

IGL Makes First Overseas Foray with Saudi MASAH

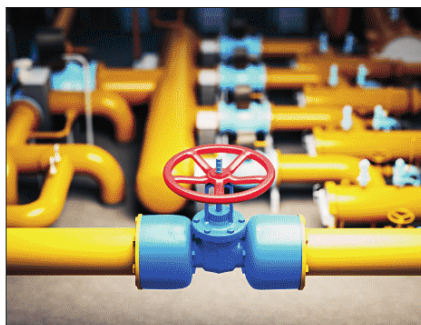
Tie-up to build gas networks in major Saudi industrial hubs

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New Delhi: Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL) has partnered with Saudi Arabia's MASAH Construction Company to jointly explore opportunities for natural gas distribution in key industrial cities across the Kingdom, marking the first overseas foray by IGL or any Indian city gas distributor.

"The alliance will leverage IGL's strengths in planning, design, and operation of natural gas networks, complemented by MASAH's expertise in regulatory management, engineering, procurement, construction, and local stakeholder engagement," the companies said in a joint statement.

IGL, a leading city gas distributor serving Delhi for over two decades, is jointly promoted by state-run companies, GAIL and BPCL. IGL also has a presence in several districts across Uttar



Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan. MASAH Construction is a Riyadh-based contractor with a strong track record of executing complex projects across the Kingdom.

"We take pride in being the first Indian city gas distribution company to venture internationally in the natural gas sector," said Kamal Kishore Chatiwal, managing director, IGL.

India's city gas distribution market has grown

rapidly in recent years, with licences now covering almost the entire country. Companies are building new CNG stations in nearly every district, while CNG-powered car sales are hitting record highs as the fuel remains economically attractive compared to petrol or diesel.

This rapid expansion has strengthened city gas companies, making them more ambitious, with many now operating across multiple regions. IGL's Saudi partnership marks a bold step in expanding beyond India's borders.

"We aim to build resilient and scalable systems that deliver lasting benefits to industries, communities, and the environment," said Mohammed Abdul Nayeem, chairman, MASAH Construction Company.

IGL currently fuels over 2.1 million vehicles every year through a network of more than 950 CNG stations across the country besides connecting over three million households with piped natural gas. "This strategic partnership reinforces IGL's dedication to international collaboration and knowledge sharing, underscoring India's growing leadership in the global clean energy landscape," the companies said in the statement.