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RIL plans underground coal gasification in AP, will initially invest ₹3,000 crore

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Come January, Eluru district in Andhra Pradesh will become part of India's underground coal gasification (UCG) map.

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) is set to start exploration activity in the region. This follows the commercial coal mine bidding rounds called by the Ministry of Coal earlier this year.

The company aims to complete its pilot project by mid-2028, running exploration and pilot work simultaneously. By definition, UCG is a revolutionary approach to coal utilisation. It converts coal into synthetic gas *in situ* (directly within the underground seam) without the need for conventional surface mining.

The UCG project will tap into coal resources from the Chintalapudi and Recherla blocks.

The entire project will be implemented in three distinct phases, starting with an initial investment of up to ₹3,000 crore during the exploration and pilot phase.

If the pilot delivers strong results and proves commercially viable, based on requirements, an investment proposal will be worked out, sources said. While coal has not traditionally been prominent in the conglomerate's portfolio, the strategic shift is driven by a clear mandate from the top: Secure cheap energy and create new 'Jamnagars on the East Coast', a source told *businessline*.

RIL's flagship refinery-cum-petrochemical complex currently operates at Jamnagar. By venturing into UCG, RIL aims to leverage its extensive experience in oil and gas exploration, as well as coalbed methane, to conquer this unexplored segment.

THE TECH

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The groundwork was laid in April, when the Ministry of Coal executed production and development agreements with successful bidders for four coal mines under the 14th round of commercial auctions.

This marked India's first-ever tranche of commercial coal mines featuring embedded provisions for UCG, with RIL securing the Recherla and Chintalapudi sector A1 mines.

PRICE STRUCTURE

To execute the project, RIL plans to deploy the controlled retracting injection point gasification technology. The company has also outlined solutions for resource and grid integration.

To address the heavy water requirement without straining local sources, RIL will set up a desalination plant at Machilipatnam.

For power infrastructure, the company will initially purchase electricity from the State grid to run the pilot, but will subsequently build a dedicated captive power plant once full-scale production begins.

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NATIONAL R&D VISION AND NHTH UNVEILED AT ETM 2026

The National Research and Development (R&D) Vision for the oil and gas sector and the National Hydrocarbon Technology Hub (NHTH) were unveiled by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Neeraj Mittal, at the Energy Technology Meet (ETM) held at ONGC's Advanced Training Institute (ATI), Goa.

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MRPL's Russian crude sourcing touches 32% in Q2

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Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd's (MRPL) crude oil sourcing from Russia stood at 32 per cent during the second quarter of 2026-27, according to Devendra Kumar, Director (Finance) of MRPL.

Replying to questions at the earnings conference call on Wednesday, he said the company had kept crude supplies secure despite the West Asia disruptions. It had diversified its crude sourcing basket. He said Russian barrels made up of about 32 per cent of the crude mix during the second quarter of 2026-27 against approximately 28 per cent in Q1FY27.

When West Asian term cargoes were curtailed by the situation in the Strait of Hormuz, the company stepped up domestic crude and spot purchases, he said. In Q2, domestic crude made up about a quarter of the refinery's intake. Stating that sourcing had been a challenge, he said MRPL is addressing these issues head on. It sourced from West Africa, the Americas, West Asia and Russia.

To a query, he said MRPL is increasing crude oil purchases on a delivered basis to reduce its exposure to shipping risks due to the war in West Asia.

"To de-risk us, we would continue to insist on DAP (delivered-at port) cargoes, but going forward we will evaluate purely based on our delivered economics when things stabilise," he said.

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West Asian LPG imports jump on ship-to-ship transfers

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INDIA'S LIQUEFIED petroleum gas (LPG) imports from West Asia soared notably over the past couple of months, marking a significant recovery from the hit to supplies from the region in the first few months of the war.

The volume jump comes as Gulf suppliers are increasingly using ship-to-ship (STS) cargo transfers to move LPG through the Strait of Hormuz and showing a higher risk appetite. This is similar to what has been observed in recent months in crude and liquefied natural gas (LNG) flows from the Gulf.

Meanwhile, US LPG volumes, which had risen sharply amid the disruption in West Asian flows, declined over the past two months as flows from the Gulf improved. The West Asia conflict started in February-end, with energy supplies via the Strait of Hormuz plummeting from March. In the six months that preceded the war, the UAE, Qatar, and Kuwait were the top three sources of LPG for India, followed by Saudi Arabia in the fourth spot.

Except for Saudi Arabia, from where no LPG volumes have been imported for four months now, volumes from the other three rose considerably over the past two months. India's overall LPG imports, however, are still lower than the pre-war levels due to a reduction in demand and higher domestic production.

India's LPG imports from the UAE averaged 565,315 tonnes in September-October, up 240% from the March-August average of 166,315 tonnes, as per provisional vessel tracking data from commodity market analytics firm Kpler. Volumes from Kuwait in September-October averaged 181,746 tonnes, up 248% over the average monthly volumes for the preceding six months. Average monthly volumes from Qatar jumped to 147,133 tonnes in September-October, against 67,527 tonnes for the March-August period.

Kpler data shows that India's US LPG imports averaged 418,291 tonnes in September-October, down 36% from the March-August average of 652,673 tonnes.

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• Average monthly imports of LPG (in tonnes)

Supplier	Sept-Oct	Mar-Aug
UAE	565,315	166,315
US	418,291	652,673
Kuwait	181,746	52,210
Qatar	147,133	67,527

SOURCE: KPLER

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Spike in CNG installations in NCR after vehicle curbs

50 in per cent. With the Delhi government imposing restrictions on non-Delhi-registered BS-IV vehicles, CNG installation centres in Noida, Ghaziabad and Gurugram have reported a sharp rise in demand, with operators seeing a spike of up to 50% in installations as people look to convert their cars to CNG. PTI

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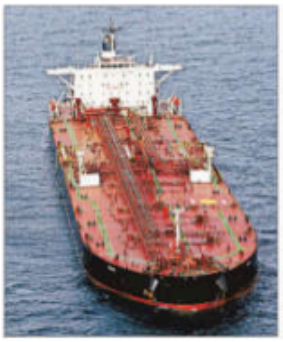
Aviation fuel faces 'green mandate'

The government has proposed mandatory blending of domestically produced sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) with aviation turbine fuel from 2027, starting at 1% and rising to 40% by 2040. The draft policy also proposes that international airlines source at least 90% of their annual aviation fuel requirements from Indian airports, alongside tax incentives and green financing support.

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Hormuz oil flows unlikely to fully recover in 2027

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New Delhi, November 4



OIL SHIPMENTS THROUGH the Strait of Hormuz are unlikely to return fully to pre-war levels in 2027, according to a revised outlook by Rystad Energy, raising concerns over prolonged supply disruptions and elevated shipping costs for major crude importers such as India, even as OPEC+ has decided to keep production unchanged for December.

The consultancy has dropped its earlier expectation of a complete recovery in Gulf oil flows next year, warning that increased tanker movements could continue alongside attacks on commercial vessels, high freight costs and unresolved tensions between Washington and Tehran.

The revised outlook comes as India's Middle Eastern crude imports declined nearly 15% to around 2.3 million barrels per day (bpd) in October from 2.7 million bpd in September, even as the country's total crude purchases reached a provisional record of 5.63 million bpd, according to Kpler.

Rystad said Gulf crude exports averaged around 12 million bpd in September and the first 20 days of October, nearly 33% below the pre-war level of approximately 18 million bpd. Meanwhile, dayrates for very large crude carriers operating from the Gulf have surged to around nine times their pre-war levels.

The seven OPEC+ producers have decided to maintain production targets for December, following an increase of 188,000 bpd in September. The decision shifts attention to the November 29 ministerial meeting, where the producer group will determine its production framework for 2027. "As widely expected, OPEC+7 kept production unchanged for December. This decision was the easy one; the much more important test comes at the November 29 ministerial meeting, when OPEC+ will decide its 2027 production framework," said Jorge Leon, head of geopolitical analysis at Rystad Energy.

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Gilts soar as global oil prices retreat sharply

Indian government bond yields recorded their sharpest single-day decline in nearly seven months on Wednesday, as falling crude oil prices and the Democrats' victory in the US midterm elections triggered aggressive short-covering.

The benchmark 10-year government bond yield plunged 11 basis points to 7.1880%, its lowest closing level since Sept 30, against 7.3012 per cent on Tuesday.

Bond prices surged, with the benchmark 6.94% 2036 security climbing to ₹98.31 from ₹97.55.

Meanwhile, softer US Treasury yields and a weaker dollar strengthened sentiment in India's debt market. Government securities turnover jumped to ₹81,225 cr from ₹57,250 cr on Tuesday, reflecting increased trading activity. The RBI also rejected all bids for 182-day Treasury bills, signalling discomfort with higher yields demanded by investors. Traders now see 7.15% as the next crucial level for the benchmark yield, although profit-booking could limit further declines. —**Informist**

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