

PMUY: Govt authorises release of 25 lakh more LPG connection

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NEW DELHI: The government on Monday authorised the release of 25 lakh more LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in the financial year 2025-26, in what is being interpreted as another big push to the empowerment of women. With this addition, the number of PMUY connections in the country will increase to 10.58 crore.

Making the announcement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted women beneficiaries of the scheme and timed the announcement with the auspicious festival of Navratri.

In a microblogging website X post, formerly Twitter, PM Modi posted, "On the pious occasion of Navratri, I offer my warm greetings to all mothers

and sisters who will be part of the Ujjwala family." This action not only makes them happy on this holy festival but also enhances our resolve towards women's empowerment.

Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri also termed the action as a demonstration of the government's commitment towards the dignity and welfare of women. "With the onset of Navratri, the decision to provide 25 lakh deposit-free LPG connections under Ujjwala is yet another testimony of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's commitment to treat women with the same respect accorded to Goddess Durga. This strengthens our resolve for the dignity and empowerment of mothers and sisters," he said. Puri further stated that Ujjwala has become



one of the most effective welfare schemes in India, changing kitchens, protecting health, and illuminating the future of families.

The government has sanctioned an outlay of Rs 676 crore for the disconnection of these connections. This comprises Rs 512.5 crore for giving the connections at the level of Rs 2,050 per connection, Rs 160 crore for a focused subsidy of Rs 300 per 14.2 kg LPG cylinder (for as many as nine refills in a

year), and Rs 3.5 crore for project management, communication, and administrative costs.

Under PMUY, beneficiaries are provided with a deposit-free LPG connection covering the security deposit of the cylinder, pressure regulator, suraksha hose, consumer card booklet, and installation costs. Free of cost, a first refill and a stove are also given.

The beneficiaries are offered various options of cylinders such as a 14.2 kg single bottle, 5 kg single bottle, or a 5 kg double bottle connection.

The process has been technology-enabled and transparent. Adult women belonging to Below Poverty Line families without a prior LPG connection in the family are eligible to apply online on the official PMUY portal or at any public sector

LPG distributor by providing a simplified KYC form and a declaration of deprivation. The applications are system-checked followed by physical verification before the connection is taken to the home of the applicant.

PMUY was initiated in May 2016 to release 8 crore LPG connections without any deposit, a target met by September 2019. In order to provide connections to more houses, Ujjwala 2.0 was initiated in August 2021 to cover 1 crore additional connections by January 2022.

The government subsequently approved 60 lakh more connections in December 2022 and another 75 lakh by July 2024. In excess of 10.33 crore connections have been released till July 2025, making it one of the biggest clean energy programs in the world.

INBRIEF



Govt. okays 25 lakh more LPG connections under PMUY

The Centre on Monday sanctioned 25 lakh additional LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) during the current financial year. For this, the government would be spending ₹676 crore, including ₹512.5 crore for deposit-free connections at ₹2,050 per connection; ₹160 crore for the targeted subsidy announced in August, and ₹3.5 crore towards project management and administration expenses, among other things.

Govt okays 2.5 mn new LPG connections under Ujjwala

ARUNIMA BHARADWAJ
New Delhi, September 22

THE GOVERNMENT ON Monday approved the release of 2.5 million additional LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) for FY26.

With this expansion, the total number of PMUY connections will rise to 105.8 million. The Centre has cleared an expenditure of ₹676 crore for the rollout. This includes ₹512.5 crore for providing 2.5 million deposit-free connections at ₹2,050 per connection, ₹160 crore for a targeted subsidy of ₹300 per 14.2 kg LPG cylinder (upto nine refills annually, proportionately adjusted for 5 kg cylinders), and ₹3.5 crore towards project management, transaction and SMS charges, IEC activities, and administrative expenses.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a post on X: "On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, I extend my best wishes to all mothers and sisters joining the Ujjwala family. This step not only brings them joy during this sacred festival but also strengthens our resolve towards women empowerment."

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security deposit of the cylinder, pressure regulator, suraksha hose, Domestic Gas Consumer Card (DGCC) booklet, and installation charges. The first refill and stove are also provided free of cost.

Beneficiaries pay nothing for the connection, refill, or stove, as these costs are borne jointly by the Government of India and state-run oil marketing companies (OMCs). They may opt for a 14.2 kg single-bottle connection, a 5 kg single-bottle connection, or a 5 kg double-bottle connection.

To improve access and transparency, the process of obtaining an LPG connection under PMUY has been fully stream-

lined and technology-enabled.

Launched in May 2016, PMUY initially aimed to provide 80 million deposit-free LPG connections, a milestone achieved in September 2019. To cover remaining poor households, Ujjwala 2.0 was launched in August 2021 with a target of 10 million additional connections, achieved by January 2022.

The government subsequently approved another 6 million connections under Ujjwala 2.0, achieved in December 2022, and 7.5 million more, achieved in July 2024.

As of July 2025, over 103.3 million PMUY connections have been released across the country.

Oil prices witness marginal decline

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Houston, September 22

OIL PRICES FELL slightly on Monday as worries of an over-supply outweighed geopolitical tensions in Russia and the West Asia. Brent crude oil futures dipped 25 cents, or 0.4%, to \$66.43 a barrel by 12:40 p.m. ET (1640 GMT). Brent has traded between \$65.50 and \$69 a barrel since early August. US West Texas Intermediate crude contract for October, expiring on Monday, was at \$62.44 a barrel, down 24 cents, or 0.4%. The more actively-traded second-month contract was down 27 cents, or 0.5%, at \$62.09.

"Traders are back to focusing on a possibly over-supplied global oil market that is soon to come, unless the US & EU can agree on harsher tariffs on countries that purchase Russian crude," said Dennis Kissler, senior vice president of trading at BOK Financial. Iraq, OPEC's second-largest producer, has increased oil exports under an

OPEC+ pact, state oil marketer SOMO said. It also expects September's exports to range from 3.4 million to 3.45 million barrels per day. Kuwait's crude oil production capacity stands at 3.2 million barrels per day (bpd), oil minister Tariq Al-Roumi said in an interview, the highest assessment in over 10 years.

US equities, which often move in tandem with oil, dipped on Monday amid a visa crack-down and guesswork about the Fed's next interest rate moves. Federal Reserve officials cast doubt on Monday on the need for further rate cuts at a time when inflation remains above the central bank's 2% target and the job market remains near full employment. Lower borrowing costs typically boost oil demand.

Tensions rose in West Asia over several Western nations recognising a Palestinian state as well as in Eastern Europe after Estonia said Russian fighter jets had entered its airspace without permission on Friday.

—REUTERS

Core sector growth at 13-month high in August on low base

Good showing in steel and coal sectors propels output

SHIVA RAJORA
New Delhi, 22 September

A low base effect and a good steel and coal production propelled the output growth in India's eight core infrastructure industries to 13-month high of 6.3 per cent in August against the negative growth seen during the same month of 2024, data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Monday showed.

This was also a sharp jump from the upwardly revised figure of 3.7 per cent in July this year. In August 2024, the Index of Core Industries (ICI) had declined to -1.3 per cent. For the first five months (April-August) of the current financial year, growth stood at 2.9 per cent against 4.72 per cent last year.

Among the sub-sectors, the output growth was led by growth in coal at 11.4 per cent -- highest since June 2024. In July, it had undergone double digit contraction (-12.3 per cent). The headline figure was also boosted by growth in steel output at 14.2 per cent, as it clocked double digit growth for the second consecutive month. Output in other components like refinery products at 3 per cent and fertilisers at 4.6 per cent also accelerated during the month. On the other hand, output in cement at 6.1 per cent and electricity at 3.1 per cent decelerated during the month.

Meanwhile, output in natural gas at -2.2 per cent and crude oil at -1.2 per cent, remained in contraction for the fourteenth and eighth month in a row, respectively.

The eight core sectors constitute 40.27 per cent of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), which had risen to a four-month high of 3.5 per cent in July from 1.5 per cent in June, led by a broad-based improvement across all sectors. Aditi Nayar, chief economist, Icri Ratings says that aided by a low base, the year-on-

Positive momentum

Overall growth in core sectors (Y-o-Y chg in %)



Sectoral trend in Aug

Y-o-Y chg in output (%)*

Coal	11.4
Crude oil	-1.2
Natural gas	-2.2
Refinery products	3
Fertilisers	4.6
Steel	14.2
Cement	6.1
Electricity	3.1

*Provisional; Source: NSO

year (Y-o-Y) growth in core output expectedly improved to a 13-month high in August 2025, with the uptick being particularly driven by coal. "Overall, five of the eight sectors, barring steel, cement, and electricity, saw an improvement in their Y-o-Y growth performance in August. Icri expects the IIP growth to print at 4.5-5.5 per cent in August, particularly aided by a turnaround in the performance of mining output, which has seen a contraction in every month during April-July this year," she added.

2.5 mn more LPG connections to be released in FY26

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New Delhi, 22 September

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) on Monday announced that it has approved the release of 2.5 million additional liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in 2025-26 (FY26).

The government has approved an expenditure of ₹676 crore for these connections, including ₹512.5 crore for providing 2.5 million deposit-free connections at the rate of ₹2,050 per connection, and

₹160 crore for targeted subsidy of ₹300 per 14.2 kg domestic LPG cylinder, for up to nine refills per year, proportionately pro-rated for 5 kg cylinders.

With this, the total number of PMUY connections will rise to 105.8 million.

Under PMUY, beneficiaries receive a deposit-free LPG connection that covers the security deposit of cylinder, pressure regulator, suraksha hose, Domestic Gas Consumer Card (DGCC) booklet, and installation charges. In addition, the first refill and stove are also pro-

vided free of cost. Beneficiaries are not required to make any payment for the LPG connection, the first refill, or the stove.

Beneficiaries can choose from a 14.2 kg single bottle connection, a 5 kg single bottle connection, or a 5 kg double bottle connection. To further enhance transparency and ease of access, the process for obtaining an LPG connection under PMUY has been made streamlined and technology-enabled, the ministry said in a statement.

"Eligible adult women from

poor households who do not have an existing LPG connection in their family can apply by submitting a simplified KYC application form and Deprivation Declaration, either online or at any LPG distributor of the public sector OMCs," the ministry said.

Launched in May 2016, PMUY initially targeted 8 crore deposit-free LPG connections, which was achieved in September 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, Ujjwala 2.0 was launched in August 2021 with a target of 1 crore additional connections, achieved by January 2022.



Govt denies extension of production sharing contract for Cambay oil/gas block

THE ORDER. Oil Ministry tells ONGC, which holds 50%, to take control; Cairn has 40%, Tata Petrodyne 10%

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New Delhi

State-run ONGC said on Monday that the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) has rejected Cairn Oil & Gas' application to extend the production sharing contract (PSC) of CB-OS/2, an oil and gas block off-shore Gujarat.

The block, which consists of the Lakshmi and Gauri fields, produces around 3,400 barrels of oil per day (b/d) and 340,000 standard cubic metres per day (SCMD) of natural gas.

ONGC, through a filing on BSE, said that the MoPNG on September 19, 2025, informed the contractor parties, Vedanta, PNGC and TATA Petrodyne, about turning down the application for extension of the PSC filed by the contractor (Cairn) for the block CB-OS/2. ONGC holds 50 per



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cent stake in the block, followed by Cairn (40 per cent) and Tata Petrodyne (10 per cent).

OFFSHORE BLOCK

The CB-OS/2 block is an off-shore block on the west coast of India and was awarded to the contractors in the Pre New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) PSC on June 30, 1998. Subsequent to

commercial discovery of oil & gas, the petroleum mining lease (PML) was granted in 2002.

"Further, vide separate communication of even date, ONGC has been directed to take control of all data, assets, operations and responsibilities associated with the block in the capacity of Government Nominee. Accordingly, ONGC is taking

over the control of the block," ONGC informed in the filing. When contacted, a Cairn Oil & Gas spokesperson said: "The contractors of the said block were ONGC, Vedanta and Invenire. ONGC was the largest shareholder with a 50 per cent stake, and the remaining stake was shared between Vedanta and Invenire. The block contributed less than 0.3 per cent to the overall EBITDA of Vedanta."

The directions given to ONGC to continue petroleum operations is a purely interim measure taken by the Government of India to maintain continuity of petroleum operations in public interest and safeguard petroleum reserve until the block is awarded to other party, it added.

Cairn operated the Lakshmi and Gauri oil and gas fields in the CB/OS 2 block, which is located in the off-shore areas of the Cambay

basin. Since its inception, Cambay has produced around 50 million barrels of crude oil and roughly 256 billion cubic feet (BCF) of natural gas. The average production for FY23 of the block is 10,777 barrels of oil equivalent per day (bpoed), Cairn said on its website.

The oil and gas exploration & production (E&P) arm of mines-to-metals conglomerate Vedanta, Cairn is the largest private oil and gas E&P company in India, accounting for more than a quarter of India's domestic crude oil production.

It has a current interest in 62 blocks, including the 38 blocks under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) Round I auction, 5 blocks under Round II, and 3 blocks under Round III, 2 awarded under the Discovered Small Fields (DSF) Round-II and 8 under DSF Round-III, and one Coal Bed Methane (CBM) block.

Setback for Vedanta as govt denies extension for Cambay basin oil, gas block

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New Delhi

In a setback for mining baron Anil Agarwal's group, the Government has rejected Vedanta group firm's application for extension of contract for a key Cambay basin oil and gas block. Vedanta Cairn Oil and Gas, a unit of Mumbai-listed Vedanta Ltd, was the operator of the Gujarat offshore block CB-OS/2 with a 40 per cent stake.

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), which holds 50 per cent interest in the block, in a stock exchange filing, said the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has, in a September 19 letter, told the

partners that the application for extension of the production sharing contract (PSC) for CB-OS/2 has not been accepted.

ONGC, which has been asked to take over the operation in the interim period, did not state the reason for the move.

PSC is an agreement between the Government and a resource extraction company. It gives the company time-specified right to explore, develop and

produce resources in exchange for a pre-agreed share of the produced output (known as profit petroleum) once costs are recovered. The CB-OS/2 block, which holds Lakshmi and Gauri

fields and currently produces 3,400 barrels of oil per day and 3.4 lakh standard cubic metres of gas per day, was one of the three properties operated by Cairn India when Agarwal's group acquired the firm in 2011 for \$8.67 billion.

The other assets of Cairn India were the Barmer oil fields in Rajasthan and the Ravva oil and gas fields in the Krishna Godavari basin off the Andhra coast.

Cairn India was merged into Vedanta Ltd in 2017.

In 2023, Vedanta group proposed splitting the company's operations into five separate, publicly listed companies for aluminium, oil and gas, power, iron and

steel and a restructured Vedanta Ltd that would hold the zinc and silver businesses.

During a hearing on the demerger before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) earlier this month, the petroleum ministry raised objections over the demerger plan on the grounds that it made insufficient disclosure of the company's liabilities, particularly regarding the Rajasthan block.

A key concern was the recovery of Government dues from the demerged oil and gas company, becoming virtually impossible in the probable event of the company going into liquidation.

Vedanta has denied all the ministry allegations.

The Government and Vedanta Cairn are locked in disputes, including computation of profit petroleum from the Rajasthan block.

CB-OS/2 is a second setback for Vedanta after the ministry's stand in NCLT.

Tata Petrodyne Ltd originally held the remaining 10 per cent stake in the CB-OS/2 block. Invenire Energy, a private equity-backed Indian upstream oil and gas company, acquired Tata Petrodyne Limited (TPL) from Tata Sons in a \$100 million deal in February 2019. Commenting on the move, Vedanta Cairn Oil & Gas spokesperson said, "The con-

tractors of the said block were ONGC, Vedanta and Invenire. ONGC was the largest shareholder with a 50 per cent stake, and the remaining stake was shared between Vedanta and Invenire. The block contributed less than 0.3 per cent to the overall EBITDA of Vedanta."

The PSC for CB-OS/2 block was signed on August 30, 1998, and the contract expired on June 30, 2023. The Vedanta-led consortium continued to operate the block during the pendency of its application for extension of the Production Sharing Contract (PSC). Now that the PSC extension has been rejected, the block has

returned to the Government.

"ONGC has been directed to take control of all data, assets, operations and responsibilities associated with the block in the capacity of Government nominee. Accordingly, ONGC is taking over the control of the block," the company said in the filing, adding that ONGC's takeover of the block was "purely interim measure" to "maintain continuity of petroleum operations in public interest and safeguard petroleum reserve until the block is awarded to other party".

Prior to denial of extension for CB-OS/2, the Government had extended the contracts for Vedanta Cairn's two other

blocks — a 10-year PSC extension was approved for the Rajasthan block RJ-ON-90/1 till May 14, 2030, and a similar period was given for the PKGM-1 block, more commonly known as the Ravva field, till October 27, 2029.

According to a DeGolyer and MacNaughton reserve report commissioned by Vedanta Cairn in 2019, CB-OS/2 block's two discoveries, Gauri and Lakshmi, held a total in-place reserves of 13.6 million barrels of oil and oil equivalent gas.

While the block PSC expired, Vedanta Cairn had pressed ahead with its development plan for the discoveries in the 3,314 square kilometre shallow water block.

PLEA FOR CONTRACT RENEWAL REJECTED

ONGC Directed to Take Charge of Vedanta Oil Block

Anil Agarwal-led firm contests Centre's move in HC; another bench set to hear case today

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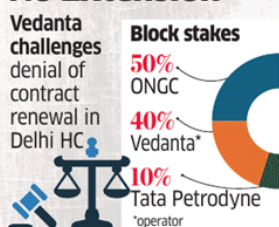
New Delhi: The government has directed state-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to assume interim operational control of an oil and gas producing block from Vedanta after rejecting the latter's plea to renew the oilfield contract.

Vedanta, which produces about a fifth of India's crude oil output, challenged the Centre's move in the Delhi High Court on Monday. Justice Sachin Datta recused himself from hearing its plea, and the case will be listed before another bench on Tuesday, said people familiar with the matter.

This is the first instance of the government denying an oilfield operator's contract renewal request. Vedanta's plea for extension of its Barmer block in Rajasthan had also been held up for years, leading to multiple court hearings. While that contract was eventually renewed, its terms remain under judicial challenge.

ONGC is taking control of the CB-OS/2 block off India's west coast as a government nominee following the directive, the state-run

No Extension



ONGC named interim operator; block to be awarded afresh

Vedanta earlier fought a prolonged legal battle over Barmer block extension



explorer said in a regulatory filing on Monday. The directive was a "purely interim measure taken by the government to maintain continuity of petroleum operations in public interest," it said.

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The move is aimed at "safeguarding petroleum reserves until the block is awarded to another party," it said.

Vedanta held a 40% participating interest in the block, which currently produces 3,400 barrels of oil per day and 340,000 standard cubic metres of gas per day. ONGC and Tata Petrodyne which hold 50% and 10% stake each respectively are the other contractors for the block.

Vedanta, which operated the block until now, said in a statement that the field contributed "less than 0.3%" to its overall ebitda, downplaying the financial impact of the Centre's move.

The consortium comprising Vedanta, ONGC and Tata Petrodyne was awarded the exploration licence for the CB-OS/2 block in 1998 under the pre-New Exploration Licensing Policy

(NELP) regime and a mining lease in 2002. The block consists of the Lakshmi and Gauri fields.

Blocks awarded under the pre-NELP licensing regime can be renewed only with mutual consent between the contractors and the government. The contractors have to pay an additional 10% share of petroleum profit to the government during the extended period.

The latest denial comes at a time when the government is seeking to attract greater private and foreign investments into India's exploration sector, which has been stagnating for years.

A new law has been passed to address investor concerns over policy uncertainty, and a fresh exploration licensing round has been launched to draw interest to a sector that has seen no major discoveries and a sharp decline in oil output over the past decade.



Essar's UGEL to Invest ₹900 cr in Expanding LNG Retail Network

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Mumbai: Ultra Gas & Energy Ltd (UGEL), an Essar group firm, will invest ₹900 crore to expand its network of liquefied natural gas (LNG) retail outlets to 100 across India, the company said on Monday. UGEL currently operates six stations along major freight corridors in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The outlets are set up in the industrial and logistics hubs to provide reliable access to LNG, a cleaner alternative to diesel, it said in a statement.

In its energy transition push, the group is investing in an LNG fleet for commercial vehicles and LNG fuel retail outlets. The company said each of its retail outlets is designed as a multi-fuel hub, equipped with infrastructure for electric vehicle charging in addition to LNG dispensing.

Each outlet has a scalable capacity of 50 tonnes of LNG, capable of refuelling up to 600 trucks per month. On an average, a single outlet can reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 66,000 tonnes annually, with network collectively targeting reductions of around 1 mt, it said. "Our retail outlets are built to do more than just dispense fuel; they are catalysts for a cleaner, smarter logistics future," said Maqsood Shaikh, CEO of UGEL.

Ultra Gas & Energy to invest ₹900 cr to expand LNG autofuel network

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NEW DELHI

Ultra Gas & Energy Ltd (UGEL), an Essar venture, plans to invest Rs 900 crore in scaling up its LNG retail outlets to 100 as the country's largest private LNG station operator doubles down to expand its retail network, it said Monday.

The firm already has six stations operational across major freight corridors.

"These Retail Outlets (ROs) are strategically located in Bhilwara, Anand, Chakan-Pune, Jalna, Toranagallu, and Vallam, enabling efficient access to cleaner fuel across key industrial and logistics hubs," it said in a statement.

Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is a viable fuel for trucks, particularly for long-haul trans-



port, offering reduced emissions, quieter operation, and comparable performance to diesel. The natural gas is super-cooled and cryogenically stored in liquid form, usually in a tank on the side of the truck. "As a new-age clean-tech company, UGEL is pioneering the development of India's largest LNG fuelling network, driving the transition toward sustainable and low-emission transportation. UGEL is positioning itself at the forefront of India's green mobility revolution by building a com-

prehensive LNG delivery ecosystem and offering cost-effective, low-carbon fuel through its expanding network of retail outlets," the statement said.

India is targeting to raise the share of natural gas in its energy basket to 15% by 2030, and LNG for long-haul transportation is one of the modes for propagating that cause.

"Each UGEL RO is also future-ready, with integrated infrastructure to support EV charging, reinforcing the company's long-term vision of multi-fuel, low-emission mobility solutions. By enabling commercial fleets to shift away from high-emission fuels to cleaner alternatives like LNG and electric, UGEL is delivering both environmental and economic value to its customers," the statement said.

Cambay Loss Not to Have Big Impact on Vedanta: Analysts

‘Basin was one of the declining fields for the company’

Kalpna Pathak & Nikita Periwal

Mumbai: The government turning down Vedanta Ltd's request to extend its contract in the Cambay basin (CB-OS/2 block), Gujarat, may not have any major impact on Vedanta Group's financials, analysts tracking the company said. “Cambay was, anyway, one of the declining fields for the company. Even their polymer injections are happening only in Rajasthan,” said an analyst who did not wish to be identified.

For fiscal 2025, Cambay had an average daily gross operated production of 5.1 kboepd, which is about 5% of the company's total average daily gross operated production of 103.2 kboepd. The company's oil and gas business itself accounted for around 3% of the company's revenue in June quarter, up from around 2% in the same period a year ago.

Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization from this segment stood at around 12%, up from around 10.5% a year ago.

“It's no surprise that ONGC will be taking control of the block. Vedanta has starved its oil and gas portfolio of investment for years while diverting focus to deleveraging the promoter,” short-seller US-based Viceroy Re-

search told ET, adding that the timing is telling, as the petroleum ministry has already raised red flags on Vedanta's demerger, warning of insolvency risk in the spun-off entity.

Vedanta is headed for a demerger, with the oil and gas business set to be one of the five independently listed companies. Of Vedanta's sum of the parts valuation, analysts typically ascribe around 10% to its oil and gas business. Given that Cambay accounted for only around 5% of the company's production in fiscal 2025, the impact on the share price is expected to be negligible, they said.



In 2023, Vedanta group proposed splitting operations into five separate, publicly listed companies—aluminium, oil and gas, power, iron and steel, and zinc and silver. The CB-OS/2 block has been in operation for over two decades. It holds Lakshmi and Gauri fields and currently produces 3,400 barrels of oil per day and 3.4 lakh standard cubic metres of gas per day. These production numbers highlight the continued strategic value of the block.

Cairn Oil and Gas, the oil and gas arm of Vedanta Ltd, was the operator of the Gujarat offshore block CB-OS/2 with a 40% stake. ONGC held a 50% interest in the block while Tata Petrodyne originally held 10% stake.

2.5mn new free LPG connections approved under Ujjwala scheme

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gle bottle connection, a 5 kg single bottle connection, or a 5 kg double bottle connection.

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Announcing the decision, union minister of petroleum and natural gas Hardeep Singh Puri said, "With the onset of Navratri, the decision to provide 25 lakh deposit-free LPG connections under Ujjwala is yet another testimony of PM Narendra Modi's commitment to treat women with the same respect accorded to Goddess Durga. This strengthens our resolve for the dignity and empowerment of mothers and sisters. Ujjwala has emerged as one of the most impactful social welfare schemes in India — transforming kitchens, safeguarding health, and brightening the future of families across the country."



Plan to replace old trucks, turn diesel buses into CNG to cost ₹8kcr

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New Delhi: The Centre's plan to replace BS-IV and older trucks in the National Capital Region (NCR) with BS-VI compliant trucks and to convert diesel buses to CNG, as part of a major initiative to curb air pollution, is estimated to cost around Rs 8,000 crore. The govt is preparing a strategy to achieve this target over the next five years.

To encourage replacement of old trucks, it is considering waiving GST on new BS-VI vehicles in exchange for phasing out older ones, as well as offering interest subsidies on loans taken by buyers from banks. This would cost the govt around Rs 6,000 crore.

Gantry-based electronic surveillance systems will also be introduced to detect old and polluting commercial vehicles entering core NCR areas, according to the plan.

The Centre will provide full financial support for the conversion of both govt and privately-owned buses to clean fuel, which could cost around Rs 2,000 crore.

Nearly 65,000 BS-IV and older trucks enter Delhi every day. These vehicles are among the major contributors to air pollution in the capital and its neighbouring areas, according to a NITI Aayog estimate.

Sources said the surveillance system will be installed at entry points of Delhi, four Haryana districts — Gurgaon, Faridabad, Sonapat, and Jhajjar — and two UP districts — Gautam Buddha Nagar and Ghaziabad. Detrimental charges are likely to be levied on non-BS-VI trucks and diesel buses entering these districts.

The proposal includes replacing 2 lakh old trucks with BS-VI ones and converting 20,000 diesel buses to CNG.

Core Sector Output Hits 15-Month High in August

GROWTH DRIVERS Coal, steel & cement drive growth; crude oil, gas drag

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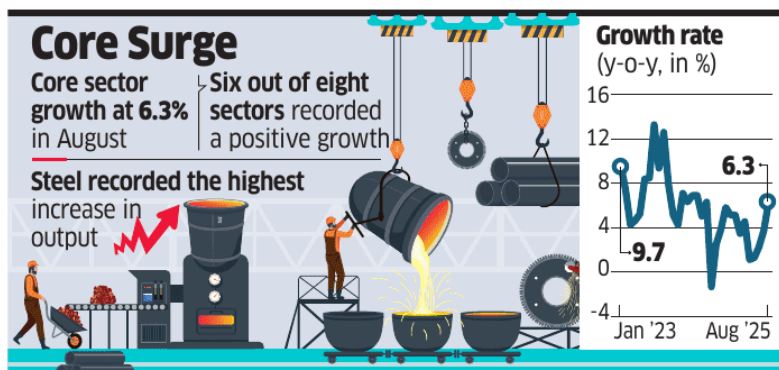
New Delhi: India's core sector output grew at 6.3% year on year in August, its fastest pace in 15 months, aided by a low base effect and strong performance by coal and steel sectors, official data released Monday showed.

The eight infrastructure industries, which account for 40.27% weight in the Index of Industrial Production, had grown 3.7% in July and had shrunk 1.5% in August, 2024. For the first five months of FY26, average core sector growth stood at 2.8%, lower than 4.6% in the corresponding period last year, data showed.

Industrial output had risen to a four-month high of 3.5% in July and the latest core sector print is expected to provide a lift. IIP data will be released on September 29.

Rating agency ICRA projects IIP growth at 4.5-5.5% for August, supported by a turnaround in the performance of mining output, which has seen a contraction in every month during April-July 2025. Bank of Baroda expects 4.5-5%, while Ind-Ra estimates 5.5%.

Coal, steel and cement sectors drove up the core sector output, while crude oil and natural gas dragged it down.



"Aided by a low base, the year-on-year growth in core output expectedly improved in August, with the uptick particularly driven by coal," said Aditi Nayar, chief economist at ICRA. Coal output rose by 11.4% year-on-year in August after recording contractions in the previous two months. Steel also posted robust growth of 14.2%, the highest among eight industries.

"Core sector growth for August is encouraging, driven mainly by high growth in steel, followed by cement, indicative of heightened activity in the infrastructure space," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Bank of Baroda.

Cement sector growth 6.1% followed by fertilisers (4.6%), electricity (3.1%), and refinery products (3%).

"Although the growth in cement sector output stood relatively better, it remained at a 10-month low in view of the monsoon fury in various parts of the country in August," said Paras Jasrai, associate director at India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra). On the other hand, crude oil and natural gas recorded a contraction of 1.2% and 2.2%, respectively.

OUTLOOK

Looking ahead, Sabnavis expects construction activity to pick up as the monsoon retreats, providing a boost to cement demand, while fertiliser output is likely to increase as stocks are built up for rabi sowing. Ind-Ra expects core sector output growth of around 5% in September.

अल्ट्रा गैस एंड एनर्जी लिमिटेड भारत में सबसे बड़ी एलएनजी ऑटोफ्यूल रिटेलर बनकर उभरी

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मुंबई। एस्सार ग्रुप की कंपनी अल्ट्रा गैस एंड एनर्जी लिमिटेड (यूजीईएल), भारत की सबसे बड़ी निजी ऑपरेटर और सबसे अधिक एलएनजी ईंधन वितरण करने वाली आउटलेट (आरओ) कंपनी के रूप में उभरी है। इसके पास प्रमुख माल ढुलाई गलियारों में छह स्टेशन हैं। ये आरओ रणनीतिक रूप से भीलवाड़ा (राजस्थान), आणंद (गुजरात), चाकन-पुणे (महाराष्ट्र), जालना (महाराष्ट्र), तोरणगल्लू (कर्नाटक) और वल्लम (तमिलनाडु) में स्थित हैं, जो प्रमुख औद्योगिक और लॉजिस्टिक्स केंद्रों में स्वच्छ ईंधन तक कुशल पहुंच को सक्षम बनाते हैं। एक नए जमाने की स्वच्छ तकनीक कंपनी के रूप में, यूजीईएल भारत के सबसे बड़े एलएनजी ईंधन नेटवर्क के विकास में अग्रणी भूमिका निभा रही है, जो टिकाऊ और कम उत्सर्जन वाले परिवहन की ओर बदलाव को गति दे रही है।

यूजीईएल एक व्यापक एलएनजी वितरण इकोसिस्टम का निर्माण कर-के और अपने खुदरा दुकानों के विस्तारित नेटवर्क के माध्यम से लागत प्रभावी, कम कार्बन ईंधन की पेशकश करके भारत की हरित गतिशीलता क्रांति में अग्रणी स्थान पर है। यूजीईएल का प्रत्येक आरओ भविष्य के लिए भी तैयार है, जिसमें



रिटेल आउटलेट केवल ईंधन वितरण से कहीं अधिक

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इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (ईवी) चार्जिंग का समर्थन करने के लिए एकीकृत बुनियादी ढांचा है, जो कंपनी के बहु-ईंधन, कम उत्सर्जन गतिशीलता समाधानों के दीर्घकालिक दृष्टिकोण को पुष्ट करता है।

वाणिज्यिक बेड़े को उच्च-उत्सर्जन ईंधन से एलएनजी और इलेक्ट्रिक जैसे स्वच्छ विकल्पों की ओर स्थानांतरित करने में सक्षम बनाकर, यूजीईएल अपने ग्राहकों को

पर्यावरणीय और आर्थिक दोनों तरह के लाभ प्रदान कर रहा है। यूजीईएल का लक्ष्य 900 करोड़ रुपये के नियोजित निवेश से पूरे भारत में अपने नेटवर्क को 100 एलएनजी रिटेल आउटलेट तक बढ़ाना है।

गुजरात, तमिलनाडु, महाराष्ट्र, राजस्थान, हरियाणा, पंजाब, कर्नाटक, ओडिशा, छत्तीसगढ़ और झारखंड सहित प्रमुख राज्यों में विस्तार पहले से ही प्रगति पर है, जो भारत के स्वच्छ

ऊर्जा और परिवहन लक्ष्यों का समर्थन करने वाले एक मजबूत राष्ट्रव्यापी बुनियादी ढांचे की नींव रख रहा है।

मकसूद शेख, प्रबंध निदेशक अल्ट्रा गैस एंड एनर्जी लिमिटेड के सीईओ ने कहा, "हमारे रिटेल आउटलेट केवल ईंधन वितरण से कहीं अधिक के लिए बनाए गए हैं। ये एक स्वच्छ और स्मार्ट लॉजिस्टिक्स भविष्य के उत्प्रेरक हैं। मजबूत बुनियादी ढांचे और इंटीग्रेटed ऊर्जा समाधानों के साथ, हमें भारत के हरित ईंधन और टिकाऊ गतिशीलता की ओर ट्रांसमिशन का नेतृत्व करने पर गर्व है।

यूजीईएल में, हमारा दृष्टिकोण नवाचार, दक्षता और पर्यावरणीय जिम्मेदारी पर दृढ़ता से आधारित है। उच्च-घनत्व वाले लॉजिस्टिक्स क्षेत्रों की सेवा के लिए रणनीतिक रूप से स्थापित, ये स्टेशन डीजल से एलएनजी की ओर बदलाव को गति दे रहे हैं, जो लंबी दूरी के ट्रकिंग के लिए एक स्वच्छ और अधिक कुशल ईंधन है। प्रत्येक यूजीईएल स्टेशन की क्षमता 50 टन है, जो प्रति माह 600 एलएनजी ट्रकों को ईंधन भरने में सक्षम है। प्रत्येक स्टेशन सालाना 66,000 टन तक कार्बन डाइऑक्साइड उत्सर्जन को कम कर सकता है, जिससे सामूहिक रूप से एक मिलियन टन कार्बन डाइऑक्साइड की कमी हो सकती है।

ओपेक देशों से कच्चे तेल का आयात बढ़ा

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। चालू वित्त वर्ष के पहले पांच महीने में अप्रैल से अगस्त के बीच पेट्रोलियम निर्यातक देशों के संगठन ओपेक के सदस्य देशों से भारत के कच्चा तेल आयात में वृद्धि देखी गई।

सरकार के सोमवार को जारी आंकड़ों में बताया गया है कि अप्रैल से अगस्त के बीच कुल कच्चा तेल आयात 1,011.24 लाख टन रहा जो पिछले साल की समान अवधि के मुकाबले 0.7 प्रतिशत कम है। इसमें ओपेक से आयात की हिस्सेदारी बढ़कर 48.6 प्रतिशत हो गयी। एक साल पहले यह आंकड़ा 45.3 प्रतिशत था। अप्रैल से अगस्त के बीच पश्चिम एशिया के देशों से सबसे अधिक 44.4 प्रतिशत आयात किया गया। इसके बाद 38.8 प्रतिशत के साथ यूरेशियाई देशों का स्थान रहा।

सरकार का अनुबंध बढ़ाने से इनकार

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। खनन दिग्गज अनिल अग्रवाल के समूह को झटका देते हुए सरकार ने खंभात की खाड़ी के एक प्रमुख तेल और गैस ब्लॉक के लिए अनुबंध बढ़ाने से इनकार कर दिया है।

मुंबई में सूचीबद्ध वेदांता लिमिटेड की एक इकाई- वेदांता केयरन ऑयल एंड गैस गुजरात अपतटीय ब्लॉक सीबी-ओएस/2 में 40 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी के साथ उसकी परिचालक थी।

इस ब्लॉक में 50 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी रखने वाली सरकारी कंपनी ओएनजीसी ने बताया कि पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय ने 19 सितंबर को एक पत्र में भागीदारों को बताया कि सीबी-ओएस/2 के लिए उत्पादन साझाकरण अनुबंध बढ़ाने का आवेदन स्वीकार नहीं किया गया है।

नवरात्रि पर महिलाओं को सौगात, उज्ज्वला योजना के तहत 25 लाख नए कनेक्शन को मंजूरी

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): नवरात्रि के मौके पर केंद्र सरकार ने महिलाओं को बड़ी सौगात देते हुए 25 लाख नए एलपीजी कनेक्शन को मंजूरी दी है। सरकार ने वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री उज्ज्वला योजना (पीएमयूवाई) के अंतर्गत 25 लाख अतिरिक्त एलपीजी कनेक्शन जारी करने का फैसला किया है। इस अवसर पर महिला

लाभार्थियों को शुभकामनाएं देते हुए, प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने सोशल मीडिया साइट एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में कहा कि नवरात्रि के पावन अवसर पर, मैं उज्ज्वला परिवार से जुड़ी सभी माताओं और बहनों को शुभकामनाएं देता हूँ। यह कदम न केवल इस पावन पर्व पर उन्हें आनंदित करेगा, बल्कि महिला सशक्तिकरण के प्रति हमारे संकल्प को भी मजबूत करेगा। सरकार के फैसले की घोषणा करते हुए केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने कहा कि नवरात्रि की शुरुआत के साथ, उज्ज्वला योजना के अंतर्गत 25 लाख जमा-मुक्त एलपीजी कनेक्शन प्रदान करने का निर्णय, प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की

● पीएम मोदी की महिलाओं के प्रति देवी दुर्गा के समान सम्मान की प्रतिबद्धता का एक और प्रमाण : पुरी



महिलाओं के प्रति देवी दुर्गा के समान सम्मान की प्रतिबद्धता का एक और प्रमाण है। यह माताओं और बहनों के सम्मान और सशक्तिकरण के हमारे संकल्प को और मजबूत करता है। उज्ज्वला भारत की सबसे प्रभावशाली सामाजिक कल्याण योजनाओं में से एक बनकर उभरी है, रसोई का कार्याकल्प, स्वास्थ्य की सुरक्षा और देश भर के परिवारों का भविष्य उज्ज्वल बना रही है। बता दें कि 25 लाख नए कनेक्शन के साथ अब पीएमयूवाई कनेक्शनों की कुल संख्या बढ़कर 10.58 करोड़ हो जाएगी। सरकार ने इन कनेक्शनों को जारी करने के लिए 676 करोड़ रुपये के व्यय को मंजूरी दी है।

भारत में सबसे बड़ी एलएनजी ऑटोफ्यूल रिटेलर बनकर उभरी यूजीईएल

मुंबई, 22 सितम्बर (एजेंसियां)। एस्सार ग्रुप की कंपनी अल्ट्रा गैस एंड एनर्जी लिमिटेड (यूजीईएल), भारत की सबसे बड़ी निजी ऑपरेटर और सबसे अधिक एलएनजी ईंधन वितरण करने वाली आउटलेट (आरओ) कंपनी के रूप में उभरी है। इसके पास प्रमुख माल दुलाई गलियारों में छह स्टेशन हैं।

ये आरओ रणनीतिक रूप से भीलवाड़ा (राजस्थान), आणंद (गुजरात), चाकन-पुणे, जालना, तोरणगल्लू और वल्लम में स्थित हैं, जो प्रमुख औद्योगिक और लॉजिस्टिक्स केंद्रों में स्वच्छ ईंधन तक कुशल पहुंच को सक्षम बनाते हैं। एक नए जमाने की स्वच्छ तकनीक कंपनी के रूप में, यूजीईएल भारत के सबसे बड़े एलएनजी ईंधन नेटवर्क के विकास में अग्रणी भूमिका निभा रही है, जो टिकाऊ और कम उत्सर्जन वाले परिवहन की ओर बदलाव को गति दे रही है। यूजीईएल एक व्यापक एलएनजी



वितरण इकोसिस्टम का निर्माण करके और अपने खुदरा दुकानों के विस्तारित नेटवर्क के माध्यम से लागत प्रभावी, कम कार्बन ईंधन की पेशकश करके भारत की हरित गतिशीलता क्रांति में अग्रणी स्थान पर है।

यूजीईएल का प्रत्येक आरओ भविष्य के लिए भी तैयार है, जिसमें इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (ईवी) चार्जिंग का समर्थन करने के लिए एकीकृत बुनियादी ढांचा है, जो कंपनी के बहु-ईंधन, कम उत्सर्जन गतिशीलता समाधानों के दीर्घकालिक दृष्टिकोण को पुष्ट करता है। वाणिज्यिक बेड़े को उच्च-उत्सर्जन ईंधन से एलएनजी और इलेक्ट्रिक

■ टिकाऊ व कम उत्सर्जन वाले परिवहन की ओर बदलाव को दे रही गति

जैसे स्वच्छ विकल्पों की ओर स्थानांतरित करने में सक्षम बनाकर, यूजीईएल अपने ग्राहकों को पर्यावरणीय और आर्थिक दोनों तरह के लाभ प्रदान कर रहा है।

यूजीईएल का लक्ष्य 900 करोड़ रुपये के नियोजित निवेश से पूरे भारत में अपने नेटवर्क को 100 एलएनजी रिटेल आउटलेट तक बढ़ाना है। गुजरात, तमिलनाडु, महाराष्ट्र, राजस्थान, हरियाणा, पंजाब, कर्नाटक, ओडिशा, छत्तीसगढ़ और झारखंड सहित प्रमुख राज्यों में विस्तार पहले से ही प्रगति पर है, जो भारत के स्वच्छ ऊर्जा और परिवहन लक्ष्यों का समर्थन करने वाले एक मजबूत राष्ट्रव्यापी बुनियादी ढांचे की नींव रख रहा है।

वेदांता को झटका, सरकार का खंभात की खाड़ी के तेल और गैस ब्लॉक के लिए अनुबंध बढ़ाने से इंकार

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वेदांता लिमिटेड की एक इकाई- वेदांता केयर्न ऑयल एंड गैस गुजरात अपतटीय ब्लॉक सीबी-ओएस/2 में 40 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी के साथ उसकी परिचालक थी। इस ब्लॉक में 50 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी रखने वाली सरकारी कंपनी ऑयल एंड नैचुरल गैस कॉर्पोरेशन (ओ.एन.जी.सी.) ने शेयर बाजार को बताया कि पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय ने 19 सितंबर को एक पत्र में भागीदारों को बताया कि सीबी-ओएस/2 के लिए उत्पादन सांझाकरण अनुबंध बढ़ाने का आवेदन स्वीकार नहीं किया गया है।

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इस ब्लॉक में 50 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी रखने वाली सरकारी कंपनी ऑयल एंड नैचुरल गैस कॉरपोरेशन (ओएनजीसी) ने शेयर बाजार को बताया कि पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय ने 19 सितंबर को एक पत्र में भागीदारों को बताया कि सीबी-ओएसा2 के लिए उत्पादन साझाकरण अनुबंध (पीएससी) बढ़ाने का आवेदन स्वीकार नहीं किया गया है। ओएनजीसी, जिसे अंतरिम अवधि में परिचालन संभालने के लिए कहा गया है, ने इस कदम का कारण नहीं बताया। पीएससी सरकार और एक संसाधन निकालने वाली कंपनी के बीच एक समझौता है। यह कंपनी को लागत वसूल होने के बाद तय समय तक संसाधनों की खोज, विकास और उत्पादन का

अधिकार देता है।

सीबी-ओएसा2 ब्लॉक में लक्ष्मी और गौरी क्षेत्र हैं और यह वर्तमान में प्रतिदिन 3,400 बैरल तेल और 3.4 लाख मानक घन मीटर गैस का उत्पादन करता है। अग्रवाल के समूह ने जब 2011 में 8.67 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर में केयर्न इंडिया का अधिग्रहण किया था, तब यह ब्लॉक उसके द्वारा संचालित तीन संपत्तियों में से एक था। केयर्न इंडिया की अन्य संपत्तियां राजस्थान में बाड़मेर तेल क्षेत्र और आंध्र तट से दूर कृष्णा गोदावरी घाटी में रावा तेल और गैस क्षेत्र थे। केयर्न इंडिया का 2017 में वेदांता लिमिटेड में विलय हो गया था। सरकार और वेदांता केयर्न राजस्थान ब्लॉक से पेट्रोलियम लाभ की गणना सहित कई विवादों में उलझे हुए हैं।

इस कदम पर टिप्पणी करते हुए वेदांता केयर्न ऑयल एंड गैस के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, उक्त ब्लॉक के ठेकेदार ओएनजीसी, वेदांता और इनवेनायर थे। ओएनजीसी 50 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी के साथ सबसे बड़ी शेयरधारक थी, और शेष हिस्सेदारी वेदांता और इनवेनायर के बीच थी। इस ब्लॉक का वेदांता के समग्र एबिटडा में 0.3 प्रतिशत से भी कम योगदान था।