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ACHIEVING NET-ZERO TARGETS

IGL to Diversify into Solar Rooftop, Battery Recycling

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Mumbai: City gas distribution major Indraprastha Gas (IGL) will expand operations in the rooftop solar segment and battery recycling among others, said two industry executives aware of the development.

The move will not only help the company diversify its revenue stream beyond the core businesses of city gas distribution but also help it achieve net-zero targets.

“IGL wants to diversify beyond its core businesses of city gas distribution and liquefied natural gas. EV battery recycling and solar rooftop are promising segments that the company may look at entering,” said a senior industry official aware of the development.

The company will shortly take this

proposal to its board of directors for approval, said sources.

IGL has hired global management consulting firm AT Kearney, which has made these suggestions, among others.

IGL’s board includes members from state-run Gail India and Bharat Petroleum Corp (BPCL). Gail and BPCL, IGL’s parents, each hold 22.5% stake in IGL while the remaining 55% is held by the public.



IGL did not respond to an email query till press time.

“With the exponential growth being witnessed in the electric vehicle market, demand for batteries has risen significantly. Many rare earth metals go into battery manufacturing, so IGL thinks recycling them could be a lucrative option, especially when not many companies are doing it,” said another senior industry executive.



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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 20

Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena recently reviewed the progress of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) supply in capital's urban villages, a Raj Niwas official said on Thursday.

Saxena was informed that the supply had been made available in 111 villages so far and another 200 villages will be equipped with PNG by December this year, the officials added.

"311 villages out of the total 383 villages in the national capital, will be equipped with PNG connections by December this year. The remaining 72 villages will be equipped with PNG facility by March 2025," an official said.



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Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) officials told Saxena that this would benefit 1.79 lakh households, out of which 1.29 lakh applications had been received so far. "Against the 1.30 lakh applications, 77,513 meters have been installed so far. In these 111 villages, the IGL has laid 672 km of pipeline," the official added.

Saxena had undertaken

the plan to establish PNG connection in Delhi's villages in June 2023 as part of his plan to transform and develop the villages.

After several rounds of meetings with IGL and other concerned agencies, officials said that in just six months, pipelines were laid.

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gurated by the L-G in December 2023. This was also the first venture of IGL in Delhi's rural areas, which was till date confined to the selected urban residential colonies only, officials added.

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During the review meeting, the L-G had also directed the concerned agencies – Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Public Works Department, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and New Delhi Municipal Corporation – to accord top priority to PNG supply and ensure that all requisite permissions for laying PNG pipelines and other formalities is completed in maximum 30 days, an official said.

383 urban villages to have PNG supply by March 2025

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 20 JUNE

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena was informed that all 383 urban villages in the national capital will have PNG supply by March 2025, a statement said on Thursday.

The LG was informed by the IGL officials during a meeting chaired by him to review the progress of PNG supply in urban villages.

“LG VK Saxena recently reviewed the progress of PNG supply in villages, and was informed that PNG supply has been made available in 111 villages so far and further 200 villages will be equipped with PNG by December this year. The remaining 72 villages will get PNG supply by March 2025,” the LG Office said.

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Jaishankar reviews energy projects in Sri Lanka visit

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COLOMBO

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday undertook a day-long visit to Colombo and discussed progress on key energy sector initiatives that India and Sri Lanka have agreed to jointly undertake. Participating in a ceremony with President Ranil Wickremesinghe, he commissioned a Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) and handed over new homes built with Indian assistance.

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“Significant attention was given to plans for an LNG supply, a proposed petroleum pipeline linking the two countries, and advancing oil and gas exploration projects. Additionally, it was announced that construction of the Sampur Solar Power Plant is set to commence in July 2024,” Mr. Wickremesinghe’s office said, following his one-on-one meeting with Mr. Jaishankar. Talks covered projects under India’s support for developing Trincomalee and expanding the Kankesanthurai port, the statement said.

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President Wickremesinghe and Mr. Jaishankar jointly unveiled a digital plaque commemorating the inauguration of 106 houses constructed under the ongoing Indian Housing Project in the central Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, and Matale districts and handed over houses built as part of model villages in capital

Colombo and the eastern district of Trincomalee in a virtual ceremony.

In addition to a short review meeting with his counterpart Ali Sabry, Mr. Jaishankar called on Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena. He held talks with Leader of Opposition Sajith Premadasa, along with leaders representing the Muslim and hill country Tamil community, who are part of the Opposition alliance. Mr. Jaishankar met hill country politicians who are part of President Wickremesinghe’s government.

He also met former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. His brother and former Minister Basil Rajapaksa was also present, sources said. Mr. Jaishankar met a delegation of politicians representing Tamil people of the north and east. According to sources familiar with the discussions, the pending political solution to the national question, ongoing land grabs in the north and east by state agencies, the election strategy of Tamil parties were among the issues that came up. Mr. Jaishankar did not meet the leader, or representatives of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna-led National People’s Power, which has emerged a strong oppositional voice in Sri Lanka.

'PNG to reach all urban villages by March'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Raj Niwas on Thursday said that all 383 urban villages in Delhi will be provided with piped natural gas by March next year.

The LG's office said lieutenant governor VK Saxena recently held a meeting with officials of Indraprastha Gas Limited and other stakeholders where he was informed that 111 villages had been provided with PNG connections, while another 200 will get it by Dec this year.

Officials said LG had directed officials in June 2023 to connect all villages in the capi-

tal to piped gas at the earliest, as it would help in transforming the face of the villages.

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Like EV-Making Moths to FAME 3

A new edition of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) is on the anvil. It's what India needs to meet aspirations of an increasingly affluent and environmentally-conscious population, while augmenting competitiveness of its auto sector. GoI should go ahead with FAME 3 as part of its efforts to put the transport sector on a sustainable carbon pathway. The new 'localisation' norm — companies having to certify an amount of localised sourcing in EV manufacturing — may seem to be a bump on the road, but it can make more people have skin in the EV game. Checks to avoid a repeat of the abuse in FAME 2 must be robust. Domestic manufacturing must be supported, in a WTO-compliant manner.



Car and 3-wheeler sales — the latter grew by 22.6% from 44,641 in May 2023 to 54,729 in May 2024 — have been growing, making a bigger share of EVs sensible. Accelerating a shift from ICE to e will reduce demand for imported hydrocarbons, improving India's energy security and freeing up resources for other priorities.

Incentives for consumers will need to be attractive to make India-made EVs a preferable option, particularly as Chinese EVs look for new markets following tariffs announced by the US and EU. In its new iteration, FAME must develop infrastructure for charging stations and improve the ease of use.

Even as it incentivises private EVs, central and state governments mustn't deprioritise integrated mass public transport. Affordable, accessible and dependable, public transportation can provide a complement, not substitute, to private mobility. For more regular commute, public systems should be de rigueur, while EV travel, equivalent to a weekend take-out meal. This will help India to decongest, decarbonise, de-stress.



India's Fossil Fuel Use Up 8% in 2023

Dubai: Fossil fuel consumption in India rose 8% in 2023, accounting for almost all demand growth, while its share of overall consumption stood at 89 per cent, according to a report. According to an Energy Institute (EI) report, for the first time, more coal was used in India than Europe and North America combined. EI and co-authors KPMG and Kearney on Thursday released the 73rd annual edition of the Statistical Review of World Energy, presenting for the first time full global energy data for 2023. The report suggests five stories emerge from the 2023 data, starting with record global energy consumption, with coal and oil pushing fossil fuels and their emissions to record levels. —PTI

FOREIGN INVESTORS SELL CONSTRUCTION, OIL STOCKS IN JUNE



FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTORS (FPIs) sold shares of oil and gas, and construction companies in the first half of this month amid the unexpected election verdict on June 4. The outcome, which put a

weaker government at the Centre, had raised concerns that some spending may be shifted away from infrastructure to consumption.

On the other hand, FPIs were the biggest buyers in real estate, telecom and consumer services companies. The buying in real estate is likely due to hopes of the government focus on the housing segment, while FPIs have been adding telecom stocks on hopes of tariff hikes.

FPI net investments during June 1-15, 2024



Renewable energy companies look abroad for green hydrogen plants

RAGHAVENDRA KAMATH
Mumbai, June 20

RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPANIES such as Hero Future Energies and Renew are looking to set up green hydrogen plants abroad, while others like Adani New Industries and Avaada Group are in talks with global companies for offtake of the new-age energy.

Hero Future Energies (HFE), part of Hero Group, is evaluating deployment of green hydrogen plants in the UK and the rest of Europe in association with its partners, said Srivatsan Iyer, global CEO, HFE.

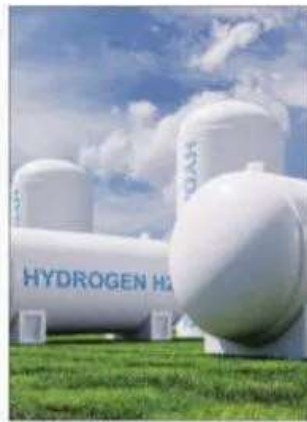
HFE has a partnership with Tier 1 electrolyser OEMs such as Ohmium International to develop 1,000MW of green hydrogen production facilities in India, UK and rest of Europe. HFE is also evaluating use cases for green hydrogen, working on projects to be commissioned in the immediate future, and looking at opportunities to scale these up, he said. HFE has established strategic partnerships with players throughout the green hydrogen value chain to operationalise projects, Iyer added.

Another renewables player, Adani New Industries (ANIL), is exploring international markets such as Europe, Japan and South Korea for offtake partners of green hydrogen and its derivatives, said a company

GOING GLOBAL

■ Hero Future Energies looking to deploy plans in UK, rest of Europe

■ Hero arm has tie-up with OEMs for developing green hydrogen in UK, rest of Europe



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■ ReNew has signed agreement with Egypt to set up plant in Suez Canal Economic Zone

spokesperson. ANIL is a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises.

Last year, Adani Global, Singapore, a step-down subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, announced a 50:50 joint venture with Kowa Holdings Asia, Singapore for sales and marketing of green ammonia, green hydrogen and its derivatives. The JV will concentrate on marketing of products in Japan, Taiwan and Hawaii, it said.

ANIL is developing large-scale integrated green hydrogen and derivatives plants in Gujarat and is conducting feasibility and construction-readiness studies.

"The company's focus includes development of downstream prod-

ucts like green ammonia, green methanol, and sustainable aviation fuel, tailored to cater to diverse sectors," he said. ANIL is aiming to develop projects equivalent to 1 MMTPA (million metric tonne per annum) of green hydrogen and 5.6 MMTPA of green ammonia by 2030.

Another company planning an overseas plant is Renew, founded by Sumant Sinha. It has signed an exploratory framework agreement with Egypt to set up a green hydrogen plant in the Suez Canal Economic Zone. "We will continue making progress on green hydrogen through these and other initiatives," Sinha had said in a recent interaction with FE.

Renew has also signed MoUs with the governments of Odisha, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh to set up green hydrogen plants. It is setting up a 0.5 million tonne plant in Odisha where it has tied up with Japanese power major JERA for 0.1 million tonne offtake, industry sources said. It also has a JV with Indian Oil and L&T to jointly set up a green hydrogen business.

Avaada Group, is planning ~4 MTPA capacity of various types of green fuel, such as green ammonia, green methanol, e-methanol and sustainable aviation fuels. It is developing an integrated renewable energy, green hydrogen and green Ammonia plant of 0.5 MTPA capacity, including storage and related port infrastructure, in Odisha.

"We are in active discussion with various offtakers, in India and globally. We are the producers and not consumers of green fuel. We are also working on various tenders for procurement of green fuels by different offtakers, both in India and globally," said Vineet Mittal, chairman of Avaada group.

According to Vikram V, vice president, co-group head-corporate ratings at Icria the demand for green hydrogen is driven by policy support from the government, given the objective to reduce carbon emissions and dependence on fossil fuels.



OMCs to submit joint green H2 blueprint

SUBHAYAN CHAKRABORTY

New Delhi, 20 June

In a bid to accelerate their energy transition plans and ensure the adoption of green hydrogen in a comprehensive manner, state-owned oil marketing companies (OMCs) are expected to soon submit a joint road map for the sector, officials said.

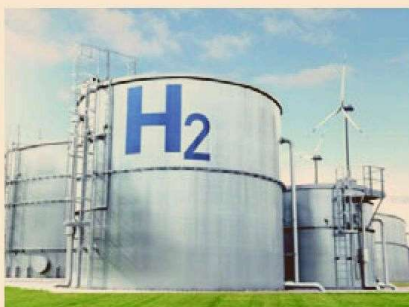
The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry has asked for the detailed plan being submitted before the upcoming national budget, the officials said.

Public-sector undertakings (PSUs) under the ministry target to produce more than 1 million tonnes (mt) of green hydrogen by 2030. However, despite forging private sector partnerships, and issuing tenders, work on no green hydrogen production unit has taken off so far.

"There is a need to bring together different stakeholders and make a plan to raise funds and start capex in a cohesive manner. Given that the OMCs are among the largest companies in India aiming to step into the green hydrogen economy, it would be better if there is a unified approach," an official said.

Refineries in the country already utilise hydrogen for internal consumption, which has the potential to be converted into green hydrogen. The ministry plans to ensure uptake through city gas distribution (CGD) where it will be blended green hydrogen (GH₂) with natural gas.

IOCL plans to mix the green hydrogen produced with grey hydrogen that is produced during naphtha or natural gas for captive purposes in secondary processing units. It is also



ENERGY PLANS

- **IndianOil has reissued a tender** to set up a 10 ktpa production unit at Panipat refinery
- **Bharat Petroleum issued a tender** to set up a green hydrogen refuelling station at Kochi Airport
- **Hindustan Petroleum is constructing a 370 tonnes per annum production unit** at Visakhapatnam refinery

testing hydrogen-enriched natural gas, or HENG, to be carried in natural gas pipelines. In theory, the two can be mixed in any proportion, but typically, HENG in the range of 10 per cent to 20 percent hydrogen by volume represents the most-promising near-term option.

Slow rollout

A series of hurdles has plagued green hydrogen plans by OMCs. The largest, IOCL, plans to set up green hydrogen units at all of its refineries as part of a Rs. 2.4 Trillion green transition plan to achieve net zero carbon emission status by 2046.

Back in 2021, IOCL had released

bids to set up green hydrogen units at its refineries in Panipat and Mathura refineries. With planned installed capacities of 2,000 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) and 5,000 mtpa, respectively, the units were planned to be set up on a build-own-operate basis. The period of operation was up to 24 years and the new units had a target deadline of 28 months. After the plans didn't fructify, the company decided to refocus its efforts on the Panipat refinery, its largest in India with 15 mtpa capacity. In August, last year, global tenders were established to establish a green hydrogen generation plant with 10 KTA (thousands tonnes per annum) capacity, under a 30 month construction deadline. But the tender was cancelled by the company after it led to bidders approaching the Delhi High Court arguing a conflict of interest. Prospective bidders had alleged a conflict of interest on IOCL's part in the last tender. This was owing to GH4India Pvt Ltd, IOCL's own joint venture with infrastructure and engineering major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and renewable energy company ReNew also bidding for the tender. An industry body of green hydrogen producers, the Independent Green Hydrogen Producers Association had also moved the Delhi High Court in November, 2023.

Subsequently, IOCL reissued the tender in early April, and extended the date for final submission of bids after prospective bidders said they will need more time to meet the specifications of the tender.

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Crude oil stable as market eyes geopolitics, US data



Singapore: Brent oil futures were little changed in Asia as the market weighed geopolitical developments in the Middle East while waiting for US inventory data. August Brent rose 9 cents to \$85.16 per barrel by 0630 GMT. US WTI for July dipped 15 cents at \$81.42 per barrel. REUTERS

In Lanka, Jaishankar reviews status of India-backed projects

OUTREACH. Holds talks with Lankan leadership, key politicians in ruling, Opposition camps

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MARITIME SECURITY

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OUR CORRESPONDENT

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tions and another 200 will get it by December 2024, they said.

“By March 2025, all 383 urban villages in Delhi will have PNG supply,” they said.

In June 2023, Saxena directed officers concerned with providing the villages with the best amenities including PNG connections.

The PNG supply would go a long way in transforming the face of the villages in Delhi, officials said.

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Fuel exports grow in May backed by high refinery runs, huge inventories

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New Delhi

India's exports of diesel and petrol rose on a monthly basis in May this year amid higher refinery runs and growing inventories with more diesel cargoes heading to Asia amidst a saturated European market.

Analysts and trade sources said that higher inventories coupled with more refinery runs and a slight drop in consumption of petroleum products spared more cargoes for export. Indian refiners also turned to Asia amidst a saturated European market for diesel cargoes.

However, the situation could turn during the remaining Summer travel season in the northern hemisphere as competition rises from West Asian sup-

pliers. According to energy intelligence firm Vortexa, India's diesel exports were flat on an annual basis and rose 17 per cent month on month to 2.23 million tonnes.

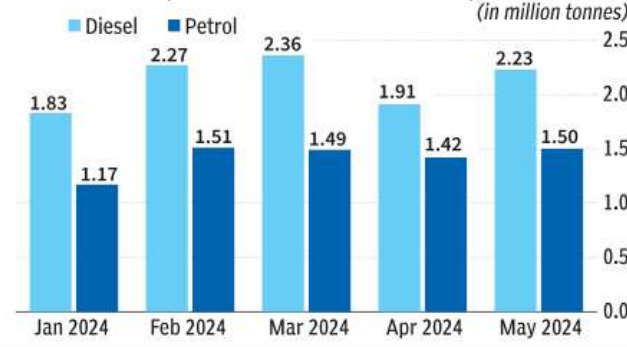
Outbound cargoes of petrol rose roughly 6 per cent on an annual and monthly basis to 1.50 mt.

The Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) has pegged diesel exports at 2.14 mt in May against 2 mt in April and 2.38 mt in April 2023. Export of petrol stood at 1.23 mt in May compared to 1.18 mt in April and 1.25 mt in May 2023.

SATURATED EUROPE

Vortexa's Head of APAC Analysis, Serena Huang, told *businessline*, "India's gasoline (petrol) and diesel exports are up month on month in May, likely driven by strong refinery runs but lagging domestic demand.

India's exports of diesel and petrol



Source: Vortexa

More diesel/ gasoil exports have headed towards Asia amidst a saturated European market that has been receiving healthy supplies from West Asia."

India's gasoline exports to Africa have also risen month-on-month, with lower supplies from the Middle East and South-East Asia creating opportunities for more supplies from India, she added.

On the demand scenario

for the two auto fuels amidst the Summer traveling season in the Northern hemisphere, Huang pointed out that US gasoline imports have risen as refiners/blenders prepare for the Summer driving season that has just begun. Meanwhile, imports into Europe are up marginally year-on-year, but weak diesel cracks suggest ample supplies in the region.

Going ahead for the re-

mainder of the travel season, Indian diesel and petrol cargoes are expected to face competition from West Asian and African refiners.

The summer season generally begins in May and ends in September.

"The seasonal increase in gasoline and diesel demand in the Northern hemisphere will still play out, but what is uncertain is the strength of this demand. Indian diesel/ gasoil exports to Europe are facing increased competition from rising West Asian supplies. Finished gasoline exports to Africa will further come under pressure with the start of Nigeria's Dangote refinery towards the end of the year," Huang explained.

INVENTORY BUILD-UP

According to PPAC, the stocks of petrol and diesel reported higher inventories at the beginning of May.

Diesel stocks also reported an inventory build up at the beginning of April.

Besides, the production and consumption of diesel during May this year stood at 10 mt and 8.4 mt, respectively. Similarly, petrol output and usage was 4.1 mt and 3.4 mt, respectively.

PPAC said that the consumption of petroleum products in May with a volume of 20.5 mt registered a minor de-growth of 1 per cent against 20.7 mt in May 2023. On a monthly basis, the consumption was higher by 3 per cent.

Indian refiners also processed higher quantities of crude oil in May. Total crude oil processed last month rose 1.3 per cent year on year and 6.5 per cent month on month to 23 mt.

Production of petroleum products rose 0.5 per cent year on year and 2.6 per cent month on month to 24 mt during May.

India Inc. turns gracious, dividend payout jumps to ₹2.2 tn in FY24

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Indian companies are shell- ing out a larger chunk of their profits than ever before as dividends, with FY24 wit- nessing a 12% year-on-year rise in payouts to ₹2.2 trillion, the highest in at least six years.

A *Mint* analysis of 132 com- panies whose latest data was available shows a steady increase in dividend payout ratios over the past six years. In FY24, the ratio reached a little over 59%, exceeding the previ- ous five-year average of 54.8%.

For the second consecutive

year, the growth in the largesse has outpaced the companies' bottom line growth. While net profits witnessed a modest sin- gle-digit increase of 9.3%, divi- dend payouts surged at a dou- ble-digit rate, the data showed.

"The current trend of rising dividend payouts is likely to continue in the coming years. With sustained economic growth, improving corporate profitability, and prudent financial management by com- panies, there remains a positive outlook for shareholders bene- fitting from increased dividend distributions," said Arvinder Singh Nanda, senior vice presi- dent, Master Capital Services



Some of the biggest dividend payers in 2023-24 include Vedanta, TCS, and public sector firms such as ONGC. REUTERS

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Some of the biggest dividend payers in FY24 were Vedanta, Tata Consultancy Services, and public sector firms such as Oil

and Natural Gas Corp. and Power Grid Corp. of India. The metal and mining major Vedanta led the pack with a hefty ₹54,402 crore payout.

This was followed by TCS (₹ 26,486 crore), Infosys (₹19,093 crore) and ITC (₹17,163).

"This financial year (FY24), companies with healthy profits rewarded investors by paying dividends. The trend is expected to be similar this year, with no immediate increase anticipated," said Abhilash Pagaria, head, Nuvama Alternative and Quantitative Research.

"Vedanta could pay higher dividends mainly because it

received dividends from Hin- dustan Zinc. The information technology (IT) and public sec- tor undertaking (PSU) sectors should continue to deliver divi- dends this year as well," he added.

FY24 witnessed a 12% year-on-year rise in dividend payouts, reaching a record high of ₹2.2 trillion in at least six years

This under- scores the PSU segment's role in dividend payouts. While their contribution dipped slightly in 2019-20, it has steadily climbed since then. In FY24, PSUs con- tributed 23% to the total divi- dend pool, showcasing their unwavering efforts to share the

goodies. "The revival in PSU and government owned com- panies is real. The reason is increase in capital efficiency along with optimal capacity utilization. This has led to higher profits from PSU sectors with enough provision kept for future expansion," said Anand K. Rathi, co-founder of Mira Money. "This has also been led by an increase in exports for a few industries. This trend will continue till PSU takes the mantle of expansion. The private sector had stayed conserv- ative both on expansion and holding up cash for future expansion, hence lesser divi- dends," he added.

'All 383 villages in Delhi to have PNG connections by March 2025'

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All the 383 villages in the national capital will be provided with piped natural gas supply by March 2025, officials at the L-G office said on Thursday.

Lieutenant-governor V.K. Saxena, who had envisaged the project, in a recent review meeting was informed by the officials that so far 111 villages have been equipped with PNG connections and another 200 will get it by December 2024, they said.

"By March 2025, all 383 urban villages in Delhi will have PNG supply," they said.

In June 2023, Mr Saxena directed officers concerned with providing the villages with the best amenities including PNG

connections. The PNG supply would go a long way in transforming the face of the villages in Delhi, officials said.

The Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) officials informed the L-G in the review meeting that 1.79 lakh households will benefit from PNG connections provided to 111 villages so far. The company has received 1.29 lakh applications for the connections out of which 77,513 metres have been installed so far.

The IGL and other concerned agencies laid pipelines within six months after the project was conceived and the first-ever PNG connection in Northwest Delhi's Qutabgarh village was inaugurated by the Lt Governor in December 2023.



311 गांवों को दिसम्बर तक पीएनजी कनेक्शन से जोड़ दिया जाएगा

नई दिल्ली, 20 जून (नवोदय टाइम्स): दिल्ली के सभी 383 गांवों में से 311 गांवों को इस वर्ष दिसम्बर तक पाइपड नेचुरल गैस (पीएनजी) कनेक्शन से लैस कर दिया जाएगा। जबकि बाकी 72 गांवों में मार्च

2025 तक इस सुविधा को पहुंचा दी जाएगी। यह दिल्ली के सभी गांवों की तस्वीर बदलने में अहम भूमिका निभाएगी।



उपराज्यपाल वी. के. सक्सेना ने गांवों में पीएनजी आपूर्ति की प्रगति की समीक्षा की। उन्हें बताया गया कि अब तक 111 गांवों में पीएनजी सुविधा उपलब्ध कराई गई है और इस वर्ष दिसम्बर तक 200 और गांवों को पीएनजी से लैस कर दिया जाएगा। शेष

■ बाकी 72 गांवों में मार्च 2025 तक पीएनजी की सुविधा

72 गांवों में मार्च 2025 तक पीएनजी की आपूर्ति शुरू हो जाएगी। उपराज्यपाल को आईजीएल अधिकारियों ने बताया कि 111 गांवों में पीएनजी आपूर्ति से 1.79 लाख परिवारों को लाभ होगा। आईजीएल को अब तक इसके लिए 1.29 लाख आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं और अब तक 77,513 मीटर लगाए जा चुके हैं। इन 111 गांवों में आईजीएल ने 672 किलोमीटर लंबी पाइपलाइन बिछाई है।



दिल्ली के सभी 383 गांवों में अगले साल तक पीएनजी कनेक्शन उपलब्ध होगा

नई दिल्ली। उपराज्यपाल कार्यालय के अधिकारियों ने बृहस्पतिवार को कहा कि राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के सभी 383 गांवों में मार्च, 2025 तक पाइप के जरिए प्राकृतिक गैस यानी पीएनजी की आपूर्ति की जाएगी। उन्होंने कहा कि इस परियोजना की परिकल्पना करने वाले उपराज्यपाल वी के सक्सेना को हाल ही में एक समीक्षा बैठक में अधिकारियों ने बताया कि अब तक 111 गांवों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन हो चुके हैं और दिसंबर, 2024 तक 200 अन्य गांवों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन पहुंच जाएगा। मार्च, 2025 तक दिल्ली के सभी 383 शहरी गांवों में पीएनजी की आपूर्ति हो जाएगी। जून, 2023 में, सक्सेना ने संबंधित अधिकारियों को गांवों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन सहित सर्वोत्तम सुविधाएं प्रदान करने का निर्देश दिया था। पीएनजी आपूर्ति दिल्ली के गांवों की सूची बदलने में काफी मददगार साबित होगी।

अगले साल मार्च तक सभी गांवों को मिल जाएगी पीएनजी सुविधा : एलजी

■ नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी) ।

राजधानी के गांवों में पाइप लाइन से गैस (पीएनजी) आपूर्ति योजना की वृहस्पतिवार को उप-राज्यपाल विनय कुमार सक्सेना ने समीक्षा की। बैठक में उप-राज्यपाल ने सभी गांवों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन मुहैया कराने की डेड लाइन तय कर दी है। बैठक की जानकारी देते हुए राजनिवास ने कहा कि मार्च, 2025 तक सभी 383 शहरी गांवों में रह रहे लोगों को पीएनजी की सुविधा मुहैया करा दी जाएगी। इस साल के आखिर तक यानी दिसंबर तक 200 गांवों में पीएनजी की सुविधा पहुंच जाएगी।

अधिकारी ने बताया कि गांवों में पीएनजी की सुविधा देने का अभियान पिछले साल जून में उप-राज्यपाल की अगुवाई में शुरू हुआ था। उम्मीद है कि जल्द ही गांवों में रह रहे सभी लोगों को पीएनजी की सुविधा मिल जाएगी। चरणबद्ध तरीके से गांवों में पीएनजी की सुविधा मुहैया कराई जा रही है। पीएनजी अभियान की समीक्षा करते हुए उप-राज्यपाल ने कहा कि अब तक 111 गांवों में पीएनजी की सुविधा पहुंच चुकी है, इससे 1.79 लाख लोगों को फायदा होगा। अब तक कुल 1.29 आवेदन मिले हैं और अब तक 77,513 लोगों के यहां मीटर भी लग चुके हैं। इन 111 गांवों में

पीएनजी की सुविधा मुहैया कराने के लिए 672 किलोमीटर लंबी पाइप लाइन बिछाई गई है। करीब 6 महीने में पाइप लाइन बिछाने का काम पूरा हो गया है।



■ समीक्षा बैठक में एलजी ने तय की डेड लाइन

■ जून, 23 में एलजी ने शुरू की थी योजना

उत्तरी-पश्चिमी दिल्ली स्थित कुतुबगढ़ से इस अभियान की शुरुआत की गई थी। दिसंबर, 2023 में एलजी ने इस सुविधा का शुभारंभ किया था। राजधानी में अभी तक केवल चुनिंदा आवासीय कालोनियों में पीएनजी की सुविधा उपलब्ध है। 41 गांवों में सुविधा मुहैया कराने की योजना की शुरुआत तत्कालीन केंद्रीय गृहमंत्री अमित शाह ने मार्च, 2024 में की थी। एलजी ने समीक्षा बैठक में दिल्ली नगर निगम, दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण,

एनडीएमसी के अधिकारियों को निर्देश दिए हैं कि वह प्राथमिकता के आधार पर पीएनजी आपूर्ति कंपनी को पाइप लाइन बिछाने की अनुमति दें। पीएनजी की पाइप लाइन बिछाने से जुड़ी सभी औपचारिकताएं 30 दिन में पूरी की जाएं। गांवों में पीएनजी की सुविधा मुहैया कराने का उद्देश्य ग्रामीणों को खाना पकाने के लिए स्वच्छ एवं हरित ऊर्जा प्रदान करना है। पीएनजी की सुविधा मिलने से ग्रामीणों को एलपीजी सिलेंडर भरवाने की परेशानी से मुक्ति मिलेगी और पैसे की भी बचत होगी।

नेहरू पार्क में लोगों को मिला आधुनिक साइकिल ट्रैक

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी) । उप-राज्यपाल विनय कुमार सक्सेना ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस की पूर्व संख्या पर चाणक्यपुरी स्थित नेहरू पार्क में साइकिल ट्रैक का शुभारंभ किया। 2.7 किलोमीटर लंबे इस ट्रैक के निर्माण पर 4.56 करोड़ की लागत आई है। इस मौके पर स्थानीय सांसद बांसुरी स्वराज, अध्यक्ष नरेश कुमार, उपाध्यक्ष सतीश उपाध्याय, सदस्य गिरीष सचदेवा, विशाखा सैलानी समेत अन्य अधिकारी मौजूद थे।

नेहरू पार्क में बने साइकिल ट्रैक का शुभारंभ करते हुए उप-राज्यपाल ने सुबह की सैर करने वालों को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि इससे आसपास के लोग लाभान्वित होंगे। इसके निर्माण की जिम्मेदारी दिल्ली स्कूल ऑफ प्लानिंग एंड आर्किटेक्चर को दी गयी थी। यूटीटीआईपीईसी के दिशा निर्देश पर तैयार रिपोर्ट के आधार पर निर्माण किया गया है। पूरे ट्रैक को 176 लाइटों से सजाया गया है। ट्रैक के आसपास के क्षेत्र को सुसज्जित करने के लिए एलईडी लाइटें लगायी गयी हैं। साइकिल ट्रैक के किनारे 90 रेड सैंड स्टोन बोलार्ड, 228 खतरा संकेत मार्कर, 227 सोलर स्टड, 191 स्पीड ब्रेकर और 150 साइकिल ट्रैक साइनेज लगाए गए हैं। चाणक्यपुरी में 75 एकड़ में फैले नेहरू पार्क में बड़ी संख्या में विदेशी मेहमान भी सुबह शाम को सैर करते हैं। यह साइकिल ट्रैक लोगों को साइकिलिंग के लिए प्रोत्साहित करेगा।

मार्च 2025 तक दिल्ली के सभी 383 गांवों में पीएनजी की आपूर्ति

एलजी सक्सेना ने की शहरी गांवों में पीएनजी आपूर्ति की प्रगति की समीक्षा

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लगेगी गैस

राज्य ब्यूरो, जागरण • नई दिल्ली

राजधानी के कुल 383 गांवों में से 311 गांवों को इसी वर्ष दिसंबर तक पाइपड नेचुरल गैस (पीएनजी) कनेक्शन से लैस कर दिया जाएगा, जबकि शेष 72 गांवों में मार्च 2025 तक इसकी आपूर्ति शुरू हो जाएगी। उपराज्यपाल (एलजी) वीके सक्सेना ने गांवों में पीएनजी आपूर्ति की प्रगति की समीक्षा की। उन्हें आइजीएल के अधिकारियों की ओर से बताया गया कि 111 गांवों में पीएनजी आपूर्ति से 1.79 लाख परिवारों को लाभ होगा। आइजीएल को अब तक इसके लिए 1.29 लाख आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं और अब तक 77,513 मीटर लगाए जा चुके हैं। इन 111 गांवों में आइजीएल ने 672 किमी लंबी पाइपलाइन बिछाई है।

मालूम हो कि एलजी द्वारा गांवों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन की परिकल्पना जून 2023 में की गई थी। यह परिकल्पना विकास से उपेक्षित रहे गांवों को बेहतर



वीके सक्सेना।

फाइल

सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने की महत्वाकांक्षी योजना का हिस्सा थी। इसके बाद उन्होंने आइजीएल और अन्य संबंधित एजेंसियों के साथ कई दौर की बैठकें कीं और केवल छह महीनों में पीएनजी पाइपलाइन बिछा दी गई।

एलजी ने बीते साल दिसंबर में उत्तर-पश्चिमी दिल्ली के कुतुबगढ़ गांव में पहले पीएनजी कनेक्शन का उद्घाटन किया था। यह दिल्ली के ग्रामीण इलाकों में आइजीएल का पहला उद्यम भी था, जो अभी तक केवल कुछ शहरी आवासीय कालोनियों तक सीमित था। इसके कुछ

समय बाद मार्च 2024 में केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने 41 शहरी गांवों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन का उद्घाटन किया था।

समीक्षा बैठक के दौरान एलजी ने संबंधित एजेंसियों- दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी), पीडब्ल्यूडी, दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण (डीडीए) और नई दिल्ली नगरपालिका परिषद (एनडीएमसी)- को पीएनजी आपूर्ति को सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता देने और यह सुनिश्चित करने का निर्देश दिया कि पीएनजी पाइपलाइन बिछाने और अन्य औपचारिकताओं के लिए सभी जरूरी मंजूरी अधिकतम 30 दिनों में पूरी कर ली जाएं।

एलजी ने कहा कि देश के सभी घरों में खाना पकाने के लिए साफ और ग्रीन एनर्जी प्रदान करने का जो विजन प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी का है, उसके सामने दिल्ली के गांवों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन की सुविधा से संपन्न करना, एक छोटा, लेकिन महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। उन्होंने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि इस पहल से ग्रामीणों को एलपीजी सिलेंडर दोबारा भरवाने या बदलने की परेशानी से भी छुटकारा मिलेगा और इसके परिणामस्वरूप स्थानीय ग्रामीणों को धन और ऊर्जा कीमत के हिसाब से भी भारी बचत होगी।



मार्च 2025 तक दिल्ली के सभी गांवों में होगी पीएनजी की सप्लाई

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के सभी गांवों में मार्च 2025 तक पीएनजी की सप्लाई शुरू हो जाएगी। मौजूदा समय में 111 गांवों में पीएनजी की सप्लाई शुरू हो गई है। दिसंबर तक 200 अन्य गांवों को सुविधा मिलेगी।

दरअसल, दिल्ली के उपराज्यपाल वी के सक्सेना ने शहरी गांवों में पीएनजी सप्लाई की प्रगति की समीक्षा की। इस बैठक में बताया गया कि दिल्ली के कुल 383 गांवों में से 311 गांवों को इस वर्ष दिसंबर तक पीएनजी कनेक्शन से लैस कर दिया जाएगा। शेष 72 गांवों में मार्च 2025 तक सुविधा पहुंच जाएगी। आईजीएल अधिकारियों ने एलजी को बताया कि 111 गांवों में पीएनजी आपूर्ति से 1.79 लाख परिवारों को लाभ होगा। आईजीएल को अब तक इसके लिए 1.29 लाख आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं और अब तक 77,513 मीटर लगाए जा चुके हैं। ब्यूरो

अगले साल मार्च तक दिल्ली के सभी 383 गांवों तक पहुंच जाएगी PNG

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एलजी ने की समीक्षा, 111 गांवों को पीएनजी नेटवर्क से जोड़ा जा चुका है



कहा है कि दिल्ली के गांवों के लिए यह एक बड़ी उपलब्धि साबित होगी, जो राजधानी के गांवों की तस्वीर बदलने में अहम भूमिका निभाएगी।

बैठक में मौजूद इंद्रप्रस्थ गैस लिमिटेड (आईजीएल) के अधिकारियों ने एलजी को बताया कि अभी जिन 111 गांवों में पीएनजी की आपूर्ति शुरू की गई है, उससे

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2025 तक सभी गांवों को मिल जाएगी पीएनजी

राज्य ब्यूरो, जागरण • नई दिल्ली: राजधानी के कुल 383 गांवों में से 311 गांवों को इसी वर्ष दिसंबर तक पाइपड नेचुरल गैस (पीएनजी) कनेक्शन से लैस कर दिया जाएगा, जबकि शेष 72 गांवों में मार्च 2025 तक इसकी आपूर्ति शुरू हो जाएगी। एलजी वीके सक्सेना ने गांवों में पीएनजी आपूर्ति की प्रगति की समीक्षा की। उन्हें आइजीएल के अधिकारियों की ओर से बताया गया कि 111 गांवों में पीएनजी आपूर्ति से 1.79 लाख परिवारों को लाभ होगा। आइजीएल को अब तक इसके लिए 1.29 लाख आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं और अब तक 77,513 मीटर लगाए जा चुके हैं। इन 111 गांवों में आइजीएल ने 672 किमी लंबी पाइपलाइन बिछाई है।

मालूम हो कि एलजी द्वारा गांवों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन की परिकल्पना जून 2023 में की गई थी। यह

● एलजी वीके सक्सेना ने की शहरी गांवों में पीएनजी आपूर्ति की प्रगति की समीक्षा



वीके सक्सेना

● जोड़े जा चुके हैं 111 गांव, 200 अन्य गांवों को इस वर्ष दिसंबर तक मिलने लगेगी गैस

परिकल्पना विकास से उपेक्षित रहे गांवों को बेहतर सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने की महत्वाकांक्षी योजना का हिस्सा थी। इसके बाद उन्होंने आइजीएल और अन्य संबंधित एजेंसियों के साथ कई दौर की बैठकें कीं और केवल छह महीनों में पीएनजी पाइपलाइन बिछा दी गई। एलजी ने बीते साल दिसंबर में उत्तर-पश्चिमी दिल्ली के कुतुबगढ़

गांव में पहले पीएनजी कनेक्शन का उद्घाटन किया था। यह दिल्ली के ग्रामीण इलाकों में आइजीएल का पहला उद्यम भी था, जो अभी तक केवल कुछ शहरी आवासीय कालोनियों तक सीमित था। इसके कुछ समय बाद मार्च 2024 में केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने 41 शहरी गांवों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन का उद्घाटन किया था।

समीक्षा बैठक के दौरान एलजी ने संबंधित एजेंसियों-एमसीडी, पीडब्ल्यूडी, डीडीए और एनडीएमसी को पीएनजी आपूर्ति को सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता देने और यह सुनिश्चित करने का निर्देश दिया कि पीएनजी पाइपलाइन बिछाने और अन्य औपचारिकताओं के लिए सभी जरूरी मंजूरी अधिकतम 30 दिनों में पूरी कर ली जाएं। उन्होंने कहा इस पहल से ग्रामीणों को सिलेंडर दोबारा भरवाने से छुटकारा मिलेगा।



200 गांवों में दिसंबर तक पीएनजी की आपूर्ति

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के 200 शहरी गांवों में इसी साल दिसंबर तक पीएनजी (पाइड नेचुरल गैस) की आपूर्ति शुरू हो जाएगी। अभी तक दिल्ली के 111 गांवों को पीएनजी कनेक्शन से जोड़ा जा चुका है। दिल्ली के उप राज्यपाल वीके सक्सेना ने अधिकारियों के साथ हुई बैठक में शहरी गांवों में पीएनजी आपूर्ति में हो रही प्रगति की समीक्षा की। उप राज्यपाल की ओर से दिल्ली के गांवों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन पहुंचाने की परिकल्पना जून 2023 में की गई थी। इसके बाद से ही आईजीएल और अन्य एजेंसियों के साथ लगातार बैठकें आयोजित की गईं।

COMMODITY**CALL.**

Natural gas: Go long on breakout above ₹245

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Natural gas price fell last week. The natural gas futures contract on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) dropped from a high of ₹261.20 per mmBtu to a low of ₹230.90 on Monday before bouncing back. The contract is currently trading at ₹241.50.

OUTLOOK

The overall trend has been upwards since the last week of April. So the fall over the past week is just a correction. The broader uptrend is intact. Support is in the ₹232-230 region, which has held well. As long as the contract stays above ₹230, the uptrend will remain intact.

Immediate resistance is at ₹245. A break above it can take the natural gas futures contract up to ₹275-280 in the short term.

The short-term outlook will turn negative only if the contract declines below ₹230. In that case a fall to ₹220-218 may be seen. For this to happen, the contract must sustain below ₹245. But that looks less likely.

TRADE STRATEGY

Traders can wait and go long on a breakout above ₹245. Keep the stop-loss at ₹235. Trail the stop-loss up to ₹249 as soon as the contract moves up to ₹255. Move the stop-loss further up to ₹258 when the price touches ₹265. Exit the longs at ₹270.

ONGC denies plan to shift Sivasagar geosciences lab

CORRESPONDENT

NAZIRA, June 20: Responding to recent media reports about shifting of ONGC's Regional Geosciences Lab (RGL) out of Assam, ONGC has reiterated that there are no plans to shift the existing RGL from Sivasagar and that a new state-of-the-art RGL has been constructed in Jorhat to meet the growing operational requirements of the Northeast, particularly Assam.

"There is no such plan to shift the present RGL from Sivasagar. ONGC reaffirms the continued presence of the RGL in Assam," said a release issued by ONGC on Wednesday.

The release said, "A new RGL with state-of-the-art technology has been constructed in Jorhat in order to meet the growing operational requirements of the Northeastern region in gen-

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ONGC reaffirms the continued presence of the Regional Geosciences Lab in Assam... the existing building at Sivasagar has been renovated

eral and Assam in particular. It will also provide students of the Northeastern region with access to relevant resources and a conducive environment for learning, skill development, and research work. Moreover, the existing RGL building at Sivasagar has been renovated for

better working conditions.”

Reacting to the recent allegations made against ONGC and calls for an agitation against the oil major by some local organisations, ONGC reaffirmed its commitment to the economic and social development of Assam.

“ONGC remains focused on enhancing its operational efficiency and achieving excellence in its operations. Internal organisational adjustments are part of our continuous efforts to improve operational efficiency and service delivery, not to undermine local interests,” the oil company said.

ONGC further said that it is committed to the welfare of the communities and development of the areas in which it operates, investing significantly in its corporate social responsibility (CSR) projects related to health-care, education, infrastructure, and skill development.

EMISSIONS RISE

Fossil fuel usage rise 8% in 2023

For the first time, more coal was used in India than Europe, North America combined

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dubai, June 20: Fossil fuel consumption in India rose 8 per cent in 2023, accounting for almost all demand growth, while its share of overall consumption stood at 89 per cent, according to a report.

According to an Energy Institute (EI) report, for the first time, more coal was used in India than Europe and North America combined. EI and co-authors KPMG and Kearney Thursday released the 73rd annual edition of the Statistical Review of World Energy, presenting for the first time full global energy data for 2023.

The report suggests that five key stories emerge from the 2023 data, starting with record global



energy consumption, with coal and oil pushing fossil fuels and their emissions to record levels.

“Global primary energy consumption overall was at a record absolute high, up 2 per cent on the previous year to 620 Exajoules (EJ). Global fossil fuel consumption reached a record high, up 1.5 per cent to 505 EJ (driven by coal up 1.6 per cent, oil up 2 per cent to above 100 million barrels for first time, while gas was flat),” said the report.

As a share of the overall mix they were at 81.5 per cent, marginally down from 82 per cent last year. Emissions from energy increased 2 per cent, exceeding 40 gi-

gatonnes of CO₂ for the first time.

Solar and wind push global renewable electricity generation to another record level. Renewable generation, excluding hydro, was up 13 per cent to a record global high of 4,748 TWh, it said.

This growth was driven almost entirely by wind and solar and accounted for 74 per cent of all net additional electricity generated.

As a share of primary energy use, renewables (excluding hydro) were at 8 per cent, or 15 per cent, including hydro. Meanwhile, the ongoing Ukraine conflict has cemented gas rebalancing in Europe.

European gas demand fell 7 per cent, following a fall of 13 per cent the previous year. Russia's share of EU gas imports fell to 15 per cent, down from 45 per cent in 2021, with LNG imports outflanking piped gas to Europe for a second year in a row. Dependence on fossil fuels in major advanced economies is likely to have peaked.

In a first, Bescom to set up 20 EV battery-swapping stations

Will use its sub-divisional office on a PPP agreement

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In a move to adapt to evolving technology, Bescom is revving up Bengaluru's EV infrastructure by setting up the city's first 20 battery-swapping stations.

Having focused primarily on traditional EV charging stations, the electricity supplier is now stepping up to meet the changing needs with the growing popularity of battery swapping.

"Our analysis showed that many new models coming to the market are adopting the battery-swapping technology. While we have successfully set up a large number of charging stations, we, as a government entity, have not ventured into setting up swapping stations. This will be our first step towards promoting the technology," a Bescom official said.

In the first phase, the swapping stations will be set up only in Bengaluru under a public private partnership (PPP)



A Bescom charging station at KR Circle. DH FILE PHOTO

model. While Bescom will provide the land in its sub-divisional offices to set up the swapping stations, the operators will set up the infrastructure for the stations and share the revenue with Bescom.

Experts believe battery swapping is crucial in promoting EV adoption, especially in

the two- and three-wheeler category.

"Mainstreaming battery swapping could accelerate the adoption of EVs in the city. This will especially help promote the use of two-wheeler and three-wheeler EVs and commercial fleet vehicles," said Chaitanya Kanuri, Associate

Director (Electric Mobility), WRI India.

Currently, Bengaluru has only a few battery-swapping stations, mostly established by private entities in partnership with car manufacturers. Experts believe that generic swapping stations set up by Bescom could be highly beneficial.

"Battery standards will be crucial to catalyse the uptake of battery swapping. Today, EVs with swappable batteries must find stations within their specific network for a swap, limiting options and reducing the ease of access across the city," Kanuri added. The swapping stations are being planned at the Bescom sub-divisional offices in Vidhana Soudha, Indiranagar, Shivajinagar, and several other areas.



EU hits Russian LNG sector with fresh sanctions

BRUSSELS

EU states on Thursday signed off on a fresh package of sanctions against Russia targeting its lucrative liquefied natural gas (LNG) sector for the first time, officials said. The new measures — which should be formally adopted on Monday — are aimed at further choking off Russian President Vladimir Putin's war effort against Ukraine. "This hard-hitting package will further deny Russia access to key technologies," EU chief Ursula von der Leyen wrote on X. "It will strip Russia of further energy revenues and tackle Putin's shadow fleet and shadow banking network abroad." They do not include a prohibition on the purchase of Russian LNG by EU countries. *AFP*

IS THIS THE BEGINNING OF PETRODOLLAR'S END?

ON June 9, there was a rash of reports that Saudi Arabia would not be renewing its 50-year-old petrodollar agreement with the US. Thus ended an extended period when the US dollar pretty much had a free run of one of the most valuable traded items in the world. This is how it all began.

"It was July 1974. ... An embargo by OPEC's Arab nations—payback for US military aid to the Israelis during the Yom Kippur War—quadrupled oil prices. Inflation soared, the stock market crashed, and the US economy was in a tailspin," wrote Andrea Wong in *The New York Times* decades later.

Just three years earlier, in August 1971, US President Richard Nixon had unilaterally torpedoed the gold standard. By 1973, free-floating fiat currencies had replaced the Bretton Woods system, to set up which Roosevelt had got 44 Allied countries to install the US dollar as the new 'good as gold' standard in 1945. In June 1974, Nixon brought into existence the US-Saudi Arabian Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation, which would denominate oil sales in dollars in exchange for US weapons and protection to the Saudi kingdom.

The week after the agreement, Nixon went on a trip of the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia. In July, the US Treasury secretary took a two-week tour of "economic diplomacy" to the Middle East. The idea, wrote Wong, was to "neutralise crude oil as an economic weapon and find a way to persuade a hostile kingdom to finance America's widening deficit with its newfound petrodollar wealth". In July, Saudi Arabia decided to invest its oil dollars in US Treasuries—a fact that was kept confidential until 2016.

This was pure econopolitik. The fourth Arab-Israeli conflict had broken out in October 1973. By December 1973, oil prices shot up 300 percent. The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, a part of OPEC, declared an embargo against the US for overfriendliness with Israel. The effects of this were felt Americawide: in 1974, daylight savings time went into effect and the national speed limit was lowered to 55 mph to conserve fuel.

The US-Saudi understanding snowballed. By 1975, all of OPEC agreed to sell oil in dollars in exchange for weapons and military assistance. The agreement was for five years, but was reiterated down the years. The petrodollar has ruled mightily



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since, despite the dollar itself suffering 537 percent inflation between 1974 and 2024.

"The international monetary system is facing its most difficult period since the 1930s," wrote H Johannes Witteveen, IMF managing director, in January 1974. It was in the light of these developments that the US-Saudi agreement came to pass.

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1973-77, the foreign debt of 100 developing countries increased 150 percent. The European countries instituted their own stabilising strategy. In 1972, the European Economic Community introduced the hyperconnected 'European snake', with countries controlling their currencies from fluctuating more than a percent from an agreed exchange rate. The 'snake' presaged the 1979 European Monetary System, and was ranged against the dollar.

The value of the dollar has never not sunk despite attempts by the US, German, Japanese and even OPEC to maintain a holding pattern. In 1979, many investors, including Saudi Arabia, began disholding US dollars as reserves, parking their surplus in alternative reserve

currencies like the Deutschemark, the Japanese yen, and the Swiss franc.

Indeed, the very day after the anniversary of the agreement passed without the two sides renewing it, the dollar's defenders were out in force trying to argue, first, that there had never been a US-Saudi petrodollar deal; second, that if there had been, it had not been comprehensive; and, third, that the dollar-denying news was a product of 'crypto speculators'. It hadn't, of course: the agreement has clearly not been renewed.

Saudi Arabia's move to unclip its oil revenues from the dollar might have been sudden, but it wasn't without warning. In March 2022, *The Wall Street Journal* reported: "Saudi Arabia is in active talks with Beijing to price some of its oil sales to China in yuan, people familiar with the matter said, a move that would dent the US dollar's dominance of the global petroleum market...." In January 2023, Saudi Arabia indicated that it would explore payment in other currencies. In April 2023, Nigel Green, founder and CEO of the deVere Group, one of the world's largest financial advisory and asset management companies, said, "Separately, two deals... would see Saudi Arabia's Aramco supplying two Chinese companies with a combined 690,000 barrels a day of crude oil, bolstering its rank as China's top provider of the commodity. It has been reported that Saudi Arabia is also in talks with Beijing to settle with the yuan instead of the dollar." Last year, China and Saudi Arabia signed a \$7-billion local currency swap agreement in efforts to boost trade reducing their dollar reliance.

The dollar's share in the world's foreign exchange reserves has decreased from more than 70 percent in 2000 to about 55 per cent in the last quarter of 2023, after exchange-rate and interest-rate adjustments. As of November 2023, the dollar's share in global payments was 47.08 percent. Its anticipated drop further into this year is expected to be led by the Saudi de-petrodollarisation.

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अक्टूबर के बाद दिल्ली में डीजल बसों का प्रवेश बंद

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DEHRADUN (20 June): दिल्ली में प्रदूषण को लेकर अक्टूबर से डीजल बसों के प्रवेश पर लगने वाले प्रतिबंध को लेकर उत्तराखंड परिवहन निगम ने दिल्ली मार्ग के लिए 175 नई सीएनजी बसें लेने की तैयारी कर ली है। इसमें 75 सीएनजी बसें निगम अपनी खरीदेगा, जबकि 100 सीएनजी बसें अनुबंध पर ली जाएंगी। निगम वर्तमान में दिल्ली मार्ग पर 150 सीएनजी बसों को अनुबंध पर संचालित कर रहा है। इसके अतिरिक्त पर्वतीय मार्गों पर बसों की सेवा बढ़ाने के लिए निगम 230 नई बसें ले रहा। इसमें 130 बसें निगम की अपनी होंगी और बाकी 100 बसें अनुबंध पर ली जाएंगी।

दिल्ली रूट पर ज्यादा मुनाफा

उत्तराखंड परिवहन निगम के लिए दिल्ली मार्ग सबसे मुनाफे वाला है। वर्तमान में पूरे प्रदेश से करीब 400 बसें प्रतिदिन दिल्ली मार्ग पर संचालित

वॉल्वो बसें भी बदलने की तैयारी

दिल्ली मार्ग पर संचालित हो रही परिवहन निगम की 40 वॉल्वो बसों को भी बदलने की तैयारी चल रही है। दरअसल, यह सभी बसें बीएस-4 डीजल संचालित हैं। अक्टूबर के बाद इन बसों के प्रवेश पर भी प्रतिबंध लग जाएगा। परिवहन निगम ने हाल ही में 12 नई बीएस-6 वॉल्वो बसों को अनुबंध पर लेने का टेंडर किया था और इनमें से पांच नई बसें आ चुकी हैं। अब निगम उन बस संचालकों को अनुबंध में रियायत देने का प्रस्ताव बना रहा, जो बीएस-4 वॉल्वो बसें वर्तमान में संचालित कर रहे। उन्हें प्रस्ताव दिया गया है कि बीएस-6 नई वॉल्वो बसें लाने पर उनका अनुबंध सीधे छह साल का बढ़ा दिया जाएगा।

होती हैं। पिछले साल परिवहन निगम ने बसों की व्यवस्था करने का हवाला देते हुए एक वर्ष की मोहलत तो ले ली थी, लेकिन अभी तक एक भी नई बस न लेने के कारण निगम कर्मियों की चिंता बढ़ी हुई थी। ऐसे में उत्तरांचल रोडवेज कर्मचारी यूनियन के प्रदेश महामंत्री अशोक चौधरी व मंडल मंत्री केपी सिंह ने पिछले दिनों निगम के प्रबंध निदेशक आनंद श्रीवास्तव और महाप्रबंधक दीपक जैन को इस संबंध में ज्ञापन देकर बैठक की थी। बैठक का कार्यवृत्त परिवहन निगम ने गुरुवार को जारी किया। निगम के महाप्रबंधक दीपक जैन की ओर से जारी कार्यवृत्त में बताया गया कि एनजीटी के आदेश के क्रम में परिवहन निगम दिल्ली के

लिए नई सीएनजी बसों की व्यवस्था तय समय पर कर लेगा। महाप्रबंधक ने बताया कि वर्तमान में पर्वतीय मार्गों के लिए 130 नई बीएस-6 बसें आने वाली हैं। इसके साथ ही 100 नई बसें पर्वतीय मार्गों और 75 सीएनजी बसें लेने के लिए टेंडर की प्रक्रिया गतिमान है। दिल्ली मार्ग को लेकर 100 नई सीएनजी बसें अनुबंध पर लेने का टेंडर जारी किया जा चुका है। परिवहन निगम मैदानी व पर्वतीय मार्गों के अतिरिक्त स्थानीय मार्गों पर भी बस बेड़ा बढ़ाने जा रहा। इसके लिए 100 मिनी बसें अनुबंध पर ली जाएंगी। जीएम दीपक जैन ने बताया कि मिनी बसें अनुबंध पर लेने के लिए टेंडर जारी कर दिए गए हैं।

शहर में रसोई गैस के दो विकल्प, समझिए फायदे का गणित

घरेलू में एलपीजी सस्ती कॉमर्शियल में पीएनजी

यह भी जानें

मनोज मित्तल

आगरा। शहर में रसोई गैस के दो विकल्प उपलब्ध हैं। एक तरफ एलपीजी है, जो कि सिलेंडर के माध्यम से मिलती है। वर्तमान दरों के अनुसार घरेलू सिलेंडर की 14.2 किलो की रीफिल के लिए उपभोक्ताओं को 815.50 रुपये चुकाने पड़ रहे हैं। वहीं पीएनजी के उपयोगकर्ताओं को प्रति एससीएम 57.43 रुपये के अनुसार बिल अदा करना पड़ता है। दोनों में तुलना की जाए तो प्रयोगकर्ताओं को पाइप वाली गैस कुछ महंगी पड़ रही है।

एक किलो एलपीजी 1.164 स्टैंडर्ड क्यूबिक मीटर के बराबर होती है। सिलेंडर में यदि 14.2 किलो गैस है, तो यह एससीएम में 16.5288 हो जाएगी।

घरेलू गैस

- एलपीजी 14.2 किलो बराबर 16.52 एससीएम
- एलपीजी आपूर्तिकर्ता रेट: 815.50
- पीएनजी आपूर्तिकर्ता रेट: 949.25

पीएनजी आपूर्तिकर्ता के दावे: ■ अधिक सुरक्षित ■ सिलेंडर बदलने का इंझंट नहीं ■ नए सिलेंडर के लिए बुकिंग नहीं ■ गैस की पूरी माप की उपलब्धता
एलपीजी आपूर्तिकर्ता के दावे: ■ बुकिंग के तुरंत बाद सप्लाय ■ गैस की क्षमता अधिक ■ घटतौली पर अंकुश से पूरी गैस ■ आपूर्ति में व्यवधान नहीं

इस मात्रा की गैस का पाइप की गैस की दर से मूल्य निकाला जाए तो करीब 949 रुपये आएगा। इस प्रकार एक सिलेंडर के बराबर गैस के लिए उपयोगकर्ताओं को 134 रुपये अधिक देने पड़ रहे हैं।

कॉमर्शियल का गणित उलटा: वर्तमान में 19 किलो के कॉमर्शियल सिलेंडर की रीफिल के लिए उपभोक्ताओं को 1723.50 रुपये चुकाने पड़ रहे हैं। यदि इस मद की गैस

कॉमर्शियल गैस

- एलपीजी 19 किलो बराबर 22.116 एससीएम
- एलपीजी आपूर्तिकर्ता रेट: 1723.50
- पीएनजी आपूर्तिकर्ता रेट: 1669.75

का पीएनजी से तुलना की जाए तो उपभोक्ताओं के लिए एलपीजी महंगी पड़ेगी। क्योंकि 19 किलो एलपीजी की माप एससीएम में 22.116 है। वर्तमान में कॉमर्शियल उपभोक्ताओं के लिए पीएनजी की बिलिंग रेट 75.50 रुपये प्रति एससीएम है। कॉमर्शियल सिलेंडर के बराबर तादाद गैस के लिए पीएनजी उपभोक्ताओं को 1669 रुपये चुकाने होंगे। अंतर लगभग 54 रुपये का है।