



गेल के सीएमडी संदीप कुमार गुप्ता स्कोप के नए अध्यक्ष

नई दिल्ली।स्कोप के द्विवार्षिक चुनाव 2023-25 के परिणाम घोषित कर दिए गए हैं। गेल इंडिया के सीएमडी संदीप कुमार गुप्ता स्कोप के नया अध्यक्ष और गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड के सीएमडी ब्रजेश कुमार को उपाध्याय चुना गया है। स्कोप के महानिदेशक और रिटर्निंग ऑफिसर अतुल सोबती द्वारा सदस्यों और प्रतियोगियों की उपस्थिति में परिणाम घोषित किए गए। नवनिर्वाचित स्कोप कार्यकारी बोर्ड ने एक अप्रैल से कार्यभार ग्रहण कर लिया है।

Adani's Dhamra LNG terminal in Odisha receives 1st cargo, to start gas revolution in East

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NEW DELHI: Adani Group and French company TotalEnergies' newly built Rs 6,000 crore LNG import facility at Dhamra on the Odisha coast has received its first ever shipment of liquefied natural gas (LNG) - a fuel that will be used to make steel, produce fertilizers and turned into CNG and cooking gas, helping change the landscape of Eastern India.

Qatari ship 'Milaha Ras Laffan' docked at Dhamra Port on April 1 morning, bringing in 2.6 trillion British thermal units of natural gas in its frozen form which will be used to commission the facility, officials said.

"On Utkal Diwas, Odisha's formation day, Adani Ports and SEZ is privileged to welcome to Dhamra Port its first cargo of LNG aboard the 'Milaha Ras Laffan,'" Karan Adani, CEO of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, wrote on LinkedIn. "This is a huge leap forward not only in access to clean and affordable energy but also in decarbonising India's energy sector." Commissioning and testing operations will take up to 45 days and commercial operations are expected to start thereafter. The start of the 5 million tonne per annum LNG import terminal is crucial to PM Naren-

dra Modi's plan to boost natural gas use in the country's energy mix to 15 per cent by 2030 from current 6.3 per cent.

Dhamra is the only LNG import terminal in eastern India and only second on the entire east coast. The country's five other terminals are on its western coast (three in Gujarat, one each in Maharashtra and Kerala). Adani Total Pvt Ltd, where Adani Group and TotalEnergies SE have 50 per cent stake each, will use the cargo received on April 1 to do safety check and test systems, officials said.

After all checks, the terminal would be ready to start commer-

cial operations with an expected 2.2-2.3 million tonne of LNG expected to be imported in the first year and a gradual ramp-up to full capacity in the next. The 135,000 cubic meter capacity Milaha Ras Laffan was loaded at Qatargas on March 21. The test cargo has been provided by TotalEnergies from its portfolio.

Dhamra is a tolling facility where state-owned GAIL (India) Ltd and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) have booked capacity. They will import LNG at the terminal which will be reconverted into gas before being piped to refineries and fertiliser units. It will also be converted

into CNG for running automobiles and piped into household kitchens for cooking purposes.

It has a 20-year take-or-pay contract to provide regasification services to IOC for 3 million tonne per annum of LNG and 1.5 million tonne to GAIL.

Officials said the commissioning cargo was received on Utkal Diwas - the day in 1936 when the state of Odisha (earlier Orissa) was formed.

This marks commencement of the terminal's commissioning, with a number of stages to be completed in the coming weeks.

The terminal will be able to berth the widest range of LNG

vessels all year round, transport gas via pipelines, trucks or on reloaded vessels. It houses two storage tanks, each of 180,000 cubic meters capacity, amongst the largest in the country.

The capacity can be doubled to 10 million tonne in future by adding a third tank, they said.

Adani Total is a partnership of complementary skill sets. While Adani has world-class infrastructure and port development capabilities, TotalEnergies is the 3rd largest global LNG player globally. Together, the JV built and delivered the project over the past four years, overcoming several challenges

like the pandemic, cyclones, difficult soil conditions, supply chain disruptions and the highly volatile LNG market due to the conflict in Europe.

Officials said Dhamra will be the main supply point on the recently completed Urja Ganga pipeline developed by GAIL, providing gas access to over 35 per cent of India's population, covering about 20 per cent of the country's land mass. Refineries, fertiliser plants, industries and city gas networks in the hinterland will be the major consumers of gas from Dhamra LNG.

The Urja Ganga pipeline is also connected to the other

National Gas Grid - the Hazira-Vijaipur-Jagdishpur (HVJ) pipeline, providing customers in the north of the country with a ready alternative source of supply when compared to the western terminals on whom they are solely dependent at present.

Its proximity to Bangladesh and other regional markets allows Dhamra to become a viable point of supply to them as well, they said adding the Srikakulam-Angul and Mumbai-Jharsuguda pipeline projects will soon connect Dhamra to central and southern states, completing the National Gas Grid integration.

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