the vehicle registration number, which is processed through an AI-based application.

The application establishes the vehicle's CNG cylinder linkage and checks whether the cylinder is valid or expired through the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) online portal. The compliance status is made available in real time, with alerts generated at the station through handheld devices, LED displays and the public announcement system.

IGL is conducting the safety drive across all its CNG stations, where station personnel are checking the validity of cylinders and verifying hydro test certificates before refuelling.

IGL officers are also making regular visits to ensure that CNG is dispensed only to vehicles carrying valid hydro test certificates. The company said the automated system would reduce manual dependency, provide centralised visibility of compliance data and enable timely intervention to prevent refuelling of non-compliant CNG vehicles.

The system is proposed to be rolled out at all IGL CNG stations in due course. The initiative is also part of a broader digital safety ecosystem under which relevant CNG cylinder certification information could eventually be integrated with vehicle-related databases, subject to the applicable regulatory framework. As per Rule 35, sub-rule (1) of the Gas Cylinder (Amended) Rules, 2025, every CNG cylinder must undergo hydro-testing at a PESO approved cylinder testing centre once every three years.

IGL operates more than 30,000 km of pipeline network across Delhi, Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Rewari, Faridabad, Gurugram, Karnal, Kaithal, Fatehpur, Ajmer, Pali, Rajsamand, Hamirpur, Shamli, Muzaffarnagar, Banda, Chitrakoot, Mahoba and parts of Kanpur and Meerut. It caters to over 2.1 million CNG vehicles through more than 1,000 CNG stations and has connected nearly 3.5 million households with PNG.

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Engineers India secures $450M refinery project

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The contract underscores India's growing role as an engineering and technical-services exporter to Africa's energy sector, deepening commercial ties between New Delhi and one of the continent's most influential industrial groups. For Dangote, the plant is intended to cut East Africa's reliance on imported refined fuel, bolster regional energy security, and create additional volumes for export to global markets.

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Wall Street nears record as oil slides

Wall Street pushed towards record territory on Tuesday as Brent's slide below $100 cooled inflation concerns, dragged Treasury yields lower and revived risk appetite across US equities.

The S&P 500 gained 0.2%, moving within 0.2% of last month's all-time high. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 124 points, or 0.2%, while the Nasdaq Composite advanced 0.4% towards another record.

Brent crude dropped 1.9% to $98.46 per barrel, extending a sharp reversal from nearly $110 last week. The retreat reduced energy-cost pressures and helped loosen the bond market's grip on equities.

The 10-year Treasury yield eased to 4.95% from 4.96%, after breaching 5% last week for the first time since 2023. Fuel-sensitive counters rallied. Carnival surged 4%, while American Airlines gained 2.2%.

AutoZone climbed 2.7% after quarterly profit beat expectations, and Thor Industries advanced 0.9% following stronger-than-forecast earnings. Corporate profitability continues underpinning elevated valuations. Analysts expect S&P 500 companies to deliver nearly 29% year-on-year third-quarter earnings growth, according to FactSet. On Holding soared 10.3% after announcing longer-term financial targets and a $1-billion share buyback programme. AMD slipped 0.4% after Monday's near-10% rally, reflecting lingering caution across richly valued artificial-intelligence counters. For Wall Street, cheaper crude and softer yields provide a powerful tailwind, but geopolitical shocks and stretched technology valuations remain decisive risks. —**Business Desk**

SEVENTH HIGH-LEVEL ENERGY DIALOGUE

India & OPEC step up energy co-op amid global supply uncertainties

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Amid the ongoing challenges related to geopolitical threats, uncertainties in the supply chain and volatility in the energy sector, India and OPEC, on Tuesday, have decided to enhance their collaboration to ensure stability and reliability in the global oil market.

This collaboration was agreed upon during the Seventh High-Level Meeting of the OPEC-India Energy Dialogue here in New Delhi, chaired by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and OPEC Secretary General Haitham Al Ghais. The importance of this event lies in the fact that, as one of the world's rapidly growing economies and a major consumer of energy resources, India is striving to ensure reliable access to energy while OPEC is of critical importance in the oil market.

In addition, both parties discussed issues related to oil market stability and energy security and the need for adequate investments in the oil industry in a timely manner. In addition, the outlook for the energy sector in the short-, medium-, and long-term period and growing energy demand of India were discussed as well.

The involvement of OPEC becomes even more crucial in light of the present-day uncertainties. In 2025, OPEC member countries exported an average of 19.85 million barrels of crude oil per day, including 14.79 million barrels of crude oil per day exported to Asia, which highlights the significance of the organisation for the region's energy security.

Furthermore, OPEC has been consistently stressing the need for a collaborative effort to ensure oil market stability, as in 2026, OPEC+ countries were keeping the monitoring mechanism of the market conditions and production.

In relation to India, the involvement becomes strategically crucial considering the growing needs for energy in the country and its dependency on external supplies of crude. As per OPEC's forecasts, the organisation was anticipating the continuous growth of energy demand in the world, as well as investment in the future needs.

Speaking at the meeting, Puri stated that the cooperation of India and OPEC is complementary and mutually beneficial.

"As one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world, India will continue to be an important factor driving global energy demand in the coming decades," Puri said, emphasising that continuous dialogue between producers and consumers is essential to foster investments and improve energy resilience as well as energy security for sustainable global growth and development.

Puri also thanked OPEC for its efforts to bring stability and transparency to the international energy market in times of uncertainty and volatility and urged for more cooperation between India and OPEC for achieving balance, stability and predictability in the energy market.

For his part, Al Ghais described the engagement with India as a top priority for OPEC due to its growing significance in the international energy scene. He referred to the fact that the OPEC-India Energy Dialogue is now celebrating its 11th anniversary since its inception in New Delhi in 2015.

The OPEC Secretary General also appreciated India's "balanced, realistic and pragmatic" approach to energy issues and noted that many of the energy concerns of India are similar to those of OPEC.

The present meeting thus becomes significant not merely as part of routine discussions between producers and consumers of energy.

Given the increasing openness of the oil market to geopolitics, the possibility of disruptions of seaborne trade, and uncertainties regarding future investments, the dialogue between one of the world's largest consumers of oil and the biggest producers' association has become an institutionalised means of tackling energy security concerns.

Indeed, OPEC has even stated that disruptions in energy infrastructure or in international seaborne transportation can cause instability in energy markets.

Both parties discussed the achievements of the dialogue and the importance of further energy cooperation.

Both parties have decided to convene the Eighth High-Level Meeting of the OPEC-India Energy Dialogue in Vienna, Austria, on a mutually agreed-upon date.

KEY POINTS

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Oil slides as Iran proposal calms global supply fears

Crude oil suffered another heavy sell-off on Tuesday as tentative diplomacy between Washington and Tehran stripped geopolitical premium from energy markets, accelerating liquidation across domestic and international benchmarks. October crude on MCX plunged ₹264, or 3%, to ₹8,572 per barrel, extending its four-session erosion to ₹903, or 9.3%, as traders rapidly repriced disruption risk.

Hormuz catalyst

The trigger was Iran's reported proposal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz within seven days if the United States lifts its blockade on Iranian ports. The initiative, reportedly conveyed through mediators on Sept 16, raised expectations that diplomacy around the UN General Assembly could unlock negotiations.

Any reopening would carry enormous significance for petroleum markets because Hormuz remains a critical conduit for global energy shipments. Even the prospect of normalised traffic has challenged scarcity assumptions previously embedded in crude valuations. Brent November crude sank $2.53, or 2.52%, to $97.81 per barrel after breaching $98, putting the benchmark on course for a fifth consecutive decline. WTI surrendered $2.94, or 3.18%, to $89.43. The slide follows Monday's aggressive liquidation, when Brent lost more than 3% and WTI nearly 5%. —**Business Desk**

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RIL's Jio-bp curbs diesel sales as war strains fuel supplies

The restrictions could hurt long-haul trucks, buses and farm users who need higher quantities

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Reliance Industries Ltd-backed Jio-bp has capped diesel sales at 50 litres per customer per transaction, according to four people, including petroleum dealers, aware of the development, as the escalating West Asia war continues to disrupt supplies, keeping global oil prices elevated. The curbs could hurt long-haul trucks, buses and farm users that typically require larger fills.

Reliance's joint venture with British energy major bp has also capped the total daily diesel sales at 6,000 litres for each of its 2,000 fuel outlets across spanning 21 states and Union Territories.

Jio-bp, which accounts for a fifth of India's around 10,000 private fuel retail pumps, had earlier restricted diesel sales, and imposed a diesel procurement quota for its pumps in April. India has around 100,000 fuel pumps, with the state-run oil marketing companies (OMCs) owning 90% of them.

While these measures were gradually rolled back, the recent escalation in the war and supply chain disruptions with continuing blockades in the Strait of Hormuz and Bab al Mandab have led to these restrictions.

"A cap bas been put in place at 50 litres per transaction. The nozzle automatically stops at that level. Also, we have been told to restrict sales at 6,000 litres per day," said a retailer based out of Punjab, one of the four people mentioned above. "We have, however, been able to surpass the daily limit whenever demand is there. But, sales have dropped significantly, as we used to sell around 11,000 litres in a day."

Jio-bp has capped diesel sales at 50 litres per customer per transaction. REUTERS

6K litres
Cap on daily diesel sales from each Jio-bp outlet

Another person said the company has directed retailers to restrict sales amid high global prices.

State-owned Indian Oil Corp. Ltd, Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd and Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd have not put such curbs. *Mint* could not ascertain if other private players Nayara Energy and Shell have any such curbs.

Benchmark Brent crude oil prices have hovered over $100 a barrel for the past few weeks and hit a four-month high of $110 on 14 September. At 7.15pm on Tuesday, the November contract of Brent on the Intercontinental Exchange was trading at $98.15 per barrel, 1.49% lower than its previous close.

2,000
The number of fuel outlets Jio-bp runs across the country

High global oil prices may lead to an increase in retail fuel prices in the country. This year, Jio-bp has not raised its fuel prices even as other private players and state-run retailers did so. Another retailer based in Punjab, said: "Earlier, as part of marketing, it was said that pump employees need to ask to customers if they want to fill their tank. And now it's the reverse. If somebody asks for a full tank, we need to tell them to buy less..."

Jio-bp is among the private players that would offer competitive discounts on petrol and diesel before the war in a bid to garner a higher market share.

A Pune-based Jio-bp pump operator, on the condition of anonymity, said: "Sales are already down, and now there is no demand from fleet. Earlier, we used to get high demand from fleet. Now that's not there. We have told that it is better to halt services completely. However, as international oil prices today are down, we expect that these supply issues will be sorted."

Earlier, as the ongoing US-Iran war disrupted energy supplies from the Gulf region, India's state run-fuel retailers clamped a string of curbs on sales.

These restrictions have now been relaxed.

Queries mailed to the petroleum and natural gas ministry spokesperson remained unanswered until press time. In response to *Mint*'s emailed queries, Jio-bp said its pumps are 'operational and adequately stocked'.

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BPCL PARTNERS TEAM INDIA FOR ASIAN GAMES 2026

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) is backing Team India as its Principal Partner at the 20th Asian Games, being held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from September 19 to October 4, 2026. Adding to the significance of the partnership, 13 BPCL-associated sportspersons are part of the Indian contingent at the Asian Games, representing the country across cricket, hockey, volleyball, badminton, archery, athletics, swimming and table tennis. The contingent comprises six BPCL-recruited sportspersons and seven athletes supported through the BPCL Scholarship Scheme.

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AMID STRAIT OF HORMUZ REOPENING BUZZ

Oil Slips Below $100, but Remains Volatile

Trump UN remarks dampen positivity from news of Saudi resuming Yanbu ops as East-West pipeline restarts

Bloomberg

Oil wavered as Saudi Arabia sought to resume flows on a vital pipeline, while traders monitored the annual gathering of diplomats at the UN for clues on progress toward reopening the Strait of Hormuz.

Brent crude briefly fell below $98 per barrel during the day, on hopes of peace talks between Iran and the US, and Saudi Arabia reopening the East-West pipeline. But prices later trimmed their losses after US President Donald Trump's belligerent speech at the UN General Assembly in New York on Tuesday, and Brent was at $99.66 per barrel at the time of going to press.

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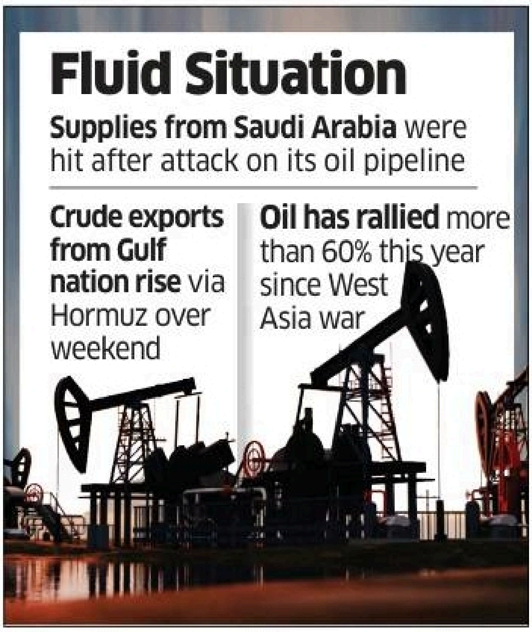
The kingdom was in the early stages of starting up the East-West oil pipeline that was halted following drone attacks earlier this month. The country is aiming to restore exports via the line later this week, offering some relief to a market that's been short of supply over the last few weeks. While millions of barrels a day are crossing Hormuz, flows remain below pre-war levels.

Meanwhile, traders parsed signs of potential diplomatic momentum to ease the impasse between the US and Iran over management of Hormuz.



Cylinder hydro-testing at all IGL pumps soon

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New Delhi: CNG-run vehicles without a mandatory cylinder hydro-testing report will now be refused fuel, with IGL installing an automated vehicle verification system at 10 of its stations.

Cameras installed at these fuel stations will capture vehicle number plates and match them with a database to ascertain whether the vehicles have valid hydro-testing certificates. The system will soon be installed at all pumps operated by Indraprastha Gas Limited across Delhi-NCR and other cities under its jurisdiction.

IGL has over 300 CNG stations spread across 12 geographical areas, covering 32 districts in four states -- Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan. CNG is also available at nearly 650 petrol pumps operated by oil marketing companies.

The company said the technology-enabled vehicle recognition and verification system is part of a broader digital safety ecosystem under which relevant CNG cylinder certification information could eventually be integrated with vehicle-related databases.

According to the Gas Cylinder Rules, 2025, every CNG cylinder must undergo a hydrotest once every three years. Following a cylinder blast at a retail outlet in the capital last month, Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) had asked all city gas distribution companies to ensure stringent safety enforcement at CNG stations. The commercial vehicle involved in the blast had additional cylinders illegally mounted on it.

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Puri Calls for Deeper India-OPEC Energy Ties

ENERGY DIALOGUE Talks focused on stable oil market, energy security and need for adequate and timely investment

Our Bureau

New Delhi: Oil minister Hardeep Puri has called for closer cooperation between India and OPEC to advance a balanced, stable and predictable energy market, according to a joint statement issued after a meeting of the India-OPEC energy dialogue in New Delhi on Tuesday.

The meeting was co-chaired by Puri and OPEC secretary general Haitham Al Ghais. The talks focused on oil market stability, energy security and the importance of adequate and timely investment across the oil industry.

Puri appreciated "OPEC's efforts towards promoting stability and transparency in global energy markets during a period marked by geopolitical uncertainties and market volatility," according to the statement.

Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas Hardeep Puri with OPEC Secretary-General Haitham Al Ghais at the 7th High-Level India-OPEC Energy Dialogue in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

"A sustained dialogue between producers and consumers is essential to support investment, strengthen energy resilience and ensure reliable energy supplies for global growth and development," Puri said.

Al Ghais said dialogue with India is a priority for OPEC. "We recognise India's importance within the current global energy landscape and the fact that this importance will only increase in the decades ahead," he said.

The OPEC-India Energy Dialogue started in 2015, and the latest meeting was the seventh in the series.

OPEC produced about 20 million barrels per day, or a fifth of total global supply in August, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA). Along with its allies, led by Russia, OPEC produced 33 mbd or a third of global supply.

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भरोसेमंद ऊर्जा आपूर्ति के लिए बातचीत जरूरी : पुरी

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तेल मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने कहा कि वैश्विक वृद्धि ग्रोथ और विकास के लिए निवेश में समर्थन करने, ऊर्जा के मामले में मजबूती लाने और विश्वसनीय ऊर्जा आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उत्पादकों और उपभोक्ताओं के बीच लगातार बातचीत जरूरी है। उन्होंने तेल निर्यात करने वाले देशों के संगठन (ओपेक) के महासचिव हैथम अल घाइस के साथ ओपेक-भारत ऊर्जा संवाद की सातवीं उच्च-स्तरीय बैठक की सह-अध्यक्षता करते हुए यह बात कही।

यह बैठक पश्चिम एशिया में युद्ध और उसके कारण होर्मुज स्ट्रेट के जरिये होने वाले वैश्विक ऊर्जा व्यापार में आई रुकावट के मद्देनजर हुई। इस संघर्ष ने भारत और चीन समेत बड़े खरीदारों के लिए तेल की आपूर्ति में बाधा डाली है और बेंचमार्क ब्रेंट क्रूड को 100 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के पार पहुंचा दिया है।

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय ने कहा, 'बातचीत तेल बाजार में स्थिरता, ऊर्जा सुरक्षा तथा तेल उद्योग में पर्याप्त और समय पर निवेश की अहमियत पर केंद्रित रही। दोनों पक्षों ने अल्पावधि, मध्यावधि और दीर्घावधि के परिदृश्यों की समीक्षा की और वैश्विक आर्थिक विस्तार तथा ऊर्जा की मांग बढ़ने में भारत की अहम भूमिका पर जोर दिया।' अपने संबोधन में पुरी ने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि भारत और ओपेक पारस्परिक रूप से लाभप्रद संबंध साझा करते हैं तथा भारत ओपेक और उसके सदस्य देशों के साथ अपने लंबे समय से चले आ रहे जुड़ाव को महत्त्व देता है, जिसने ऊर्जा के प्रमुख मसलों पर आपसी समझ और सहयोग में महत्त्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया है।

ओपेक महासचिव हैथम अल घाइस के साथ तेल मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी

हरदीप पुरी ने कहा, 'दुनिया की सबसे तेजी से बढ़ती बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में से एक होने के नाते भारत आने वाले दशकों में ऊर्जा की वैश्विक मांग का अहम संचालक बना रहेगा। वैश्विक वृद्धि और विकास के लिए निवेश को बढ़ावा देने, ऊर्जा के मामले में मजबूती लाने और विश्वसनीय ऊर्जा आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उत्पादकों और उपभोक्ताओं के बीच लगातार बातचीत जरूरी है।'

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खाड़ी संकट ने खोले पेट्रो निर्यात के नए दरवाजे

- पारंपरिक निर्यात मार्गों के बाधित होने के बाद कई देशों ने पेट्रोल और डीजल की खरीद भारत से शुरू की
- भारत के साथ कूटनीतिक संबंध अच्छे नहीं होने के बावजूद तुर्किये भारतीय पेट्रो उत्पादों का नया खरीदार बना

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : होर्मुज संकट और खाड़ी क्षेत्र की रिफाइनिंग क्षमता पर दबाव के बीच भारत की कच्चे तेल आपूर्ति को लेकर चिंता बनी हुई है। हालांकि, यही संकट भारतीय रिफाइनरों के लिए पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के निर्यात का नया दरवाजा खोल रहा है। पारंपरिक निर्यात मार्गों के बाधित होने के बाद कई देशों ने पेट्रोल और डीजल की खरीद भारत से शुरू कर दी है। अप्रैल-अगस्त 2026 में भारत के पेट्रोलियम उत्पाद निर्यात में सालाना आधार पर करीब 46 प्रतिशत की तेजी आई है। पिछले एक हफ्ते में सऊदी अरब और रूस के प्रमुख रिफाइनरियों पर हमले के बाद भारत से पेट्रोल, डीजल और दूसरे उत्पादों का निर्यात और बढ़ने के आसार हैं।

ताजा आंकड़ों के मुताबिक केन्या में भारत यूएई और सऊदी अरब को पीछे छोड़कर पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों का सबसे बड़ा आपूर्तिकर्ता बन गया है। मोजांबिक और अन्य पूर्वी अफ्रीकी देशों में भारतीय पेट्रोल-डीजल की मांग तेजी से बढ़ी है। पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय के अधिकारियों के मुताबिक अफ्रीका का तकरीबन हर देश आज भारत से डीजल खरीदना चाहता है। भारत और तुर्किये के बीच कूटनीतिक संबंध अच्छे नहीं है लेकिन वह भी भारतीय पेट्रो उत्पादों का नया खरीदार बन गया है। पारंपरिक बाजारों जैसे यूएई और अमेरिका को निर्यात घटा है, लेकिन नए गंतव्यों ने इसकी भरपाई कर दी है।

हेल्सिंकी स्थित सेंटर फार रिसर्च आन एनर्जी एंड क्लीन एयर (सीआरईए) की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, रूस ने अगस्त में 1.72 लाख टन तेल उत्पाद आयात किए, जिनकी कीमत करीब 11.4 करोड़ यूरो थी। इनमें से 70 प्रतिशत भारत से आयात किया गया था। यह उत्पाद गुजरात की नायरा एनर्जी की वाडिनार रिफाइनरी से लदा, मिस्र के दामिएत्ता लाइटरिंग जोन में जहाज-से-जहाज स्थानांतरण हुआ और फिर रूस के आर्कटिक बंदरगाह बेलोए मोरे पहुंचा। वाणिज्य मंत्रालय का डाटा बताता है कि अप्रैल-अगस्त, 2026 में पेट्रो उत्पादों का निर्यात 35.31 अरब डालर रहा है और यह पिछले वित्त वर्ष की समान अवधि की तुलना में 39.43 प्रतिशत ज्यादा है। अकेले अगस्त में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों का निर्यात 63.27 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 6.81 अरब डालर का हो गया है।

तेजी से बढ़ रही भारत की रिफाइनिंग क्षमता

देश में 23 चालू रिफाइनरियों की कुल स्थापित क्षमता अब 26 .7 करोड़ टन प्रति वर्ष के आसपास पहुंच गई है। सरकार का लक्ष्य 2030 तक इसे 30-31 करोड़ टन और लंबे समय में 45 करोड़ टन तक पहुंचाने का है। इंडियन आयल की पानीपत, कोयली, बरौनी और पारादीप रिफाइनरियों की विस्तार परियोजनाएं 2026 के अंत तक शुरू होनी हैं। नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी की क्षमता 30 लाख टन से बढ़ाकर 90 लाख टन करने का काम 2027 की शुरुआत में पूरा होने की उम्मीद है। राजस्थान में एचपीसीएल की नई रिफाइनरी पहले ही चालू हो चुकी है, जबकि आंध्र प्रदेश में बीपीसीएल की नई ग्रीनफील्ड परियोजना पर काम आगे बढ़ रहा है।

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भारत, ओपेक तेल बाजार की स्थिरता, ऊर्जा निवेश में सहयोग बढ़ाने पर सहमत

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : भारत और पेट्रोलियम निर्यातक देशों के संगठन (ओपेक) ने मंगलवार को तेल बाजार की स्थिरता और ऊर्जा क्षेत्र में निवेश के लिए सहयोग बढ़ाने पर सहमति जताई। दिल्ली में आयोजित सातवीं भारत-ओपेक ऊर्जा वार्ता की सह-अध्यक्षता पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी और ओपेक के महासचिव हैथम अल घैस ने की। दोनों पक्षों ने तेल बाजार के अल्पकालिक, मध्यम और दीर्घकालिक परिदृश्य की समीक्षा की और वैश्विक ऊर्जा मांग में भारत की बढ़ती भूमिका को रेखांकित किया।

- तेल बाजार के अल्पकालिक, मध्यम और दीर्घकालिक परिदृश्य की समीक्षा

दोनों पक्षों ने अगले साल वियना में आठवीं उच्चस्तरीय ऊर्जा वार्ता करने का फैसला भी किया। भारत-ओपेक ऊर्जा संवाद की शुरुआत 2015 में नयी दिल्ली में हुई थी और तब से यह हर साल मंत्री स्तर पर इसका आयोजन किया जाता है। यह ओपेक और दुनिया के तीसरे सबसे बड़े तेल उपभोक्ता एवं आयातक देश भारत के बीच समन्वय का मंच है। भारत अपनी तेल जरूरतों का 88 प्रतिशत से अधिक आयात करता है। मंगलवार की बातचीत ऐसे समय में हुई है जब वैश्विक स्तर पर भू-राजनीतिक अनिश्चितता और तेल बाजार में उतार-चढ़ाव बना हुआ है।

पुरी ने इस दौरान कहा कि दुनिया की प्रमुख तेजी से बढ़ती अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में शामिल भारत आने वाले दशकों में वैश्विक ऊर्जा मांग का महत्वपूर्ण चालक बना रहेगा।

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CNG पंप पर कैमरे से होगी सिलिंडर वैधता की जांच

■ **NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली**

अब सीएनजी पंप पर कैमरों की मदद से गाड़ियों में लगे सीएनजी सिलिंडर के हाइड्रो टेस्ट की वैधता जांची जाएगी। आईजीएल ने सीएनजी सिलिंडर की सुरक्षा और नियमों के पालन को मजबूत करने के लिए 10 सीएनजी स्टेशनों पर ऑटोमेटेड वीकल रिकग्निशन और वेरिफिकेशन सिस्टम शुरू किया है।

आईजीएल के अनुसार, पंप पर लगे कैमरे गाड़ी का रजिस्ट्रेशन नंबर कैप्चर करेंगे। एआई आधारित सिस्टम वाहन की जानकारी को उसके सीएनजी सिलिंडर से लिंक कर उसकी टेस्ट वैधता की जांच करेगा। इसके लिए पेट्रोलियम एंड एक्सप्लोसिव सेफ्टी ऑर्गेनाइजेशन (PESO) के ऑनलाइन पोर्टल से उपलब्ध जानकारी का इस्तेमाल किया जाएगा। अगर हाइड्रो टेस्ट एक्सपायर हो चुका है या वैध नहीं है, तो सिस्टम स्टेशन स्तर पर अलर्ट जारी करेगा। यह जानकारी हैंडहेल्ड डिवाइस, एलईडी डिस्प्ले और पब्लिक अनाउंसमेंट सिस्टम के जरिए दी जाएगी।

आईजीएल अधिकारियों ने कहा कि अभी यह व्यवस्था दस स्टेशनों पर शुरू की गई है। इससे मैनुअल सर्टिफिकेट जांच पर निर्भरता कम होगी।

■ **IGL ने 10 CNG स्टेशनों पर शुरू किया ऑटोमेटेड वीकल वेरिफिकेशन सिस्टम**

■ **कंप्लायंस प्लेट के साथ वैध हाइड्रो टेस्ट सर्टिफिकेट होने पर ही मिलेगी सब्सिडी**

विशेष सेफ्टी ड्राइव शुरू

आईजीएल ने सभी सीएनजी स्टेशनों पर विशेष सेफ्टी ड्राइव भी शुरू की है। स्टेशन कर्मी सीएनजी भरने से पहले सिलिंडर की टेस्ट वैधता और हाइड्रो टेस्ट सर्टिफिकेट की जांच कर रहे हैं। टीमें स्टेशनों का निरीक्षण कर यह सुनिश्चित कर रही हैं कि नियमों का पालन हो। वैध हाइड्रो टेस्ट सर्टिफिकेट उपलब्ध नहीं होने पर वाहन में सीएनजी नहीं भरी जा रही है। गैस सिलिंडर (संशोधित) नियम, 2025 के नियम 35(1) के अनुसार, प्रत्येक सीएनजी सिलिंडर का हर तीन साल में PESO से अनुमोदित सिलिंडर टेस्टिंग सेंटर से हाइड्रो टेस्ट कराना अनिवार्य है।

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सीएनजी स्टेशनों पर एआई से वाहनों की निगरानी शुरू

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। इंद्रप्रस्थ गैस लिमिटेड (आईजीएल) अपने सभी सीएनजी स्टेशनों पर वाहनों में सीएनजी भरने से पहले हाइड्रो-टेस्ट प्रमाण पत्र को चेक करने का अभियान शुरू किया है।

आईजीएल ने कहा है कि जिन वाहनों के पास यह वैध प्रमाण पत्र नहीं है उन्हें सीएनजी नहीं दी जा रही है। इसी क्रम में आईजीएल इस प्रमाण पत्र की वैधता की जांच के लिए अब एआई से युक्त तकनीक का इस्तेमाल शुरू किया है, जो स्वतः ही वाहनों में हाइड्रो-टेस्ट प्रमाण पत्र की वैधता की जांच कर सकेगा। आईजीएल ने अपने दस सीएनजी स्टेशनों पर ऑटोमेटेड व्हीकल रिकग्निशन और वेरिफिकेशन सिस्टम शुरू किया है।

पहचान आसान होगी : यह सिस्टम गाड़ी के रजिस्ट्रेशन की जानकारी को सीएनजी सिलेंडर के हाइड्रो-टेस्ट प्रमाण पत्र रिकॉर्ड से मिलाएगा। इससे उन वाहनों की पहचान हो सकेगी जिनका हाइड्रो-टेस्ट प्रमाण पत्र की वैधता समाप्त हो गई है। इसका मकसद वाहनों और सीएनजी स्टेशनों पर काम करने वाले कर्मचारियों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करना है।

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सीएनजी वाहनों में हाइड्रो टेस्ट प्रमाणपत्र की जांच अब ऑटोमेटेड

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य। सीएनजी सिलेंडरों की सुरक्षा को और मजबूत करने के लिए इंद्रप्रस्थ गैस लिमिटेड (आईजीएल) ने तकनीक आधारित ऑटोमेटेड वाहन पहचान एवं सत्यापन प्रणाली शुरू की है। फिलहाल यह व्यवस्था आईजीएल के दस सीएनजी स्टेशनों पर लागू की गई है। इसके जरिए वाहन के पंजीकरण नंबर को सीएनजी सिलेंडर के हाइड्रो टेस्ट प्रमाणपत्र से जोड़ा जा सकेगा और यह पता लगाया जा सकेगा कि वाहन में लगा सीएनजी सिलेंडर वैध है या उसका हाइड्रो टेस्ट प्रमाणपत्र समाप्त हो चुका है।

आईजीएल के अनुसार, इस तकनीक में सीएनजी स्टेशन पर कैमरे के माध्यम से सबसे पहले वाहन का पंजीकरण नंबर कैप्चर किया जाता है। इसके बाद एआई आधारित एप्लीकेशन के जरिए वाहन की सीएनजी सिलेंडर से संबंधित जानकारी की पहचान की जाती है। सिस्टम पेट्रोलियम एंड एक्सप्लोसिव्स सेफ्टी ऑर्गनाइजेशन (PESO) के ऑनलाइन पोर्टल से सिलेंडर की टेस्ट वैधता की जानकारी प्राप्त कर वास्तविक समय में अनुपालन की स्थिति बताता है।

बिना वैध प्रमाणपत्र के नहीं मिलेगी सीएनजी

सत्यापन के बाद स्टेशन स्तर पर हैंडहेल्ड डिवाइस, एलईडी डिस्प्ले और पब्लिक अनाउंसमेंट सिस्टम के जरिए अलर्ट दिया जाता है। आईजीएल का कहना है कि इस व्यवस्था से मैनुअल जांच पर निर्भरता कम होगी और सिलेंडर के प्रमाणपत्र से संबंधित जानकारी केंद्रीय स्तर पर उपलब्ध हो सकेगी। इससे ऐसे वाहनों की पहचान कर समय रहते सीएनजी की आपूर्ति रोकी जा सकेगी, जिनके सिलेंडर का हाइड्रो टेस्ट प्रमाणपत्र वैध नहीं है।