

Modi visit today to MP & Raj to launch projects

Will inaugurate ₹12K-cr infra in MP, ₹5K-cr in Raj on visit

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch development projects worth ₹12,600 crores in Madhya Pradesh and ₹5,000 crores in Rajasthan during his visit to the two poll-bound states on Thursday.

In Rajasthan, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and dedicate multiple development projects in Jodhpur in sectors like road, rail, aviation, health and higher education.

Among the health projects for which the PM will lay the foundation stone in Rajasthan are a 350-bed trauma centre and critical care hospital block at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Jodhpur and seven critical care blocks under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission to be developed across the state.

"The centre at the AIIMS will be developed at a cost of more than ₹350 crores," the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement.

The PMO stated that the facility will bring a holistic approach to the management of trauma and emergency cases by providing multidisciplinary and comprehensive care to patients, while critical care blocks across Rajasthan will augment district-level critical care infrastructure.

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will also lay the foundation stone for the development of a state-of-the-art new terminal building at the Jodhpur airport, costing ₹480 crores, and dedicate the IIT Jodhpur campus to the nation as well.

"The campus has been built at a cost of more than ₹1,135 crores. It is a step towards providing high-quality holistic education and building infrastructure for supporting cutting-edge research and innovation initiatives," the PMO said.

Among other projects, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for multiple road development projects to be built at a cumulative cost of about ₹1,475 crores and also flag off two new train services in the state.

Later in the day, the Prime Minister will reach Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, where he will perform the bhoomi poojan of the Veerangana Rani Durgavati Smarak aur Udyaan. He will also inaugurate, lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation several development projects.

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in Indore built at a cost of about ₹128 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). According to the PMO, the project will benefit more than 1,000 beneficiary families as part of his vision of 'housing for all'.

He will also lay the foundation stone for multiple Jal Jeevan Mission projects in

Mandla, Jabalpur and Dindori districts worth over ₹2,350 crores and inaugurate a drinking water project under the same scheme in Seoni district.

These projects in four districts of the state will benefit about 1,575 villages in Madhya Pradesh.

The Prime Minister will also lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation

multiple projects worth more than ₹4,800 crores for improving the road infrastructure in the state.

Among several other development facilities, Mr Modi will also dedicate to the nation rail projects worth more than ₹1,850 crores and a 352 km-long Vijaipur-Auraiya-Phulpur pipeline project built at a cost of more than ₹1,750 crores.



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He will also lay the foundation stone of multiple Jal Jeevan Mission projects in Mandla, Jabalpur and Dindori districts worth over Rs 2,350 crore and inaugurate a drinking water project under the same scheme in Seoni district. These projects in four districts of the state will benefit about 1,575 villages of Madhya Pradesh.

प्रधानमंत्री आज देंगे अनेक परियोजनाओं की सौगात

जबलपुर, (एक्सप्रेस)। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी 5 अक्टूबर, 2023 को लगभग तीन बजकर 30 मिनट पर जबलपुर पहुंच रहे हैं। वे सड़क, रेल, गैस पाइपलाइन, आवास और स्वच्छ पेयजल जैसे क्षेत्रों में 12,600 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की लागत वाली विकास परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन और शिलान्यास करेंगे तथा उन्हें राष्ट्र को समर्पित करेंगे। वे वीरगंगा रानी दुर्गावती स्मारक और उद्यान का भूमि-पूजन करेंगे। यह 100 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से बनेगा। मध्य प्रदेश के इंदौर में लाइट हाउस प्रोजेक्ट के उद्घाटन से प्रधानमंत्री के सभी के लिए आवास उपलब्ध कराने के दृष्टिकोण को मजबूती मिलेगी। प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना-शहरी के तहत लगभग 128 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से निर्मित इस परियोजना से 1000 से अधिक परिवारों को लाभ होगा। इसमें सभी बुनियादी सुविधाओं के साथ, लेकिन काफी कम समय में गुणवत्तापूर्ण घर बनाने के लिए नवीन तकनीक प्री-इंजीनियर्ड स्टील स्ट्रक्चरल सिस्टम के साथ प्रीफैब्रिकेटेड सैंडविच पैन्ल सिस्टम का उपयोग किया जाता है। व्यक्तिगत घरेलू नल कनेक्शन के जरिए सुरक्षित और पर्याप्त पेयजल उपलब्ध कराने के प्रधानमंत्री के दृष्टिकोण के तहत मंडला, जबलपुर और डिंडोरी जिलों में 2350 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की कई जल जीवन मिशन परियोजनाओं की आधारशिला रखी जाएगी। प्रधानमंत्री सिवनी जिले में 100 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की जल जीवन मिशन परियोजना राष्ट्र को समर्पित करेंगे। राज्य के चार जिलों की इन परियोजनाओं से मध्य प्रदेश के लगभग 1575 गांवों को लाभ होगा। प्रधानमंत्री मध्य प्रदेश में सड़क बुनियादी ढांचे में सुधार के लिए 4800 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की कई परियोजनाओं का शिलान्यास कर उन्हें राष्ट्र को समर्पित करेंगे। प्रधानमंत्री एनएच

346 के इरखेड़ा-बैरसिया-ढोलखेड़ी को जोड़ने वाली सड़क के उन्नयन सहित कई परियोजनाओं की आधारशिला रखेंगे, इनमें एनएच 543 के बालाघाट-गोर्दिया खंड को चार लेन का बनाना, रुड़ई और देशगांव को जोड़ने वाले खंडवा बाईपास को चार लेन का बनाना; एनएच 47 के टेमागांव से चिचोली खंड को चार लेन का बनाना; बोरगांव को शाहपुर से जोड़ने वाली सड़क को चार लेन का बनाना; और शाहपुर को मुक्ताईनगर से जोड़ने वाली सड़क को चार लेन का बनाना शामिल है। प्रधानमंत्री एनएच 347सी के खलघाट से सरवरदेवला को जोड़ने वाली सड़क के उन्नयन कार्य को भी राष्ट्र को समर्पित करेंगे। प्रधानमंत्री 1850 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की रेल परियोजनाएं राष्ट्र को समर्पित करेंगे। इनमें कटनी-विजयसोटा (102 किलोमीटर) और मारवास्त्राम-सिंगरौली (78.50 किलोमीटर) को जोड़ने वाली रेल लाइन का दोहरीकरण शामिल है। ये दोनों परियोजनाएं कटनी-सिंगरौली खंड को जोड़ने वाली रेल लाइन के दोहरीकरण की परियोजना का हिस्सा हैं। इन परियोजनाओं से मध्य प्रदेश में रेल बुनियादी ढांचे में सुधार होगा जिससे राज्य में व्यापार और पर्यटन को लाभ होगा। प्रधानमंत्री विजयपुर-औरैया-फूलपुर पाइपलाइन परियोजना राष्ट्र को समर्पित करेंगे। 352 किलोमीटर लंबी पाइपलाइन 1750 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की लागत से बनाई गई है। प्रधानमंत्री मुंबई-नागपुर झारसुगुड़ा पाइपलाइन परियोजना के नागपुर-जबलपुर खंड (317 किमी) की आधारशिला भी रखेंगे। यह परियोजना 1100 करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा की लागत से बनेगी। गैस पाइपलाइन परियोजनाओं से उद्योगों और वहां रहने वाले लोगों को स्वच्छ और सस्ती प्राकृतिक गैस मिल सकेगी। इसके साथ ही इससे पर्यावरण उत्सर्जन को कम करने में सफलता मिलेगी।

प्रधानमंत्री आज जबलपुर में करेंगे रोड-शो, लेंगे सभा



12600 करोड़ के विकास
कार्यों का भूमिपूजन

गैरीसन ग्राउंड में
होगी सभा

जबलपुर, देशबन्धु। आज 5 अक्टूबर को देश के प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी जबलपुर आ रहे हैं। प्रधानमंत्री 12600 करोड़ के विकास कार्य का भूमिपूजन करेंगे और गैरीसन मैदान में 5 अक्टूबर गुरुवार को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे एक विशाल आम सभा को संबोधित करेंगे।



प्रधानमंत्री के
मार्गदर्शन में म.प्र.
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उनके जबलपुर आगमन को लेकर तैयारी लगभग पूरी हो चुकी है। नरेंद्र मोदी की सभा में करीब एक लाख से अधिक लोगों के आने का दावा किया जा रहा है। प्रधानमंत्री की सुनने के लिए जबलपुर सहित छिंदवाड़ा, कटनी, डिंडोरी, नरसिंहपुर, मंडला, बालाघाट से 5 अक्टूबर को लोग आएंगे। प्रधानमंत्री नागपुर गैस पाइप लाइन विजयपुर औरिया गैस पाइप लाइन परियोजना सहित अन्य विकास योजनाओं का शिलान्यास और लोकार्पण करेंगे।

वीरांगना रानी दुर्गावती की 500वीं जयंती के अवसर पर प्रधानमंत्री के आगमन को लेकर तैयारी लगभग पूरी हो गई है। प्रधानमंत्री 5 अक्टूबर को दोपहर करीब बजे एयरपोर्ट पहुंचेंगे। उसके बाद बुलेट प्रूफ कार में सवार होकर एसपीजी के अधिकारी और जवानों के बीच कार में शामिल होकर सभा स्थल तक पहुंचेंगे।

प्रधानमंत्री के जबलपुर आगमन पर मुख्यमंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान ने कहा है कि यह सौभाग्य का विषय है कि श्री मोदी प्रदेश के सपन दौरे कर रहे हैं और बड़ी सौगर्त दे रहे हैं। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि श्री मोदी के मार्गदर्शन में प्रदेश की भाजपा सरकार अभूतपूर्व विकास कार्य और व्यापक जनहित की योजनाएं लागू कर रही हैं।

प्रधानमंत्री मोदी का आगमन आज

शहर को मिलेगी अनेकों सौगातें, सुरक्षा में तैनात एसपीजी

जबलपुर, (नव स्वदेश)।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी आज अपने कार्यकाल में 35वीं



बार मध्य प्रदेश के दौरे पर आ रहे हैं। पीएम मोदी यहां जबलपुर में आदिवासी वीरांगना रानी दुर्गावती की 500वीं जयंती पर आयोजित कार्यक्रम में शिरकत करेंगे। वीरांगना रानी दुर्गावती के 100 करोड़ की लागत से

बनने वाले स्मारक के शिलान्यास के साथ ही वे 12 हजार करोड़ के विकास कार्यों की सौगात भी देंगे। महाकौशल अंचल के आदिवासी वोटों के हिसाब से प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के इस दौरे को बेहद अहम माना जा रहा है। इस वक्त जातीय गणना से देश के साथ मध्य प्रदेश की राजनीति भी गरमाई हुई है।

इसी बीच मध्य प्रदेश में विधानसभा चुनाव के लिए कांग्रेस ने जातीय गणना का दांव चल दिया है। बीजेपी इसका काट दूढ़ने के साथ रूटे हुए आदिवासी वोटों को मनाने का भी जतन कर रही है। सूबे में आदिवासी वोटों की तादाद तकरीबन 22 प्रतिशत है। इसी वजह से बीजेपी लगातार आदिवासी नायकों को सम्मान देने के लिए बड़े आयोजन करने में जुटी है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी जबलपुर में वीरांगना रानी दुर्गावती स्मारक की आधारशिला रखने के साथी उनके वंशज राजा शंकर शाह और कुमार रघुनाथ शाह म्यूजियम का भी लोकार्पण करेंगे। यह दोनों 1857 की क्रांति के वीर शहीद कहलाते हैं जिन्हें, अंग्रेजों ने जबलपुर में टॉप के मुंह में बांधकर उड़ा दिया था।

उनके आने से पहले ही एसपीजी सुरक्षा एजेंसी ने पूरे शहर में मोर्चा संभाल लिया है। चप्पे-चप्पे पर सुरक्षा के पुख्ता इंतजाम किए जा रहे हैं। एसपीजी ने कार्यक्रम स्थल से लेकर एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा को अपने हाथों में ले लिया है। किसी को भी बगैर अनुमति भीतर जाने नहीं दिया जा रहा है। पीएम मोदी के दौरे से पहले जबलपुर सुरक्षा एजेंसियों के घेरे में आ गया है। पूरे शहर को नो फ्लाईंग जोन घोषित कर दिया गया है। वहीं पीएम के कार्यक्रम के

लिए बुलेटप्रूफ वाहन भी पहुंच गए हैं। काफिले के वाहन में जैमर वाला वाहन, बम बीडीएस स्क्राड, एंबुलेंस फायर ब्रिगेड आदि वाहन शामिल हैं। पूरे शहर पर ड्रोन कैमरे से भी नजर रखी जा रही है।

मध्यप्रदेश में 10वां दौरा

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी का जबलपुर दौरा एक वर्ष में 10वां दौरा है। जबकि पिछले 10 वर्षों में पीएम मोदी का यह

35वां मध्यप्रदेश दौरा है। इससे पहले पीएम मोदी का छतरपुर जाने का भी कार्यक्रम था, लेकिन वो निरस्त हो गया। मोदी केन बेतवा लिंक परियोजना की आधारशिला रखने वाले थे। गौरतलब है कि मध्यप्रदेश में भाजपा की राज्य और केंद्र सरकार के प्रमुख नेताओं के तुफानी दौरे चल रहे हैं, क्योंकि आने वाले तीन दिनों के बाद कभी भी आचार संहिता लग सकती है।

नई रेल परियोजनाओं का शिलान्यास

पीएम रेलवे की नई परियोजनाओं का शिलान्यास व उद्घाटन भी करेंगे। बताया जाता है कि कटनी-सिंगरौली रेलखण्ड के विजयश्रोता-मुड़वार ग्राम के बीच डाली गई

एक साल में 10वां दौरा

- 9 जनवरी : इंदौर में प्रवासी भारतीय कार्यक्रम में आए।
- 1 अप्रैल : भोपाल में वंदे भारत को हरी झंडी दिखाई।
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- 27 जून : भोपाल में वंदे भारत को हरी झंडी दिखाई।
- 1 जुलाई : शहडोल में सिकल सेल उन्मुलन मिशन लॉन्च।
- 12 अगस्त : सागर में संत रविदास मंदिर की आधारशिला
- 14 सितंबर : बीना में पेट्रो केमिकल प्लांट की आधारशिला
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- 5 अक्टूबर : जबलपुर में कई विकास कार्यों का करेंगे भूमिपूजन।



नई रेल लाइन का पीएम द्वारा वर्चुअली उद्घाटन किया जाना है, जिसकी तैयारी रेल अधिकारी कर रहे हैं।

बैनर पोस्टरों से सजे चौराहे

प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के नगर आगमन को लेकर भाजपा कार्यकर्ताओं द्वारा शहर को सजाया-संवार गया है। पार्टी कार्यकर्ता इस कार्य में जुटे हैं। राज्यसभा सांसद सुश्री कविता पाटीदार ने युवा मोर्चा एवं महिला मोर्चा के कार्यकर्ताओं के साथ मालवीय चौक पहुंचकर प्रतीकात्मक रूप से पार्टी का झंडा बांधा। उन्होंने कहा हमारे नेता के आगमन पर पार्टी द्वारा शहर को सजाने के कार्य किया जा रहा है और इस कार्य को हमारे युवा कार्यकर्ता करेंगे तो उनका हौसला बढ़ाने हम सभी ने पार्टी का झण्डा लगाया है।

जीआरपी ने रेलवे स्टेशन पर बढ़ाई चौकसी

प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के आगमन को लेकर रेलवे ने सुरक्षा के इंतजाम बढ़ा दिये हैं। जीआरपी, आरपीएफ द्वारा जबलपुर पहुंचने वाली ट्रेनों की विशेष रूप से चेकिंग की जा रही है। आरपीएफ द्वारा डॉग स्क्राड की मदद से यात्रियों के लगेज की चेकिंग के साथ सैदहियों से पूछताछ भी की जा रही है। आरपीएफ के साथ-साथ जीआरपी भी ट्रेन, यात्री प्रतीक्षालय, टिकट काउंटर आदि की लगातार सचिंघ कर रही है।

INBRIEF



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● ON COSTLIER CRUDE

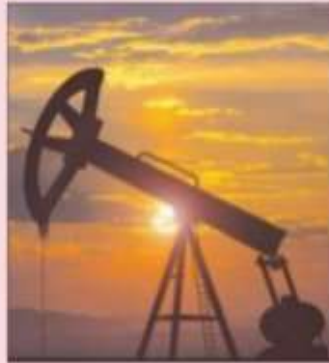
OMCs seen to incur marketing losses in H2

ARUNIMA BHARADWAJ
New Delhi, October 4

EVEN THOUGH CRUDE oil prices have moderated at \$90 a barrel from its highest of \$97 a few days back, analysts see prices to remain elevated till the year end which is likely to cause losses to the oil marketing companies (OMCs) from the sale of auto fuels in the second half of the current fiscal.

At present, the refineries are estimated to be facing higher under-recoveries of ₹5/litre in the case of diesel compared with ₹2/litre in August.

For consumers, costlier crude has dampened the hopes of a cut in auto fuels prices, instead raised concerns of prices getting higher. However, analysts say that a rise in prices of petrol and diesel is unlikely, given the upcoming assembly polls and general elections in 2024. In the second quarter of the current financial year, the gross marketing margin of OMCs



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in diesel has shown a decline and is currently at ₹0.3/litre, analysts said. "In the first quarter, it was ₹9.5/litre." Analysts also believe that on a current basis, losses could be even higher.

In the case of petrol sales, current under-recoveries are seen at ₹5/litre.

"As of now, OMCs are making under-recoveries on diesel. In case prices remain elevated, then (under-

recoveries on) diesel will continue to cause marketing loss for these companies," said Prashant Vashisht, vice-president at Icra.

Moreover, experts believe that OMCs will not just be affected by higher under recoveries, but their entire business ecosystem is likely to get impacted.

"We were expecting in the begin-

ning of this year when crude prices softened, that it will be a strong year for OMCs. Back-to-back years of losses will further impact investor sentiment because until general elections 2024, there will be no change in prices of auto fuels," said an analyst who wished not to be identified.

"Refining margins also will be corrected. They will be needing capex also. All in all, when the equity is eroding for two consecutive years, then why will the investor even look at it? Sentiments will remain negative these will be available at below book values."

Even though coming months can prove to be tough for the refineries, under-recoveries of these OMCs will be capped to some extent as analysts do not see crude prices crossing a level of \$100/bbl. "If crude prices remain high above \$100/bbl, there will be demand destruction. Sustainability of crude prices above \$100/bbl is tough," Vashisht said. "I don't see very

large under-recoveries."

"Typically, whenever the global crude oil prices rise dramatically, there is at least two-three months' lag because of sizeable inventories and initiatives which OMCs have considerably undertaken. So, I don't expect immediate petrol and diesel price increases," said Gaurav Moda, Partner, Energy Sector Leader from EY India. "If prices continue to remain high, then at some point the OMCs will have to reevaluate on what to extract out of the market."

WTI crude prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange were at \$99.22/bbl on Wednesday, up 1.1% from the previous close and of Brent was up by almost 1% at \$90.03/bbl.

Oil prices need to fall to levels of around \$80 a barrel to be good for consumers, Oil Minister Hardeep Puri told Bloomberg TV on the sidelines of Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition Conference on Tuesday.

9.6 crore Ujjwala beneficiaries to get another ₹100 subsidy on LPG cylinder

Shishir Sinha

New Delhi

Ujjwala beneficiaries will get an additional subsidy of ₹100, taking the total sop to ₹300, the Union Cabinet decided on Wednesday. This will benefit 9.6 crore Ujjwala beneficiaries.

This means that the effective price of a 14.2 kg domestic cooking gas cylinder would be ₹600, considering the base price of ₹900 in Delhi. Though the government has not given any estimate for the additional outgo from the exchequer, it is being put in the ₹3,000-4,000 crore range. For 2022-23, ₹6,100 crore was provided for the Ujjwala subsidy, which increased to ₹7,680 crore in the current 2023-24 fiscal (April 2023 to March 2024).

“For every refill, Ujjwala consumers will get an additional subsidy of ₹100,” Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said while giving details of the decision taken by the Cabinet



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and the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. This is the second instalment of the benefit to the Ujjwala beneficiary. Earlier, on the eve of Raksha Bandhan, the government had lowered the base price by ₹200.

Ujjwala beneficiaries are getting ₹200/cylinder as a subsidy, and it is transferred to their bank accounts through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism. Now, ₹300 will be transferred. However, consumers will have to pay the full price at the time of refill.

The latest hike in the sub-

sidy follows criticism by the opposition parties about the high LPG price. Parties like the Congress are promising an LPG cylinder at ₹500 if voted to power.

DECISIONS FOR TELANGANA

The Cabinet approved the issue of further Terms of Reference (ToR) to the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II (KWDT-II) under Section 5(1) of the ISRWD Act for its adjudication between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

“The resolution of the dispute on the use, distribution, or control of Krishna river waters will open new avenues of growth... and will be beneficial for the people of both States” a government statement said.

The Cabinet also approved the introduction of the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023 for setting up the Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana's Mulugu district. There would be a provision of ₹889.07 crore.

Can oil demand weather the \$100-a-barrel punch?

CAN THE GLOBAL economy weather oil trading at \$100-a-barrel next year? Because a triple-digit price tag wouldn't just mean elevated energy prices — it would also turbocharge the dollar. The combination of expensive barrels and a rampaging greenback could make crude a wrecking ball in 2024 that keeps inflation high enough to destroy growth around the world.

The more oil soars, the pricier the dollar is likely to be, creating a pernicious feedback loop. The longer the cycle continues, the more pain will be felt. The link between petroleum and the greenback is American inflation. As US retail gasoline and diesel prices climb, they could exacerbate domestic inflationary pressures in other sectors, convincing the Federal Reserve to keep interest rates higher — or even higher — for longer. The world's oil central banker, Saudi Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, and the dollar central banker, Jerome Powell of the Federal Reserve, are working hand-in-hand in some ways. The result could be a slowdown in oil demand growth in 2024.

Japan is perhaps the best example of the oil-and-currency cocktail. The yen is hovering at its weakest exchange rate against the greenback in nearly 35 years, turning petroleum refined products into a small luxury. Last month, the Japanese government was forced to extend fossil-fuel subsidies until the end of the year after the nationwide retail gasoline price jumped to a record high of 186.5 yen (\$1.24) a liter, surpassing the peak set in 2008.

For now, the countries most affected by the toxic oil and dollar-strength cocktail aren't the global centers of energy demand growth. Instead of China and Brazil, think about Kenya and Argentina. Still, on the margins, they matter. Oil traders currently say there's little sign that global demand is taking a big hit. True, petroleum consumption has hit the brakes in West Africa, but the biggest reason is the removal of subsidies in Nigeria. Elsewhere, demand remains healthy.

But if prices remain close to their present levels, the ache would slowly be felt in the world's engines of demand, notably India. As the rupee has been losing value steadily against the dollar, New Delhi is finding that, in local currency, oil is more costly than when it hit \$150 a barrel in 2008. India has already told

petroleum-producing countries that prices are too high, Oil Secretary Pankaj Jain said earlier this week. "High prices lead to demand destruction," he commented.

Another unacknowledged problem for emerging markets like India and China: The benefit of their non-aligned oil policy is ending. For most of 2022 and early 2023, New Delhi and Beijing have had access to cheaper crude by buying heavily discounted barrels from Iran, Venezuela and, above all, Russia. By refusing to take sides in the Ukrainian war, India and China have extracted an economic rent. Since then, though, the discounts that Tehran, Caracas and Moscow offered have narrowed considerably. Russian flagship Urals crude, for example, sold at one point in early 2023 at nearly \$40 a barrel below Brent, the global benchmark. Now, Urals is selling at about \$10 a barrel under Brent.

With the post-pandemic rebound in global fuel use running out of steam, the International Energy Agency anticipates that world oil demand would slow down in 2024 to about an extra one million barrels a day, down from 2.2 million barrels a day in 2023. The expected increase in oil demand growth next year is nonetheless within the historical average for the pre-Covid-19 era.

If demand increases by one million barrels a day, as the IEA is expecting now, Saudi Arabia's Prince Abdulaziz will remain in command of the oil market. The increase would be enough to absorb extra production from the likes of Brazil, Canada, Guyana and the US in 2024, plus OPEC+ nations eager to increase output, particularly the United Arab Emirates, but perhaps also Iraq. But any growth slowdown could overwhelm the market, forcing Riyadh to keep its unilateral output cuts much longer than expected, or face lower prices.

In commodity markets, high prices are the cure for high prices. Saudi Arabia and the Fed are giving the global economy plenty of medicine to treat the ailment. In the process, they may kill the patient. Beware.



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Oil at \$100/bbl would be 'organised chaos': Puri

'100 mn people from developing world pushed into poverty in 18 months'

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New Delhi, 4 October

Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Wednesday warned of "organised chaos" if crude oil starts selling at over \$100 per barrel. Saudi Arabia and Russia announced they will continue existing production cuts till the end of the year hours after Puri made the comments at the ongoing ADIPEC oil and gas conference in Abu Dhabi.

"If the price goes above \$100, it's not going to be in the interest of either the producing country or anyone's interest. You will have large, organised chaos," Puri told news channel CNN at a discussion panel early on Wednesday. He pointed out that rising prices in the last 18 months had pushed 100 million people in many parts of the developing world into abject poverty.

A day before, Puri had said oil producers need to show the same sensitivity towards consuming countries as they themselves had been shown during the pandemic, after a meeting with OPEC Secretary General Haitham Al-Ghais. India imports about 60 per cent of its crude oil worth \$101 billion & and other petroleum products from OPEC members.

"During the pandemic, when crude oil prices crashed, the world came together to stabilise the prices to make it sustainable for the producers," Puri had pointed out.

International oil prices had dropped to \$20 per barrel during the outbreak of the pandemic, remaining below \$50 per barrel for the rest of 2020. It hovered at the \$60-\$70 per barrel range in 2021. Prices had subsequently shot up in February 2022, as Russia began its "special military operation" in Ukraine, reaching historic highs in May, 2022.

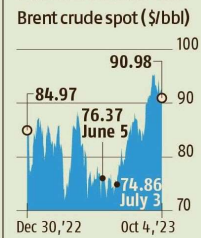


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CRUDE REACTION



JUNE 4: Saudi Arabia announced production cut of 1 million bpd from July; JULY 3: Russia announced oil export cuts of 500,000 bpd from August

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This compares to a price of ₹106.31 a litre for petrol at public sector company's petrol pumps in Mumbai and ₹102.63 in Chennai. Diesel at PSU pumps costs ₹94.27 a litre in Mumbai and ₹94.24 in Chennai.

In Bengaluru, Shell is selling diesel for ₹122 as compared to ₹87.92 a litre rate at petrol pumps owned by public sector firms and ₹87.99 per price at Reliance-BP bunks. PTI

Puri said that crude oil prices at around \$80 per barrel would be a convenient price range for countries. "It is in the interest of all the countries, including oil producing and consuming, to have a healthy discussion on what constitutes a reasonable price band," he added.

India is the world's third

largest consumer of oil and LPG and 4th largest LNG importer.

Production cuts to continue

On Wednesday, the Saudi Energy Ministry said the Kingdom would continue to produce 9 million bpd in November and December.

This would be 25 per cent lower than its maximum capacity of 12 million in bpd.

On the same day, Russia said it will consider next month whether to deepen its voluntary oil production cuts or increase output, while separately continuing its current export cuts until the end of the year. In August, Moscow announced its production had marginally declined to 527 million metric tons (10.54 million barrels per day) in 2023, down from 535 million in 2022.

The latest announcement is widely expected to further push up oil prices, which have traded at above \$90 per barrel since early-September. Brent crude prices, considered the global benchmark, stood at \$89.2 on Wednesday at the time of writing this report.

Saudi Arabia is currently implementing production cuts of 1 million barrels per day (bpd) while Russia has instituted a voluntary export cut of 300,000 bpd. Production cuts first announced by both nations back in July had driven up prices at the pump, enriched Moscow's war chest, and complicated global efforts to bring down inflation.

Hindustan Zinc signs deal to deploy GreenLine's LNG-powered trucks

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Hindustan Zinc Ltd has signed a deal to deploy GreenLine Mobility Solution Ltd's LNG-powered fleet in its supply chain and transportation operations, India's first and the only LNG-fuelled heavy trucking logistics company said on Wednesday.

In a statement, GreenLine said it will invest Rs 200 crore for deploying LNG-powered trucks for Hindustan Zinc's road logistics.

"Hindustan Zinc, India's largest and only integrated producer of zinc, lead and silver, has chosen GreenLine Mobility Solutions Ltd (GreenLine), a part of Essar Group and a pioneer in green mobility solutions, as its sustainable logistics partner and is set to deploy GreenLine's LNG-powered fleet in its supply chain and transportation operations," it said.

LNG-powered vehicles significantly reduce emissions compared to diesel and align perfectly with the sustainability goals of both organizations. This initiative will not only reduce the carbon footprint associated with transportation but also set new industry standards for green logistics.

Speaking on the occasion, Arun Misra, CEO, Hindustan Zinc, said, "Sustainability is an integral part of our company's identity and represents the core



commitment of our management and employees. Deployment of LNG vehicle align with our approved SBTi targets to reduce 50 per cent of absolute Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions and further reduction of 25 per cent of absolute Scope 3 GHG emissions by FY2030 from the base year FY2020."

By introducing LNG vehicles, the company is not just showcasing its commitment towards decarbonising Indian mining but also paving the way for a transport revolution, he said. "This is yet another step towards our vision of net-zero by 2050 or sooner, and we look forward to scaling this up in the coming months."

Anand Mimani, CEO, GreenLine, said, "Indian corporate leadership is committed to reducing their carbon footprint, and we are enabling their mission with our green logistics solutions. Clean, green mobili-

ty solutions will play a very important role in helping industries achieve their sustainability goals."

Hindustan Zinc is committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

GreenLine's LNG-powered trucks, manufactured by Blue Energy Motors, reduce toxic emission significantly compared to diesel - CO₂ by up to 30 per cent, SO_x by up to 100 per cent, NO_x by up to 59 per cent, particulate matter by up to 91 per cent and CO by up to 70 per cent.

GreenLine has collaborated with multiple organizations to create India's first and only integrated green logistics ecosystems to make LNG trucking a reality in India, paving the way for widespread adoption of LNG fuelled long haul trucks by showcasing its immense advantages for corporates, the statement added.

Hindustan Zinc to use GreenLine's LNG-powered trucks for logistic ops

Rishi Ranjan Kala

New Delhi

GreenLine on Wednesday said that the green mobility solutions provider has been selected by Hindustan Zinc (HZL) as its sustainable logistics partner and will deploy LNG-powered trucks for its supply chain and transportation operations.

The development assumes importance as LNG is considered one of the best alternative fuels for energy transition in the next decade till the green hydrogen ecosystem becomes economically viable.

GreenLine, which is part of the Essar Group, will invest ₹200 crore for deploying LNG-powered trucks for HZL's road logistics.

HZL is GreenLine's first client in the mining sector.



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Speaking to *businessline*, GreenLine CEO Anand Mimi said "Decarbonising road logistics is a mission which every Indian corporate is having.

The way forward, with the growth in logistics at a CAGR of 10 per cent, if suitable actions are not taken to reduce carbon dioxide emission levels, it will be a

concern." Corporates are now looking at reducing their carbon footprint, Mimi emphasised adding that LNG-powered trucking is the way forward. LNG emits 30 per cent less CO₂, 100 per cent less Sulphur Oxides (Sox), 59 per cent less Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) and 91 per cent less Particulate Matter (PM).

NET-ZERO VISION

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Opec+ holds oil policy steady as Saudi keeps cuts

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 26

REUTERS

London/Moscow/Dubai, 4 October

An Opec+ ministerial panel that met on Wednesday made no changes to the group's oil output policy, after Saudi Arabia and Russia said they would keep voluntary supply cuts in place to support the market.

Ministers from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and allies led by Russia, known as Opec+, held an online meeting. The panel, named the Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee (JMMC), can call for a full Opec+ meeting if warranted.

Oil has jumped towards \$100 a barrel for Brent crude, the highest since 2022, although prices have come under pressure in recent days from concerns that interest

rates may remain persistently high and from weaker economic growth.

"The committee will continue to closely assess market conditions," an Opec statement issued after the meeting said, adding that the panel recognised and acknowledged the Saudi and Russian cuts.

Earlier on Wednesday, Saudi Arabia said it would continue with a voluntary cut of 1 million barrels per day (bpd) until the end of 2023, while

Russia said it would keep a 300,000 bpd voluntary export curb until the end of December.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak, speaking on the *Rossiya-24* news TV station, said the joint cuts by Saudi Arabia and Russia had helped to balance the global oil market.



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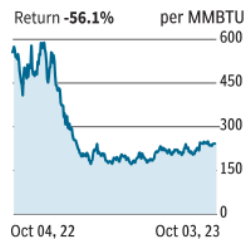
Natural gas futures: Retain long positions

Akhil Nallamuthu

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The October futures contract of Natural gas on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) has moved above a key level at ₹244 after staying flat over the past week. It is currently trading around ₹248.

The recent price action – a decline followed by a sideways trend and then a breakout – indicates a potential bullish trend reversal.



Hence, we expect natural gas futures to rally in the short-term. Although ₹255 is a potential hurdle, the contract is expected to surpass this level and touch ₹265 within a month.

On the contrary, if the contract witnesses a fall from the current level, it has support levels at ₹244 and ₹235. A breach of ₹235 is less likely considering the charts.

TRADE STRATEGY

Last week, we suggested initiating longs with stop-loss at ₹234 when the contract surpasses ₹244. Traders can retain this trade.

Going ahead, when the contract rallies past ₹254, tighten the stop-loss to ₹246. Book profits at ₹265.

State Oil Cos See Output Rebound in Fields Abroad

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New Delhi: Output from Indian state firms' oil and gas fields overseas is rising again after falling for four straight years as ONGC Videsh's (OVL) projects in Russia and South Sudan have nearly normalised after severe disruptions last year.

The oil and gas output has risen to 8.3 million metric tonnes of oil equivalent (mmtoe) in the April-August period from 8.1 mmtoe in the same period last fiscal year. The annual output had reached a peak of 24.7 mmtoe in 2018-19 following the purchase of stakes in Russia's Vankor field by Indian state-run firms in 2015 and 2016. The output started declining in 2019-20 and had dropped 21% by 2022-23 as fields matured, producer cartel OPEC+ took voluntary production cuts, and geopolitics throttled output in a Russian field last year.



"Our Russian operations were severely affected by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The opera-

tor in Sakhalin -1, one of our largest projects, decided to exit the project and the production dropped to almost zero level," ONGC Videsh said in an emailed response to ET. "South Sudan, where we have two projects, GPC and SPOC, suffered unprecedented floods, which closed down both of our projects," it added.

Sakhalin-1 output has now almost reached the pre-conflict level while South Sudan projects are also producing at pre-flood levels, the company said, adding that new wells in Latin America and the limited impact of voluntary supply curbs by OPEC+ will help OVL boost its overseas output this year and sustain it for a couple of years. OVL, a subsidiary of state-run ONGC, invests in overseas fields.

OVL is drilling new wells in Colombia and opening the wells that were shut by floods in South Sudan.

₹300 PER 14.2-KG CYLINDER

Centre hikes LPG subsidy for Ujjwala beneficiaries by 50%

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IN THE run-up to Assembly polls in five states later this year and Lok Sabha elections in 2024, the government on Wednesday increased the cooking gas subsidy for poor households under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) by Rs 100 per 14.2-kg cylinder to Rs 300. The decision is expected to benefit 9.6 crore households that are currently covered under the targeted subsidy scheme.

This decision, which was announced by Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur after Wednesday's meeting of the Union Cabinet, comes around a month after the government announced a price cut of Rs 200 per cylinder for all domestic liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) consumers including PMUY beneficiaries, and expanded the PMUY coverage to cover another 75 lakh poor households over three years.

With Wednesday's decision, a 14.2-kg domestic LPG cylinder in Delhi will effectively cost Rs 603 for PMUY beneficiaries, while for other domestic consumers, it will continue to be priced at Rs 903.



There are currently around 9.6 crore households covered under the PMUY. *File*

Under the PMUY, beneficiaries pay the full price for the cylinders and the subsidy is transferred to their bank accounts by public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), for up to 12 refills in a year. The government compensates the OMCs for the subsidy payout.

Ahead of the Assembly polls, the Congress has promised to provide LPG at Rs 500 per cylinder in Madhya Pradesh if voted to power. Its government in Rajasthan has already cut the effective price to Rs 500 per cylinder for poor households by providing additional subsidy support. Both these

states, along with Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram, are going to polls later this year. The Opposition parties had been criticising the government for high fuel prices, particularly those of cooking gas.

As per official data, there are currently around 9.6 crore households covered under the PMUY and the average LPG refill rate under the scheme was 3.71 cylinders for 2022-23 in terms of 14.2-kg cylinders.

Assuming the beneficiary base and the cylinder refill rate remains constant, the decision to raise

cooking gas subsidy could cost the government around Rs 3,600 crore on an annualised basis. This translates to around Rs 1,800 crore for the remainder of the current fiscal ending March.

In the Union Budget for 2023-24, the government provisioned Rs 7,680 crore as cooking gas subsidy for the fiscal, assuming a per-cylinder subsidy of Rs 200. With Wednesday's decision, the final subsidy burden for the fiscal is likely to be higher than the budget estimate.

The PMUY, which was launched in 2016, was seen as one of the key welfare schemes that helped the Bharatiya Janata Party return to power at the Centre in 2019.

The scheme has played a key role in taking LPG coverage to near saturation in India. The key objective of the PMUY is to discourage poor households from using conventional cooking fuels like firewood, which are a cause of household pollution and have an adverse impact on health.

According to the latest National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) report, LPG is the primary source of energy for nearly 50 per cent of households in rural areas and about 90 per cent of urban households across India.

Govt raises Ujjwala subsidy for 96mn households by ₹100

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NEW DELHI: The government on Wednesday raised cooking gas subsidy for 96 million poor households by ₹100 per cylinder to a total of ₹300, which effectively makes refills cheaper by ₹500 per cylinder when compared to late August, when the price of the fuel was cut by ₹200 a cylinder for all 330 million customers.

Cooking gas cylinders (14.2 kg ones) will now be available for beneficiaries covered by the subsidised gas scheme, Ujjwala, at ₹603; it will continue to cost ₹903 for general customers. The

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move comes ahead of assembly elections in five states later this year, and persistent inflation, although it eased a bit in August and will likely do more in September. Retail inflation in August was 6.83%, down from a 15-month high of 7.44% in July.

Announcing the Cabinet's

decision, Union information and broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur said the move is in keeping with the Narendra Modi government's efforts to provide relief to the poor, particularly women. Thakur did not quantify its financial implication on the exchequer. "This is not a burden, but a help to 9.60 crore (96 million) sisters, or, in other words, 9.60 crore families," he said. In Rajasthan, where the Congress is in power, the state government announced in its 2023-24 budget that Ujjwala beneficiaries would be eligible for cylinders at ₹500 apiece. In Madhya Pradesh, where the BJP is in power, the

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government recently announced that cylinders would be provided at ₹450 apiece to all beneficiaries of the Ujjwala scheme and the state's Ladli Behena scheme.

The Union Cabinet on August 29 slashed cooking gas price by ₹200 per cylinder for all 330 million customers on the occasions of Raksha Bandhan and Onam, which was in addition to ₹200 per refill subsidy available to the 96 million Ujjwala beneficiaries since May 2022.

A fortnight after slashing cooking gas rates by ₹200 per cylinder for all customers on August 29, the government on September 19 launched the third phase of its popular Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme to provide free gas connections along with a stove and a refill to 7.5 million additional poor households for three years.

The first major relief to the poor households came last year when the government restored cooking gas subsidy to them. On May 21, 2022, Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman took a slew of measures to provide relief to people from rising inflation that included slashing of central duties on petrol and diesel, and giving ₹200 per cylinder cooking gas subsidy to Ujjwala beneficiaries. The cooking gas subsidy on domestic liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) was almost stopped since May 2020, when the fuel's price plunged to ₹581.50 per 14.2kg cylinder.

Immediately after the announcement of raising fuel subsidy on Wednesday, education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said PM Modi has "once again given a gift to the mothers, sisters and daughters of the country ahead of Navratri and the upcoming festivals". "After the reduction of ₹200 in August and ₹100 today, Ujjwala beneficiaries will now get LPG cylinder ₹500 cheaper," he said in a tweet.

Saudi Arabia, Russia to stick with oil supply cuts for now

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Saudi Arabia and Russia reaffirmed that they will stick with oil supply curbs of more than 1 million barrels a day until the end of the year as a rally in prices falters.

The leaders of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies (Opec+) coalition announced the plans in separate official statements on Wednesday. Riyadh has slashed crude production by 1 million barrels a day, and Moscow is curbing exports by 300,000 a day, on top of earlier cuts made with fellow Opec+ nations.

Oil prices surged to almost \$100 a barrel in London last week as the two nations choked supplies just as global demand hits a record, draining



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inventories at the fastest pace in years.

But the rally has since cooled, with Brent futures retreating to near \$89 on Wednesday amid signs that the price spike is encouraging the Federal Reserve to keep

interest rates higher for longer. JPMorgan Chase & Co. says "demand destruction has begun" as fuel costs squeeze consumers.

The two oil allies reaffirmed their plans with identical wording in separate statements, released first on the *Saudi Press Agency* and then shortly after by Russian deputy prime minister Alexander Novak.

The output curbs are intended "to reinforce the precautionary efforts made by Opec+ countries with the aim of supporting the stability and balance of oil markets," they said.

Yet Opec's own data indicate the measures will leave global markets severely short this quarter, potentially draining inventories by more than 3 million barrels a day—the fastest pace in years.

OIL PRICE

High crude price could create organised chaos: Puri

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PETROLEUM and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Wednesday said that rising crude oil prices could create organised chaos and devastation in several parts of the world. The minister, in an interview with a news channel at the AD-IPEC oil and gas conference in Abu Dhabi, said that the price of \$100 a barrel of oil is not in the interest of either the producing countries or the consumers.

"If the price goes above \$100, it is not going to be in the interest of either the producing country or anyone's interest. You will have large, organised chaos," said the minister in an interview to a news channel.

As the major oil producing countries including Saudi Ara-

bia and Russia announced reducing its production, the crude price in the international market went up significantly. Saudi Arabia announced on October 4 that it would continue oil supply cuts of 1 million barrels per day (bpd) and Russia too, has agreed to continue its current export cuts of 300,000 bpd until the end of 2023. Last week, the Brent Crude Future touched 7-month-high \$97 a barrel.

The minister said that the prices of around \$80 per barrel or slightly less than that would be a convenient price range for countries. The minister also warned that high oil prices could again lead to similar economic turmoil as witnessed in 2008 when crude reached \$134.3 per barrel (from \$93.60 in January 2008).

शेल ने डीजल के दाम बढ़ाए

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दक्षिण एवं पश्चिम भारत में खास शेल इंडिया की खास मौजूदगी है। इस बढ़ोतरी के बाद उसके पंपों पर डीजल के दाम मुंबई में 130 रुपये और चेन्नई में 129 रुपये प्रति लीटर हो गए हैं।

पीएम आज राजस्थान-मध्यप्रदेश का दौरा करेंगे

वैभव न्यूज ■ इंदौर

प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी 5 अक्टूबर, को राजस्थान और मध्य प्रदेश का दौरा करेंगे। सुबह लगभग 11 बजकर 15 मिनट पर प्रधानमंत्री राजस्थान के जोधपुर में सड़क, रेल, विमानन, स्वास्थ्य और उच्च शिक्षा जैसे क्षेत्रों की लगभग 5000 करोड़ रुपये लागत वाली कई विकास परियोजनाओं की आधारशिला रखेंगे और उन्हें राष्ट्र को समर्पित करेंगे। लगभग तीन बजकर 30 मिनट पर प्रधानमंत्री मध्य प्रदेश के जबलपुर पहुंचेंगे जहां वह सड़क रेल गैस

पाइपलाइन, आवास और स्वच्छ पेयजल जैसे क्षेत्रों में 12,600 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की लागत वाली विकास परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन और शिलान्यास करेंगे तथा उन्हें राष्ट्र को समर्पित करेंगे। प्रधानमंत्री राजस्थान में स्वास्थ्य ढांचे को मजबूत करने के लिए महत्वपूर्ण परियोजनाओं का शिलान्यास करेंगे। इन परियोजनाओं के तहत अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान, जोधपुर में 350 बिस्तरों वाला ट्रॉमा सेंटर और क्रिटिकल केयर हॉस्पिटल ब्लॉक और पूरे राजस्थान में प्रधानमंत्री-आयुष्मान भारत हेल्थ



इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर मिशन (पीएम-एबीएचआईएम) के तहत सात क्रिटिकल केयर ब्लॉक विकसित किए जाएंगे। एम्स जोधपुर में ट्रॉमा, इमरजेंसी और क्रिटिकल केयर के लिए एकीकृत केंद्र 350 करोड़ रुपये

से अधिक की लागत से विकसित किया जाएगा। इसमें ट्राइएज, डायग्नोस्टिक्स, डे केयर, वार्ड, निजी कमरे, मॉड्यूलर ऑपरेटिंग थिएटर, गहन चिकित्सा कक्ष और डायलिसिस कक्ष जैसी विभिन्न सुविधाएं शामिल होंगी। यह रोगियों को बहु-विषयक और व्यापक देखभाल प्रदान करके ट्रॉमा और आपातकालीन मामलों के प्रबंधन में एक समग्र दृष्टिकोण लाएगा। समूचे राजस्थान में विकसित किए जाने वाले क्रिटिकल केयर ब्लॉक्स से राज्य के लोगों को जिला स्तर पर क्रिटिकल केयर अवसंरचना का लाभ मिलेगा।

शेल का डीजल ₹20 प्रति लीटर महंगा हुआ

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भाव इससे कहीं कम हैं। सरकारी पेट्रोलियम कंपनियों के पेट्रोल पंप पर मुंबई में पेट्रोल 106.31 रुपये जबकि चेन्नई में 102.63 रुपये प्रति लीटर के भाव पर बिक रहा है। डीलरों का कहना है कि शेल के पेट्रोल पंप पर डीजल के दाम में चार रुपये प्रति लीटर की एक और बढ़ोतरी होने वाली है। ऐसा होने पर मुंबई में बृहस्पतिवार को डीजल के दाम 134 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर पहुंच जाएंगे।

इस बारे में संपर्क किए जाने पर कंपनी के एक प्रवक्ता ने कहा, 'शेल इंडिया डीजल की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी की पुष्टि करती है। हम अपने ग्राहकों की परेशानियों को समझते हैं लेकिन हमें बाजार में जारी उतार-चढ़ाव के चलते डीजल की कीमतें बढ़ाने का फैसला करना पड़ा है।' हालांकि, देश के अधिकांश हिस्से में सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की पेट्रोलियम कंपनियों आईओसी, बीपीसीएल और एचपीसीएल के पेट्रोल पंपों की ही बहुतायत होने से ग्राहकों को अभी पुरानी दर पर ही डीजल एवं पेट्रोल मिल रहे हैं।