

# Russia continues to grow its share of crude oil supplies to India

**Our Bureau**

New Delhi

Crude oil shipments from Russia which stood at around 1 million barrels a day in November 2022, are estimated to have risen to 1.24 million barrels last month, S&P Global Commodity Insights said on Thursday.

Russian crude's share in the Indian crude basket in 2021 was around 2.2 per cent, and since then, it has become India's top crude supplier in November 2022, S&P Global Commodity Insights said.

'Imports from Russia are on course to rise even higher in December (2022), with India estimated to import around 1.24 million barrels daily because of its competitive landed cost. But that has not eroded the market share of the US,' it added.

"From a market share of less than 1 per cent in India's import basket before the start of the conflict (January 2022), Russia's share of imports in October 2022 rose to 4.24 million tonnes (mt), or nearly 1 million barrels per day, taking a 21 per cent share. It was comparable to that of Iraq and higher than Saudi Arabia's 15 per cent," S&P said last month.

## DIVERSIFY SOURCES

Indian refiners have continued to diversify their crude sources, especially after the OPEC+ cut, with the share of Russian crude staying at around 20-25 per cent of imports, refinery economics analyst at S&P Global, Sumit Ritolia said.

"They (Indian refiners) have been aggressively making attempts to diversify by entering into term purchase deals with suppliers in the

Americas and Latin America. SPR releases from the US have also widened the WTI-Brent spread, making North American crudes more appealing," he added.

According to S&P Global data, the share of US crude in the Indian crude basket increased from 5-6 per cent in April to around 10 per cent in November last year. In the last quarter of 2022, the US displaced Kuwait to become the fifth-largest oil supplier to India.

"This resonates with the statement by the Indian petroleum minister as India continues to buy crude from the US for state-owned refineries looking to diversify their crude sources. India is even diversifying its Russian crude oil basket by importing Arctic-grade Varandey Blend for the first time and further strengthening its Russian crude oil import volumes," Ritolia added.

# Government likely to review OMC losses post Budget

**BOOSTER SHOT.** In H1 FY23, they lost ₹27,276 cr; it has to be compensated: HS Puri

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The government is unlikely to raise the retail prices of petrol and diesel at least in January, though it intends to compensate oil marketing companies (OMCs) which are incurring losses on sale of diesel even as international crude oil prices fell by 40-45 per cent this month from the record highs in April 2022,

Sources said that a review of the OMC losses will be taken post the presentation of the Budget, on February 1.

**‘DESERVE CONSIDERATION’**  
When asked if retail prices of auto fuels will be raised, Oil Minister HS Puri on Thursday said the lament of OMCs is that throughout the period



**BALANCING ACT.** Oil Minister HS Puri addressing the Confederation of Indian Industry's Bio-Energy Summit 2023 PTI

when oil prices were high they were selling (at lower prices) facing under recoveries on petrol and diesel. Some of them are saying that on diesel they are still having under recoveries.

“They are good corporate citizens and just now they are reeling from losses. If you have

to sell energy, you have to buy it or produce it and if the global price is X then you add to it exchange rate, insurance, freight, refiner's margin and dealer's margin. You don't determine that. So PSU OMCs are merely instruments. So I think they deserve some consideration, but what happens

is not for me to guess,” Puri told reporters on the sidelines of the CII bio-energy summit here.

## ‘OMCS NEED SUPPORT’

Puri said “They took a big hit on not raising fuel prices. So they came to us and said we need to be compensated. As a once time exception, of the ₹28,000 crore that was spent, we gave them ₹22,000 crore (on LPG). Now, they are telling us that we have taken a hit on petrol and diesel, and their H1 FY23 losses were something like ₹27,276 crore. It is under discussion and as a line minister I am supporting them as tomorrow they may face the situation again and if the guy goes into liquidation because you did not bail him out then next time he won't be in a position to absorb.”

# OMCs to give green hydrogen plan soon, says minister

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New Delhi, 12 January

Oil marketing companies (OMC) would submit a road map for adopting green hydrogen in the next 10-14 days, said Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday.

“I have been a staunch believer that the success of green hydrogen will come from the petroleum industry for a variety of reasons. You have the refineries, which will use it for a variety of P&G functions. In terms of their mindset, they are already doing that. It’s happening everywhere in the world, not just India,” said Puri at the CII Bioenergy Summit.

The Union Cabinet earlier this week approved an initial outlay of ₹19,744 crore for the National Green Hydrogen Mission. R K Singh, the minister for power, new, and renewable energy, said earlier that the Centre would start a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to give impetus to manufacturing of green hydrogen and its key device, the electrolyser.

Electrolysers use electricity to split water into hydrogen and oxygen. When electricity for the electrolyser comes from renewable sources like wind and solar, the hydrogen produced is called green.

Puri said global manufacturers have tied up with Indian partners for electrolysers. He stressed that the cost of green hydrogen would ultimately not depend on electrolysers, but on renewable sources. Green hydrogen production needs to be in places where the fuel is utilised the most.

## E20 fuel

The government, on Wednesday, announced the phased roll-out of E20 (20 per cent ethanol blending in gasoline) from April 1. Officials said the fuel will be available at select outlets and will not require changes to car engines.

Puri said market forces would deal with the issue of automobile fuel engines not being compatible with petrol having more than 20 per cent blended ethanol. He argued engines programmed to run fuel with more than 20 per cent blended ethanol are readily available.

“There is now conventional wisdom that if you have 20 percent blending, then the existing engines with or without modifications are good enough to run it. There is also now technology available if you need to do minor adjustments (to the engine),” he said.

Every 10 per cent of bio-fuel blending in petrol saves the country ₹40,000 crore worth of crude imports.

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**SPEEDING UP SHIFT TO CLEAN ENERGY**

# Policy on Ethanol Pumps in Works

**Our Bureau**

**New Delhi:** The Centre is working on a policy for setting up ethanol pumps in the country to speed up the adoption of clean energy and wean away the nation from polluting fossil fuels.

Speaking at a Bio-Energy Summit organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), minister of road transport and highways Nitin Gadkari said he will be meeting the petroleum minister in 15 days to make a policy for setting up ethanol pumps.

"The potential of ethanol is huge and there is a demand from Bangladesh for it as well," he said.

Gadkari said there is a requirement of 10 billion litre of ethanol if we blend it with petrol by up to 20%. "Now Bajaj, Hero, and TVS have motorcycles ready that can run on 100% bioethanol. We can also have auto rickshaws that run on it," he said.

India has been pushing



for replacing fossil fuel-run vehicles with alternate fuels in a bid to cut import dependence and boost local manufacturing. According to Gadkari, the country's Rs 16 lakh crore fuel import bill is a challenge that needs to be addressed.

Commenting on the status of ethanol dispensation outlets that have been set up, he said, "We have three ethanol pumps in Pune but we now need scooters and rickshaws to run on flex fuel and coordinate with the pumps. This can be spread to Uttar Pradesh and all scooters and auto rickshaws can run on bio-ethanol in the state".

# India, Guyana to Join Forces in Oil and Gas

## Our Bureau

**New Delhi:** India and Guyana have agreed to cooperate in the oil and gas sector, including long-term crude purchase from the South American country and investment in its upstream sector.

Oil minister Hardeep Singh Puri met Guyana president Mohamed Irfaan Ali on Thursday.

"The leaders agreed on direct government-to-government cooperation across the entire spectrum of the oil and gas sector including increased long-term offtake, participation in exploration and production activities in Guyana, technical cooperation in the

midstream and downstream sector and capacity building," the oil ministry said in a statement.

The leaders agreed to set up two technical teams to take forward these discussions, the ministry said. The contours of future



cooperation would be finalised during the visit of Guyana's vice president Bharrat Jagdeo to India in February, it added.

A contract was also signed between Guyana Power and Gas Inc, a wholly-owned company of the government of Guyana, and Engineers India Ltd for providing consultancy services for a 300 MW power plant project in Guyana.

# Puri Wants OMCs Compensated for Selling Fuel Below Mkt Rates

Cos' H1 losses at about ₹28,000 cr; announcement expected in upcoming budget

Our Bureau

**New Delhi:** The government should compensate oil marketing companies (OMCs) for the financial hit they have taken by selling petrol and diesel at less than the market rates, oil minister

Hardeep Puri has said. Indian Oil, Hindustan Petroleum and Bharat Petroleum, the three state-run OMCs, are seeking compensation for the losses they have incurred by keeping domestic retail prices frozen while international rates



rocketed in 2022.

The government gave OMCs a one-time grant of ₹22,000 crore a few months back to offset their losses on cooking gas.

"Now they are telling us, look, we have taken a hit on petrol and diesel also. Their first half (2022-23) losses were about ₹28,000 crore. So, they are coming to us.

It's under discussion," Puri said on Thursday.

"As a minister, I'm supporting them. Because tomorrow, you know, we might face the same situation again, and the guy goes into liquidation because you didn't bail him out. Next time you won't have the capacity," he added.

The minister didn't specify the amount OMCs have sought or what the government is willing to give. The companies expect an announcement on compensation in the budget.

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OMCs sold petrol and diesel at prices far below international rates for several months last year. But in the October-December quarter, they are estimated to have made a profit of ₹10 per litre on the retail sale of petrol and lost ₹6.5 per litre on diesel on

average, as per ICICI Securities.

Puri said Indian private and state-run refiners will continue to buy crude from whoever offers it at the cheapest rate. This was in response to a query on the Indian purchase of oil from Russia.

Oil prices are unlikely to hit \$110 per barrel, as predicted by some analysts until producers suddenly start cutting back supply or demand in consuming countries suddenly lifts.



## Oil and gas to drive green hydrogen growth: Puri

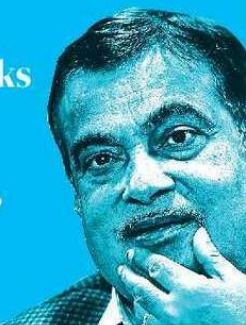
UNION MINISTER HARDEEP Singh Puri on Thursday said the petroleum and natural gas sector will drive the growth of green hydrogen in the country as industry players will produce and consume the clean energy source for multiple purposes.

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{ NITIN GADKARI } MINISTER FOR ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

 We can run trains, aircraft, trucks and buses on green hydrogen. Today, India is an importer of this energy but with innovation, India will be an exporter of green hydrogen.

# Concerns as Oil CEO named chief of COP28

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**NEW DELHI:** State oil giant Abu Dhabi National Oil Corporation (ADNOC)'s chief executive officer (CEO) Sultan al-Jaber has been named as the president of the UN Climate Conference (COP28) scheduled to be held in Dubai in December. He will be the first serving oil firm CEO to take the post, raising concerns among experts and activists about the potential conflict of interest his selection as the top climate negotiator may have created.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) deputy prime minister Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan announced al-Jaber's appointment on Thursday.

Al-Jaber, who is the UAE's industry and advanced technology minister, has served as his country's special envoy on climate change since 2010. He has participated in over 10 COPs, including COP21 in Paris in 2015.

In a statement, ADNOC said al-Jaber has two decades of executive business and leadership experience in government and climate policy across the renewable and conventional energy sectors. It added he has played a key role in shaping the UAE's clean energy pathway. "...he has pioneered a practical and responsible approach to accelerating the energy transition that embraces climate action, energy accessibility, energy security, and economic growth." ADNOC said as the founding CEO of Masdar, a government-owned renewable energy company, al-Jaber has overseen its mandate to accelerate the adoption of renewables within

the UAE and globally. "In his current role as CEO of ADNOC, he is spearheading decarbonizing and diversifying the company's operations and investments in a drive to make today's energies cleaner, while investing in the clean energies of tomorrow."

Al-Jaber said the UAE is approaching COP28 with a strong sense of responsibility and the highest possible level of ambition. "In cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the COP27 Presidency, we will champion an inclusive agenda that ramps up action on mitigation, encourages a just energy transition... ensures substantial, affordable climate finance is directed to the most vulnerable, accelerates funding for adaptation and builds out a robust funding facility to address loss and damage." He said climate action is an immense economic opportunity for investment in sustainable growth. "Finance is the key that can unlock climate action and the UAE is committed to supporting and facilitating the review of the international financial institutions to scale up public financing, leverage private finance."

He promised a pragmatic, realistic, and solution-oriented approach that delivers transformative progress for the climate and low-carbon economic growth. "...the UAE is well-positioned to build bridges, foster consensus, and bring the world together in one shared mission to keep 1.5°C alive and protect the planet for the generations who will follow us."

Al-Jaber said COP28 will especially focus on how climate action can address the needs of the Global South, as those most



Sultan al-Jaber is the UAE's industry minister.

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impacted by climate change.

Phasing down of fossil fuels became a contentious issue at COP27 in Egypt. India stated that it did not support singling out of a single fossil fuel — coal — and called for an acknowledgement that all fossil fuels contribute to greenhouse gas emissions and that the Paris Agreement requires phasing down of all fossil fuels.

The position relates to differences over which fuels are to be singled out for action, specifically the phasing out of subsidies by 2025. Developed nations have pushed for a harder line on fossil fuels like coal, a fuel developing countries are greatly dependent on. EU and US also suggested that they wanted language on phasing down of all fossil fuels in the Sharm El Sheikh cover decision. But, Frans Timmermans, executive vice-president, European Commission for the European Green Deal said EU will support India's call only if it doesn't diminish the earlier agreement in Glasgow on phasing down coal. Nevertheless, the Sharm El Sheikh Implementation Plan has no lan-

guage on phasing down or phasing out fossil fuels. This can slow down mitigation of emissions required for 1.5°C goal and even the 2°C goal under Paris Agreement. There was stiff resistance from Arab nations and oil-producing countries on clubbing oil and gas with coal for phase down according to observers and negotiators from India. Now with UAE selecting an oil giant CEO for leading COP28, there are concerns on how fossil fuel phase down or phase out will be dealt with.

The past eight years were the warmest on record globally, fuelled by ever-rising greenhouse gas concentrations and accumulated heat, according to six leading international temperature datasets by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

The average global temperature in 2022 was about 1.15 [1.02 to 1.27] °C above the pre-industrial (1850-1900) levels. The year 2022 is the 8th consecutive year (2015-2022) that annual global temperatures have reached at least 1°C above pre-industrial levels, according to all datasets compiled

by WMO. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Sharm El Shiekh plan states that limiting global warming to 1.5°C requires rapid, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions of 43% by 2030 relative to the 2019 level. In comparison, emissions if accounted based on implementation of all latest nationally determined contributions, is estimated to be 0.3% below the 2019 level.

Climate Action Network International, a global network of environmental non-governmental organisations in over 130 countries, called it imperative for the world to be reassured that al-Jaber will step down as ADNOC CEO. Tasneem Essop, the network's executive director, said al-Jaber cannot preside over a process tasked to address the climate crisis with such a conflict of interest, heading an industry that is responsible for the crisis itself. "If he does not step down as CEO, it will be tantamount to a full-scale capture of the UN climate talks by a petrostate national oil company and its associated fossil fuel lobbyists." Essop said COP26 in Glasgow had 500 fossil fuel lobbyists, the COP in Egypt saw a 25% increase in presence, and COP28 now seems to be open season for vested interests who will no doubt use the climate talks to continue to undermine any progress on climate action. "...we demand that al-Jaber does the right thing and either stand aside or step down."

"Appointment of Sultan al-Jaber, chief of a major oil company as the next climate COP by UAE is an interesting development. UAE is an OPEC member country with an ambition to achieve net zero

carbon goal by 2050 while simultaneously sustaining oil production. In the backdrop of deepening climate crisis, the choice of COP president is apparently guided by UAE's keenness to skillfully balance the conflicting goals of its oil based economy with those of global goals of reducing emissions and addressing climate change. However, the solutions such as CCS espoused by the oil industry of which ADNOC CEO is a representative are rather controversial and less convincing," said RR Rashmi, distinguished fellow, TERI.

Yvo de Boer, who was the UN climate chief between 2006-2010, said the UAE has much to offer, especially when it comes to the thorny question of how to rise to the climate challenge while creating prosperity at the same time.

De Boer noted the UAE has adopted a sound green growth strategy and is a major investor in renewable energy both at home and abroad. "The COP President designate has been instrumental in many of these issues. This equips him with the understanding, experience, and responsibility to make COP28 ambitious, innovative, and future focussed."

De Boer's successor Christiana Figueres, who was the UN climate chief from 2010-2016, said the International Energy Agency has been abundantly clear that there is no more atmospheric space for any new oil, gas, or coal. "This policy clarity echoes the findings of science and the increasing demands of public opinion."

Figueres said COP28 must not only align with this reality, but accelerate global decarbonisation. "There is no other path forward."

## Oil Minister Hardeep Puri calls on Guyana President Mohamed Irfaan Ali

**NEW DELHI:** The Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Housing & Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri called on the President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, here on Thursday.

The leaders had fruitful and engaging discussion on increasing cooperation across the entire oil & gas ecosystem and noted the synergies which exist between the two countries.

The two sides took note of the recent developments in bilateral energy partnership which included the meeting of Hardeep Puri with Vickram Bharrat, Minister for Natural Resources, Guyana on the sidelines of ADIPEC-2022 in Abu

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activities in Guyana, technical cooperation in the midstream and downstream sector and capacity building.

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The leaders also witnessed the signing of a contract between Guyana Power and Gas Inc. (a wholly owned company of Govt. of Guyana) and Engineers India Limited (EIL) for providing Consultancy Services for Integrated NGL Plant and 300 MW CCGT Power Plant project in Guyana. MPOST

## Indian cos may get Guyana oil blocks

**G**uyana is looking at awarding oil and gas exploration blocks to Indian companies as part of a broader hydrocarbon cooperation it is negotiating with India, the South American nation's president said on Thursday.

Guyana, home to one of the largest oil discoveries in the last decade, has offered 14 offshore exploration blocks under its latest global auction round.

Indian companies can bid in the auction, Guyana's President Irfaan Ali said on Thursday.

"Apart from the auction, we are discussing government-to-government partnership in a number of areas including exploration," Ali said when asked if Guyana would offer blocks to Indian companies through direct negotiations.

India is the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, buying over 84% of the oil it needs from overseas.

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## OMCs to submit road map for green hydrogen

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OIL marketing companies (OMC) are likely to submit a road map for green hydrogen in next 10-14 days, said Petroleum and Natural Gas minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday.

The minister, while speaking at the CII Bio-energy Summit, also said India is undertaking an ambitious journey of energy transition to achieve net carbon zero by 2070. "Our OMCs (oil marketing companies) have come out with their respective net zero targets - IOCL by 2046, BPCL and HPCL by 2040 which also means that OMCs are gearing up for the change in energy source and use, going forward," added the minister.

Last week, then government approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an outlay of ₹19,744 crore with an aim to make India a global hub for the manufacturing of this clean source of energy. The mission seeks to promote the development of a green hydrogen production capacity of at least 5 MMT (Million Metric Tonnes) per annum with an associated renewable energy capacity addition of about 125 GW in the country by 2030.

## पेट्रोल में एथेनाल मिश्रण बढ़कर 10.17 फीसद पर

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। केन्द्रीय पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस तथा आवास और शहरी कार्य मंत्री हरदीप एस. पुरी ने कहा कि भारत ने पेट्रोल में इथेनाल मिश्रण को 2013-14 के 1.53 प्रतिशत से बढ़ाकर जुलाई 2022 में 10.17 प्रतिशत कर दिया है। वे सीआईआई के 11वें जैव-ऊर्जा शिखर सम्मेलन को संबोधित कर रहे थे।

पुरी ने कहा कि पराली (पानीपत) और बांस (तुमालीगढ़) से एथेनाल बनाने के लिए 2जी रिफाइनरियों की स्थापना, इस दिशा में एक और मील का पत्थर है, जो ऊर्जा सुरक्षा लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के साथ-साथ प्रदूषण को कम करने के दोहरे उद्देश्य को पूरा करते हैं। हमने 2030 तक 5 मिलियन टन के उत्पादन लक्ष्य के साथ हरित हाइड्रोजन नीति तैयार की है। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि इस साल फरवरी में घोषित भारत की हरित हाइड्रोजन नीति एक क्रांतिकारी बदलाव है, जो भारत को हरित हाइड्रोजन और हरित अमोनिया के उत्पादन का वैश्विक केंद्र बनाने में मदद करेगा। भारत का लक्ष्य सालाना 4 मीट्रिक टन हरित हाइड्रोजन का उत्पादन करना है, जिससे 2030 तक जीवाश्म ईंधन की संख्या आयात वचत 1 लाख करोड़ रुपये हो जायेगी। उन्होंने कहा कि ऊर्जा स्रोत के रूप में



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हाइड्रोजन उत्पादन प्रक्रिया को किफायती बनाने के लिए इलेक्ट्रोलाइजर के घरेलू निर्माण के लिए यूके और जर्मनी जैसे देशों की कंपनियों के साथ कार्य किये जा रहे हैं।

मंत्री ने कहा कि भारत 2070 तक नेट कार्बन जीरो का लक्ष्य हासिल करने के लिए ऊर्जा परिवर्तन की महत्वाकांक्षी यात्रा शुरू कर रहा है और इस परिवर्तन में स्थिरता होनी चाहिए और यह सुनिश्चित किया जाना चाहिए कि निरंतरता बनी रहे। उन्होंने कहा कि हमारी ओएएमसी ने अपने संबंधित नेट कार्बन जीरो लक्ष्यों को सामने रखा है - आईओसीएल 2046 तक, बीपीसीएल और एचपीसीएल 2040 तक, जिसका अर्थ यह भी है कि ओएएमसी ऊर्जा स्रोत और उपयोग में बदलाव के लिए आगे बढ़ रही है।

# Indo-Bangla Friendship Pipeline set to start by Feb

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**Dhaka:** At least three projects involving Indian investment in Bangladesh are likely to be operational this year, with one of the most important bilateral projects — the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline — likely to be functional by the end of February.

The 130km India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline, being built at a cost of Rs 346 crore, seeks to integrate the energy needs of the two countries. It will be able to carry 1 million tonnes of petroleum every year from Numaligarh in Assam to Bangladesh via Sili-guri. "It is likely to be operational by the end of February. Some more work has to be fi-



[The 130km India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline] is likely to be operational by the end of February. Some more work has to be finished at the Bangladesh end before that

— B'desh govt spokesperson

nished at the Bangladesh end before that," a senior Bangladesh government spokesperson told **TOI**.

India's petroleum and natural gas minister, Hardeep S Puri, met Bangladesh power minister Nasrul Hamid last week. Bangladesh evinced interest in opening its fuel market and engaging more private companies for import and retail sale of fuel besides im-

porting more petroleum at an affordable rate from India, officials said.

The coal-fired Maitree Super Power Plant in Bangladesh's Rampal is likely to supply power to the country's national power grid by August; power from Adani Group's Godda Power Plant in Jharkhand is slated to flow this year as well. Bangladesh faced crippling power cuts in 2022, prompting it buy power from its neighbours. "Bangladesh is going through rapid development. It has scripted a fast-evolving story," Bangladesh information & broadcasting minister Hasan Mahmud said, explaining its hunger for power.



## पाइपलाइन में सेंधमारी करने वालों की संपत्ति होगी कुर्क

मथुरा। (मुकेश कुशवाह थाना रिफाइनरी क्षेत्र स्थित अगनपुरा स्थित मॉकड्रिल ऑफसाइट पर एचपीसीएल की रेवाड़ी- कानपुर पाइप लाइन और आईओसीएल की मथुरा- आगरा पाइपलाइन का टीम द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से मॉकड्रिल किया गया। मॉकड्रिल में एसएसपी शैलेश कुमार पांडेय मुख्य रूप में मौजूद रहे। इस बीच एसएसपी शैलेश कुमार पांडेय ने स्थानीय लोगों को तेल पाइपलाइन की सुरक्षा को लेकर पाइपलाइन पर लीक व आग पर काबू पाने के लिए लोगों को जागरूक किया। एसएसपी ने यह भी कहा कि तेल पाइपलाइन राष्ट्र की संपत्ति है, अगर कभी भी लाइन में किसी भी प्रकार की परेशानी दिखती है तो स्थानीय लोग नजदीकी पुलिस थाने और यूपी डायल-112 --पर सूचना अवश्य कर दें। वहीं एसएसपी शैलेश

कुमार पांडेय ने यह भी कहा कि पाइप लाइन की सुरक्षा के लिए ग्राम प्रधानों की भी कानूनन जिम्मेदारी है। साथ ही साथ उन्होंने तेल पाइपलाइन में सेंधमारी करने वाले तेल चोरों को भी चेतावनी देते हुए कहा कि अगर तेल पाइपलाइन में किसी भी तरह की सेंधमारी कि तो ऐसे माफियाओं पर रासुका-गैंगस्टर एक्ट और गुंडाएक्ट में सख्त कार्रवाई की जाएगी और इसके साथ ही चिनिहत करके ऐसे माफियाओं की संपत्ति को भी कुर्क किया जाएगा। एचपीसीएल-आरकेपील मथुरा के वरिष्ठ स्टेशन प्रबन्धक रामरतन सिंह यादव ने मॉकड्रिल के दौरान मौजूद ग्रामीणों को बताया कि कंपनी द्वारा कभी भी कोई काम रात के समय नहीं किया जाता है। अगर रात में कोई ऐसा कार्य करता दिखे इसकी सूचना संबंधित थाने और कंपनी के टोल फ्री नंबर पर अवश्य दें।