

Tackled CNG crisis with alternative supplies: MGL

Mumbai: During the CNG crisis between Sunday and Tuesday, Mahanagar Gas Ltd (MGL) secured additional gas from Gujarat Gas and kept its 4 city gate stations at Mahape, Ambernath, Taloja, and Raigad open. This ensured that cooking and commercial gas supplies remained unaffected and BEST buses received fuel for uninterrupted service, said MGL's MD Ashu Shingal.

MGL also implemented a controlled mechanism in Mumbai, Thane, and Navi Mumbai, shutting down a few CNG stations while ensuring that one or two pumps per neighbourhood remained operational, albeit at low pressure. This prevented autos and taxis from going off the roads completely.

Shingal said MGL has laid a 3.5km line parallel to the GAIL pipeline and would complete the work by Feb. He said in case of an incident like Sunday's pipeline damage, MGL would switch to its second line. Sources said that drilling by a third-party contractor damaged the GAIL India pipeline at RCF terminal. The contractor will be penalised, they added.

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