



Centre to launch ₹8.5K cr scheme for coal gasification

The Centre is planning to launch a special ₹8,500 crore incentive scheme along with a policy framework dedicated to the allocation of coal blocks for the sector, coal ministry officials said. Speaking at an industry event on Friday, the Ministry's additional secretary Sanoj Kumar Jha said industry interest has been encouraging in coal gasification, with joint ventures such as Coal India —Bharat Heavy Electricals and Coal India —Gas Authority of India already in place. Additional secretary Rupinder Brar said the ministry is preparing a structured framework for allocating coal blocks specifically for gasification. PTI

New biogas plant to process 100 tonnes of wet waste daily

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New Delhi, 26 September

Announcing the inauguration of a new Biogas plant at the Ghogha Dairy, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Friday that waste disposal involves meticulous planning and implementation.

The new plant will process 100 tonnes of wet waste in a day and produce compressed biogas from it. Rekha Gupta said that the government, with concrete planning, was working to realise garbage-free Delhi. She said the CBG plant and integrated fuel station have been established near Narela in North- West Delhi by the municipal corporation.

The waste-to-energy plant will not only help address the issue of waste disposal but add to the energy supply with its produce. Expressing her joy over the works done by her government to fulfill the promises made to the people of the city regarding making



it garbage free, Gupta said all such projects would help fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve of a self-reliant and future ready India. Gupta also said that the government has already started installation of solar power systems at government buildings.

She said when the solar panels will be installed across the government buildings, it is going to give a major boost to the capital in terms of green energy. The CM also shared that recently a high-capacity

biogas production plant was launched in Nangli Dairy, which is going to use the cow dung cattle waste, and convert the same into biogas.

She also attended the International Conference on Bio-energy and technology, where people brought together different ideas related to bio-energy, ethanol, compressed natural gas, bio- mobility and sustainable aviation fuel. The chief minister said it is not just about technology, but the direction of the future.

Halting Russian oil purchases to have global consequences, says Hardeep

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Steady oil supplies key, India tells US

Washington, Sept. 26: Indian officials have again told the Trump administration that a significant reduction in Russian oil imports by India would require US to instead allow crude purchases from sanctioned suppliers Iran and Venezuela.

A delegation visiting the US this week reiterated the request in meetings with American officials, a person with knowledge of the discussions said.

Indian representatives have emphasised that simultaneously cutting off Indian refiners' supply from Russia, Iran

and Venezuela could lead to a spike in global prices.

A spokesperson for the US embassy in New Delhi declined to comment on diplomatic conversations, but added India's imports of Russian crude undermined American efforts "to counter Russia's harmful activities."

India officials travelled to the US for talks after the US imposed tariffs in punishment for its oil trade with Russia. Despite the levies, it has maintained its crude imports from the OPEC+ producer. —Bloomberg

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Indraprastha Gas holds 26th AGM

NEW DELHI: Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL), India's largest CNG distribution company, reported record growth in FY25, Chairman Raj Kumar Dubey told shareholders at the 26th Annual General Meeting held virtually on Friday.

IGL added over 3.7 lakh new PNG connections during the year, overcoming operational hurdles, and commissioned 72 new CNG stations, taking its total to 954.

The company posted a gross turnover of Rs 16,400 crore and a PAT of Rs 1,468 crore. Consolidated PAT, including contributions from associate companies CUGL and MNGL, stood at Rs 1,713 crore, while net worth crossed Rs 9,284 crore as of



March 31, 2025.

Dubey said IGL is exploring renewable energy integration, including a joint venture with Ra-jasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd to set up a solar power project.

It is also working on LNG/LCNG stations, compressed biogas plants, and a subsidiary to manufacture gas meters, with production starting next month.

Highlighting a customer-first approach, he noted over 1 million users of the IGL Connect app and the launch of AI-driven WhatsApp chatbot IGL Genie. Shareholders approved a 75 per cent final dividend (Rs 1.5/share post-bonus) and 275 per cent interim dividend (Rs 5.5/share pre-bonus) for FY 2024-25, as recommended by the Board.

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that steep. The minister said a "broad equilibrium" is essential between the supply and demand for oil, and added that he expects crude to continue to trade between \$65-68 a barrel going ahead.

Puri hinted that it is in the interest of the US -- a major oil producer with a thrust on shale gas -- to ensure that the prices of fossil fuels do not fall a lot.

He explained that a volatile domestic political environment sensitive to stoking inflation and the reliance on shale gas make it pertinent for the US to ensure that the prices do not fall.

State-run oil marketers autonomously decide the source of the crude oil they buy for refining, Puri said, stressing that these companies have professional management and boards as well.



Govt to auction blocks to tap coal gasification

New Delhi: The government will soon put up for sale coal blocks that have potential for coal gasification, a senior official said. The development assumes significance in the wake of the government's plan to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal in the next five years. "Very soon we would auction the coal blocks," said Additional Secretary Rupinder Brar said on the sidelines of the roadshow on coal gasification jointly organised by the coal ministry and Ficci. PTI

India's growth unleashes forces of enterprise, innovation: Oil Minister Puri

K Ramkumar
Mumbai

Something remarkable is happening in the economy in terms of unleashing the forces of enterprise, change and innovation, according to Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Puri, who was the chief guest at the seventh edition of *businessline's* Changemaker Awards 2025, said, "The way we have unleashed the forces today, when you are looking at numbers, I can rattle off, you know, whether it is the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, whether it is the number of airports,

whether it is the amount of metro line kilometers... all those figures are there. The fact is that we have grown in the last quarter at 7.8 per cent."

The Minister brought the house down when he said: "...It's a different thing that another young guy described it as a dead economy, but I let that one pass." He was referring to US President Donald Trump's claim early last month that the Indian economy is dead.

YOUTH POWER

Referring to India's median age of about 29 years, Puri said the country has a demographic advantage. He underscored that India's eco-



Hardeep Singh Puri, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister, flanked by Nirmala Lakshman, Chairperson, The Hindu Group Publishing Pvt Ltd, and Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor, *businessline* BUJOY GHOSH

nomy has risen from \$2 trillion in 2014 to \$4.3 trillion now. The Minister also pointed to S&P Global Rat-

ings upgrading India's sovereign credit rating from BBB to BBB in August, with a 'Stable', after 18 years.

Puri referred to his long association with *The Hindu* group. "And I don't mean the one I am coming from.

These guys here... Out of their 147-year history, I have been in active touch with them for at least 47 of those years."

The Minister said the *businessline* Changemaker awards are truly remarkable. "A lot of people honour a lot of changemakers where a certain element of subjective assessment comes in... Here, one of the defining characteristics of what makes these awards special is that you receive nominations from your readers."

Puri suggested that *businessline* should honour not only the six, but a little more — even all those people who came in the consideration zone.

No int'l sanctions on buying Russian crude, says Puri

DEV CHATTERJEE
Mumbai, 26 September

There are no international sanctions banning crude oil purchases from Russia, Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Friday.

Rejecting criticism from Western commentators, Puri, during a media interaction, said: "There are no sanctions on Russian oil. If you want to sanction Russia, then it has to be a proper sanction and apply to all. Then we will see what the consequences are."

He added that energy is an essential commodity, and any global supply disruptions would sharply push energy prices higher and lead to inflation. "If you remove the world's second-largest producer, you will either have to cut consumption, stop eating, or face very serious consequences. Prices will shoot up," Puri said.

Puri also emphasised India's position as a responsible global actor.

We have always complied with sanctions in the past, whether on Iran or Venezuela. There are no sanctions in Russia. That is the broad reality," he said, adding that discounts on Russian oil have come down and Indian refineries are now buying oil from all over the world.

Further, he noted that Russia has cut crude production in the last few months, which would impact energy prices.

Puri also questioned the effectiveness of earlier Western price caps and sanctions. "Sanctions have never worked in the past. You put a sanction and they find a way to go around the sanctions. At present, Europe is buying (Russian crude oil), Turkey is buying, Japan is buying," he said.

A "broad equilibrium" is essential between the supply and demand for oil, the minister said, adding that he expects crude to continue to trade between \$65-68 a barrel going ahead.

He also defended India's diversified approach to oil sourcing, calling



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it professional and transparent. We do not decide where Indian PSU companies buy their crude oil from. They are listed entities with independent boards and have a robust decision-making process. The Indian government has no say where PSU oil companies are buying their crude from," he said.

PSU oil cos undervalued

Puri said Indian stock markets are undervaluing state-run oil companies, despite their high profits and dividends.

"Indian Oil, BPCL, and HPCL together account for 3.3 per cent of India Inc's profits, but their combined market value is less than 1 per cent," he said.

Calling it a "perception bias" against government-owned companies, Puri said: "While the PSUs are owned by the government, that does not mean interference. I don't call the shots on tenders or contracts. They are independent, professionally managed, and highly profitable," he stressed.

The coming made-in-US oil crunch



AJAY SRIVASTAVA

At a Senate hearing on September 12, Sergio Goro, Donald Trump's nominee for US ambassador to India, said that Washington would push New Delhi to buy more American crude oil, refined products, and LNG as part of ongoing trade talks. This is not new. For the past two years, Mr Trump and his team have pressed India and other nations to stop buying Russian oil and shift to US barrels.

Energy demands in every deal

Washington has embedded energy-purchase pledges into its recent trade deals. The European Union has promised to buy roughly \$750 billion of US oil, gas, and nuclear fuel over three years — about \$250 billion annually. Japan has pledged \$7 billion a year, mainly LNG. Britain has signed a 10-year gas deal for 50,000 MMBtu a day, starting 2028, roughly five LNG cargoes a year. Vietnam is lining up 9 mtpa of LNG imports from the US by 2030, and Thailand has signed a 20-year contract for 2 mtpa of US LNG.

The supply illusion

But there's a problem. The US is still a net crude importer — the same product it is urging others to buy. Washington wants to block Russian barrels, keep prices low, and somehow become the world's top oil

supplier. The math doesn't work.

The 2024 trade data are telling. The US exported \$298 billion of petroleum crude and products and imported \$246 billion, thanks to big surpluses in refined products and LNG. But in crude oil, it imported \$174.4 billion and exported \$114.5 billion — leaving a \$60 billion deficit. America remains a net crude buyer.

Let's understand why the US both exports and imports large quantities of crude oil? The reason is structural. Most US crude oil output is light, sweet shale oil, whereas many Gulf Coast refineries — concentrated in Texas and Louisiana — were designed decades ago to process heavier, sour crude from Venezuela, Mexico, and West Asia. To keep those refineries running efficiently, the US keeps importing heavy crude oil while exporting locally produced shale oil, a light crude oil, to Europe and Asia.

Shale's fragile future

The US shale boom is no bottomless well. Unlike conventional crude pumped from underground reservoirs, shale oil is extracted from rock using fracking — blasting high-pressure water, sand, and chemicals — and horizontal drilling. Wells decline fast, losing 60-70 per cent of output in the first year, and production stays viable only when prices are above roughly \$55 a barrel. Below that, drilling slows and output shrinks. That makes shale a costly, fragile substitute for Russian oil. Building the world's energy security on US shale could backfire if prices fall. Investment dries up, and supply rolls over. Brent crude is currently about \$66.80 a barrel — comfortably above the survival line but not high enough to guarantee a drilling boom.

Alooming energy crunch

Washington under Mr Trump has flipped from shunning fossil fuels to a "drill baby drill" strategy, seeking to turn the US into the world's gas station — even as it remains a major oil importer. Its approach has two pil-

lars. Forcing allies to buy US crude and LNG, and punishing those who buy Russian oil. India has been hit with 50 per cent tariffs for continuing Russian purchases. Europe has pledged to cut Moscow out of its energy mix and replace those barrels with US supply. Washington is threatening sanctions on any country buying Russian crude. But US production cannot grow fast enough to replace the more than 10 per cent of global oil supply that comes from Russia. The result could be a dangerous mismatch — too little oil, too much pressure — pushing the world towards a fresh energy crisis and painful price spikes.

India's position

India's oil basket is diversified: Russia supplied \$52.7 billion or 37 per cent in 2024, with Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Nigeria, and the US also key. India imported crude, products, and LNG worth \$7.7 billion from the US, and overall ran a \$3.2 billion deficit. Losing cheaper Russian oil means costlier West Asian or US crude, yet Indian refineries can't easily

process light US shale without costly upgrades. But, Russian oil is only part of the friction between the two countries. Washington has cranked up the pressure on India with 50 per cent tariffs, a 100-fold H-1B visa fee hike to \$100,000 per worker, sanctions on Chabahar, and a Supreme Court filing naming India's Russian oil imports — all designed to force India to accept one-sided US demands. While leaders from both sides express optimism for an early deal, the US is making the task ever more difficult as time passes.

Pragmatism over pressure

In the end, global energy security cannot be built on politics or pressure alone. Stability comes from realistic supply commitments, flexible trade, and respect for partners' choices. If Washington wants to lead responsibly, it must move from coercion to cooperation — or risk turning today's market strains into tomorrow's full-blown energy crisis.

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CM inaugurates biogas plant, fuel station in capital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DELHI Chief Minister Rekha Gupta inaugurated a municipal solid waste-to-compressed biogas plant in the city on Friday, reaffirming the government's resolve to ensure the capital keeps pace in the development race. This plant will process 100 tonnes of garbage daily and produce 4 tonnes of gas.

The compressed biogas (CBG) plant and integrated CBG-CNG fuel station at Ghogha Dairy were set up under an MoU signed on January 4, 2022, between the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL).

The CM said that a new history is being written in the villages of rural Delhi. The dawn will be witnessed, and the future generations will be able to witness a garbage-free Delhi, she said.

She said that Delhi under the previous government had a reputation for garbage, but in the last seven months it has been addressed. She pointed out that Delhi has lakh of cattle generating hundreds of tonnes of dung daily, yet until now, not a single biogas plant existed in the city, raising the question of where all that dung was going.

'World can't afford to keep Russia off energy mkt'

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

PETROLEUM minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday said the world can't afford to keep Russia, the second-largest oil producer pumping out 10.5 million barrel a day, off the energy markets.

The minister said it will shoot up prices beyond common man's reach and bring in all attendant economic problems like inflation, among others. Moreover, he said there is no sanction on Russian oil but only price caps, which has kept fuel prices under control.

"There are no sanctions on purchase of Russian crude oil, and the world will face serious consequences if the supplies

are disrupted. The world can't afford to keep Russia off the oil market," Puri told a select group of editors here on Friday. Citing the case of Iran and Venezuela, he said India has always complied with sanctions as a responsible member of the international community.

The comments come at a critical time as the US has slapped a 25% penal charges on India's exports as more than a third of domestic oil demand of 5.8-6 million barrels a day is met by

imports from Russia, averaging 2 million barrels a day in August and reports say the volume has likely increased in the current month. The country meets over 85% of energy demand from exports. Speaking with reporters as key negotiations on trade policies continue between the US and India, Puri said Russia is the second-

largest supplier of crude globally at about 10.5 million barrels a day and warned the world will face serious consequences if supplies are disrupted. "Energy is something you can't do without... If you remove second-largest producer, you will have to cut consumption. The consequences are pretty serious," Puri said. This is the reason why the world is not imposing sanctions on Russian oil, the career diplomat-turned-politician said. Puri said there are price caps imposed on buying from Russia and whenever there is any such talk, he asks oil companies under his watch to buy at lower prices.



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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ New Delhi

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The land was provided by

MCD, while the plant was set up by IGL at its own cost.

The plant comprises two digester units with a combined capacity of 6,000 cubic metres. "It will generate approximately four tonnes per day of CBG as a renewable and cleaner alternative to fossil fuels, contributing to reduced greenhouse gas emissions and improved urban air quality," an official said. During the inauguration, the chief minister said Delhi should not lag in any sector, and added that the Government is working on new schools, hospitals, fire stations, eliminating garbage mounds, and cleaning the Yamuna River.



Ghogha plant to generate four tonne CNG daily

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: CM Rekha Gupta on Friday inaugurated a compressed bio-gas plant and an integrated CBG-CNG pump at Ghogha Dairy with a capacity to consume 100 tonnes of wet waste daily. It will generate four tonne CNG daily, which will be stored at the integrated pump.

The plant, set up by MCD in association with IGL, is one of the decentralised processing units being set up to process wet waste within localities and minimise dumping at landfills. More such plants are under construction.

The initiative is part of Sewa Pakhwada celebrating PM Modi's 75th birthday. "Consistent efforts are being made to make city garbage-free by establishing biogas, wet waste, dry waste and waste-to-energy plants. They will also generate electricity," said Gupta.

Urban development minister Ashish Sood said the Ghogha plant would utilise household waste. MCD commissioner Ashwani Kumar said MCD provided the land for this fully automated plant and the cost of Rs 30 crore was borne by IGL, which would sell the gas.

Indraprastha Gas Limited will complete a plant in Okhla by Dec and set up another in Ghazipur.

Oil India explores geothermal energy in eight depleted oil wells

ARUNIMA BHARADWAJ
New Delhi, September 27

STATE-OWNED OIL India Ltd, as part of its diversification into new and renewable energy sources, is exploring potential geothermal energy projects in eight of its depleted oil wells, official sources told *FE*.

The company has completed preliminary studies for geothermal projects and is now working at detailed feasibility report for such projects.

"We have seen opportunities in Arunachal Pradesh and we are seeing opportunities in our own depleted fields. We have identified eight abandoned oil fields. Studies have been done and now we are looking at DFRs," said a senior company official.

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FUTURE PLANS

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istry of new and renewable energy, the country has a potential of 10 gigawatt (GW) of geothermal energy. The policy promotes repurposing or retrofitting of oil and gas wells for geothermal energy projects.

"We have a collaboration with IIT Bombay and the research is going on. We also have a collaboration with the Department of Earth Sciences of the government of

Arunachal Pradesh," the official said. The oil and gas upstream company is aiming to foray into areas like carbon sequestration, geothermal and gas storage by leveraging its current E&P operations.

The company is targeting ₹ 1 lakh crore annual revenue and a cumulative capex of ₹1.3 trillion by 2030 with plans to spend ₹17,000-18,000 crore in the current fiscal.

OIL also aims to produce 10

million metric tonnes of oil equivalent oil and gas by 2030. It has also set a target of ₹10,000 crore consolidated profit after tax by 2027.

As part of the new geothermal policy, the government is also exploring international technology collaborations for the development of geothermal energy projects in the country with several foreign players already initiating pilot studies.

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ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
Mumbai, September 26

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ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 26

UNION PETROLEUM and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday clarified that there are no sanctions on Russian oil purchases, only price caps. He noted that India has always respected sanctions in cases like Iran and Venezuela, acting as a responsible member of the global community.

Calling Russia the world's second-largest crude supplier at nearly 10 million barrels a day, Puri warned of serious consequences if such a key player were removed from global markets. "Energy is something you cannot do without... If you remove the

second-largest producer, you will have to cut consumption. The consequences are pretty serious," he told reporters amid the ongoing US-India trade policy talks.

Puri added that price caps exist on Russian oil, and he encourages Indian companies to buy at lower prices whenever possible. He pointed out that several countries, including Turkey, the EU, and Japan, continue to purchase Russian oil. However, he noted that current discounts from Russia are not very steep. He stressed the need for a "broad equilibrium" between supply and demand, predicting crude would likely trade in the \$65-68 per barrel range going forward.

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BPCL Kochi Refinery marks Diamond Jubilee



Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited celebrated sixty years of its Kochi Refinery. From a modest start in 1966 to becoming a powerhouse of energy and innovation today, the refinery has come a long way—and its Diamond Jubilee celebrations set the tone for an even brighter future.

CM launches development projects

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NEW DELHI: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Friday launched and inaugurated four projects, as part of the ongoing "Seva Pakhwada" being organised from September 17 to October 2 to mark the Prime Minister's birthday.

The inaugurations included a 100-tonne per day (TPD) compressed biogas (CBG) plant and an integrated CBG-CNG fuel station at Ghogha Dairy. The plant has been built across three acres, will generate around four tonnes of CBD per day and will be operated by Indraprastha Gas Limited for 20 years.

The CM inaugurated a 25-kilowatt solar rooftop plant in Rithala and a new fire station in Narela, and laid the foundation



CM Gupta at the Rithala solar power plant. SANJEEV VERMA/HT PHOTO

stone for a grid substation in Mubarakpur Dabas. The solar plant will be able to generate over 28,000 units of electricity per year, and is a part of the Delhi government's plan to equip government buildings with solar panels. The grid substation has been established

through Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited, for the purpose of providing a reliable and uninterrupted electricity supply to Mubarakpur Dabas, Karala, and the surrounding areas.

"We are determined to make Delhi a self-reliant and environmentally balanced capital

through modern technology, clean energy, and strong infrastructure. New waste-to-energy and e-waste plants have been launched to eliminate mountains of garbage, and Delhi's first biogas plant has recently been established. Additionally, 3,000 government buses are being converted to electric, and charging stations are being set up for them," CM Gupta said.

Additionally, in honour of Deendayal Upadhyay's birth anniversary, she inaugurated multiple new facilities at the Deen Dayal Upadhyay College. This included the 220 desktops, 17 smart boards, an Aquaculture Skill Development Centre, and a mushroom cultivation facility. She said on the occasion that the initiatives will give students access to modern technology and world-class opportunities.

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The comments have come against the backdrop of the US imposing punitive duties of 25 per cent on India, in addition to 25 per cent tariffs, for purchasing crude oil and arms from Russia.

Speaking with reporters as critical negotiations on trade policies continue between the US and India, Puri said that Russia is the second-largest supplier of crude globally at nearly 10 million barrels a day, and warned that the world will face serious consequences if supplies are disrupted.

"Energy is something you cannot do without ... If you remove the second-largest producer, you will have to cut consumption. The consequences are pretty serious," Puri told reporters here. This is the reason why the world is not imposing sanctions on Russian oil, the career diplomat-turned-politician said.



Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri

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Puri said there are price caps imposed on buying from Russia and whenever there is any such talk, he asks Indian companies to buy at lower prices.

He also stated that many countries, including Turkey, Japan, and the European Union, purchase oil from Russia.

Puri was quick to add that the discounts offered by Russia at this point in time are not

that steep. The minister said a "broad equilibrium" is essential between the supply and demand for oil, and added that he expects crude to continue to trade between \$65-68 a barrel going ahead.

Puri hinted that it is in the interest of the US -- a major oil producer with a thrust on shale gas -- to ensure that the prices of fossil fuels do not fall a lot.

He explained that a volatile domestic political environment sensitive to stoking inflation and the reliance on shale gas make it pertinent for the US to ensure that the prices do not fall.

State-run oil marketers autonomously decide the source of the crude oil they buy for refining, Puri said, stressing that these companies have professional management and boards as well.

Delhi's 1st biogas-CNG plant launched

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Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday inaugurated a series of projects across Delhi, including a 100-tonne-per-day (TPD) compressed biogas (CBG) plant at Ghogha Dairy, a 25 kW solar rooftop system at Rithala, a modern fire station in Narela and the foundation stone of a 66/11 kV grid substation at Mubarakpur Dabas.

The announcements, part of the 'Sewa Pakhwada' being observed on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, highlight the government's focus on clean energy, infrastructure and waste management.

At Ghogha Dairy, Gupta inaugurated Delhi's first integrated CBG-CNG fuel station. Built on MCD land at a cost of Rs 30 crore and operated by Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL), the 100 TPD plant will process household waste to generate four tonnes of gas daily.

"Delhi had lakhs of cattle producing hundreds of tonnes of dung daily, yet not a single biogas plant existed earlier. Now waste will generate clean energy and income for dairy owners," Gupta said, urging IGL to replicate the model in all 70 constituencies.

At Rithala, she opened a 25 kW rooftop solar plant on a Delhi Jal Board building, expected to save Rs 2-3 lakh annually. She said 1,000 government buildings were being solarised to generate 55 MW of clean power.

Gupta also laid the foundation of a 66/11 kV GIS grid substation at Mubarakpur Dabas, being developed by Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL) with a capacity of 50 MVA to strengthen supply across 16 feeder areas.

In Narela, she inaugurated a modern fire station spread over 1,000 sq. m, equipped

with vehicle bays, storage and water-filling facilities. It will serve nearby localities including Ghoga, Bankner and Singhu Border.

Calling the projects "historic achievements after 27 years", Gupta said, "Delhi's time has come. We are working day and night to make the capital self-reliant, modern and environmentally balanced."

Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood said Delhi's development drive had gained "unprecedented pace", with 11 projects launched in just two days. North West Delhi MP Yogendra Chaudhary hailed the Ghogha plant as "first-of-its-kind", while MCD Commissioner Ashwani Kumar said more plants were planned for Ghazipur and Okhla.

Gupta added that Union Home Minister Amit Shah would inaugurate a Rs 4,000-crore Yamuna cleaning project on September 30.

Shah to inaugurate ₹4,000-cr Yamuna cleaning project on September 30



Gadkari launches India's first Hydrogen Highways at World Hydrogen India

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Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari announced the launch of India's first hydrogen highways on Friday, the second day of the inaugural World Hydrogen India event.

Gadkari outlined India's vision to achieve self-reliance in fuel and transform agriculture into an energy powerhouse.

He highlighted the need for reducing dependence on crude imports, which is currently at 87 per cent of demand and is costing the nation nearly Rs 22 lakh crore every year.

"Hydrogen is the fuel of the future. We have now launched the world's first large-scale hydrogen truck trials. A budgetary allocation of Rs 500 crore has been sanctioned to five consortia across ten routes, with 37 vehicles participating.

"Industry partners include Tata Motors, Ashok Leyland, Volvo, BPCL, IOCL, NTPC, and Reliance. Nine hydrogen refuelling stations will be established to support these trials. These corridors will serve as India's first hydrogen highways, creating the ecosystem for clean, long-haul mobility," he said while virtually addressing a gathering of global industry leaders, policymakers, and energy experts.

OIL finds gas in Offshore Andaman

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State-run Oil India (OIL) on Friday reported occurrence of natural gas in its second exploratory well, Vijayapuram-2 (Loc. OAEA), drilled in the Offshore Andaman Block under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP).

Preliminary analysis of gas samples collected during intermittent inflow of gas as part of the initial production testing confirmed the presence of natural gas, the exploration and production company said. Further gas isotope studies are

being undertaken so as to understand the genesis of the gas, the firm added. As per preliminary assessment, this could be a leading indicator of presence of source or migration pathway or accumulation of hydrocarbon, which will help in future exploration and drilling strategy. OIL is also undertaking additional testing of higher-up prospects to further evaluate the reported occurrence of gas, it said.

“Given that this is the first reported occurrence of hydrocarbons during the ongoing exploration campaign in Andaman Shallow Offshore Block, we wish to keep our val-

ued stakeholders informed,” OIL said.

In FY25, OIL marked the highest-ever oil and natural gas production, supported by operational excellence and strategic growth. The firm recorded its highest-ever oil and oil equivalent gas production of 6.710 million tonnes of oil equivalent since inception, along with the highest-ever natural gas production of 3,252 million standard cubic meters.

Despite global volatility, OIL's disciplined capital strategy and operational excellence reinforced its financial strength.

OIL confirms natural gas find in Andaman sea

New Delhi: India may have struck a major find in Andaman Sea, with state-run explorer Oil India Ltd definitively establishing presence of natural gas in the basin for the first time

Gas was encountered at the Sri Vijayapuram-II well, drilled 17 km from the Andaman east coast at a water depth of 295 metres



and target depth of 2,650 metres. "An ocean of energy opportunities opens up in the Andaman Sea," oil minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** said on X.

Initial testing between 2,212 and 2,250 metres confirmed natural gas with intermittent flaring. Since June, Puri has expressed hopes that OIL's Andaman campaign could yield a Guyana-scale discovery. The size and commercial viability of the find are yet to be established before it can be designated a full discovery. Samples shipped to Kakinada showed 87% methane.

If proven commercial, this would be the fourth major east coast discovery after Reliance, GSPC and ONGC strikes in the Krishna-Godavari basin. — **Sanjay Dutta**.

रूस से तेल खरीदने पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं: हरदीप सिंह पुरी

बीएस संवाददाता

केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने कहा है कि भारत रूस से तेल खरीदना जारी रखेगा क्योंकि पुरी ने कहा कि रूस से तेल खरीदने पर कोई अंतरराष्ट्रीय पाबंदी नहीं है। उन्होंने रूस से तेल खरीदने पर पश्चिमी देशों के टीकाकारों द्वारा भारत की आलोचनाओं को खारिज कर दिया।

पुरी ने शुक्रवार को मुंबई में मीडिया से बातचीत में कहा, 'रूस से तेल पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं है। यदि आप रूस पर प्रतिबंध लगाना चाहते हैं तो यह उचित प्रतिबंध होना चाहिए और इसकी शर्तें सभी पर लागू होनी चाहिए। फिर हम देखेंगे कि आगे क्या होता है।'

उन्होंने कहा कि दुनिया में ईंधन एक आवश्यक वस्तु है जिसकी आपूर्ति रोकनी नहीं जा सकती। पुरी ने कहा कि ऊर्जा संसाधनों पर प्रतिबंध लगाने से आपूर्ति व्यवधान होगा जिससे कीमतें तेजी से बढ़ेंगी और मुद्रास्फीति सिर उठाने लगेगी। उन्होंने आगाह किया, 'अगर आप दुनिया के दूसरे सबसे बड़े उत्पादकों को हटा देते हैं तो आपको या तो खपत कम करनी होगी, खाना बंद करना होगा या बहुत गंभीर परिणामों का सामना करना पड़ेगा। कीमतें आसमान छूने लगेगी।'

पुरी ने पूर्व में पश्चिमी देशों द्वारा कीमतों पर सीमा तय करने और प्रतिबंधों की प्रभावशीलता पर भी सवाल उठाया। उन्होंने कहा, 'अतीत में प्रतिबंध कभी कारगर नहीं रहे हैं। आप एक प्रतिबंध लगाते हैं और वे प्रतिबंधों से बचने का एक तरीका खोज लेते हैं। वर्तमान में यूरोप भी रूस से कच्चा तेल खरीद रहा है, तुर्किये खरीद रहा है, जापान खरीद रहा है।' पुरी ने जोर देकर कहा कि रूस ने पिछले कुछ महीनों में कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन कम कर दिया है जिससे ऊर्जा की कीमतों पर असर होगा।

मंत्री ने कहा कि तेल की आपूर्ति और मांग के बीच एक 'व्यापक संतुलन' आवश्यक है। उन्होंने उम्मीद जताई कि कच्चा तेल आने वाले समय में 65-68 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के बीच कारोबार करेगा।

मंत्री ने तेल खरीदने को लेकर भारत के विविध दृष्टिकोण का बचाव किया और इसे पेशेवर एवं पारदर्शी बताया। उन्होंने कहा, 'हम यह तय नहीं करते हैं कि भारतीय पीएसयू कंपनियां अपना कच्चा तेल



कहां से खरीदती हैं। वे स्वतंत्र बोर्ड वाली सूचीबद्ध इकाइयां हैं और उनके पास एक मजबूत निर्णय लेने की प्रक्रिया है। पुरी ने कहा कि भारत एक जिम्मेदार देश है और वाजिब प्रतिबंधों का पालन करता रहा है। उन्होंने कहा, 'हमने हमेशा अतीत में ईरान या वेनेजुएला पर लगे प्रतिबंधों का पालन किया है। रूस पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं है। यही वास्तविकता है।' उन्होंने कहा कि रूसी तेल पर छूट कम हो गई है और भारतीय रिफाइनरी अब दूसरे देशों से भी तेल खरीद रही हैं। मंत्री ने कहा कि बहुत अधिक लाभ और उच्च लाभांश देने के बावजूद भारतीय शेयर बाजार राज्य संचालित तेल कंपनियों को कम आंक रहे हैं।

पुरी ने कहा, 'इंडियन ऑयल, बीपीसीएल, एंड एचपीसीएल मिलकर इंडिया इंक के मुनाफे का 3.3 प्रतिशत हिस्सा हैं, लेकिन उनका संयुक्त बाजार मूल्य 1 प्रतिशत से भी कम है।' उन्होंने इसकी तुलना फूड डिलीवरी प्लेटफॉर्म से की। पुरी ने कहा 'जोमैटो एंड स्विगी का संयुक्त बाजार पूंजीकरण 4.37 लाख करोड़ रुपये है, जो तीनों ओएमसी के संयुक्त मूल्यांकन के बराबर है। फिर भी 2019 से उन्होंने (फूड डिलीवरी कंपनियों ने) 24,000 करोड़ रुपये नुकसान उठाए हैं, जबकि पीएसयू तेल कंपनियों ने 2.5 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का लाभ अर्जित किया।'

सीएम ने घोघा डेयरी में किया सीबीजी-सीएनजी ईंधन स्टेशन का लोकार्पण

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। सेवा पखवाड़े के तहत शुक्रवार को मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने घोघा डेयरी में 100 टीपीडी कम्प्रेस्ड बायोगैस (सीबीजी) संयंत्र एवं एकीकृत सीबीजी-सीएनजी ईंधन स्टेशन का लोकार्पण किया। उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली देहात के गांवों में नया इतिहास लिखा जा रहा है, जिसका सवेरा हमारे साथ-साथ आने वाली पीढ़ी के बच्चे देखेंगे, जो गंदगी रहित दिल्ली देख पाएंगे। दिल्ली में लगातार नई-नई योजनाएं लाई जा रही हैं और नए-नए उद्घाटन नागरिकों को समर्पित किए जा रहे हैं। यह अपने आप में ऐतिहासिक है।

इस मौके पर मंत्री आशीष सूद, सांसद योगेंद्र चांदोलिया, डिप्टी मेयर जय भगवान यादव, स्टैंडिंग कमेटी की चेयरपर्सन सत्या शर्मा, निगम में नेता सदन प्रवेश वाही, सुंदर सिंह, विधायक राज करण खत्री, संदीप कपूर, बबीता डबास, निगम पार्षद दिनेश कुमार, अंजू देवी, निगमायुक्त अश्विनी कुमार, कमल किशोर चेतीवाल समेत बड़ी संख्या में स्थानीय नागरिक और निगम के अन्य वरिष्ठ अधिकारीगण उपस्थित थे।

कहीं कूड़ा दिखाई न दे

मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने कहा कि हमारा उद्देश्य है कि दिल्ली में कहीं कूड़ा न दिखाई दे। उन्होंने सीबीजी सीएनजी संयंत्र के लिए आईजीएल का धन्यवाद किया। आईजीएल अधिकारियों से आग्रह किया कि प्रत्येक 70 विधानसभाओं में ऐसे संयंत्र लगाए जाएं। हम सब मिलकर दिल्ली को बेहतर एवं सुंदर बनाने के लिए प्रयासरत हैं।

घरों से निकलने वाले कूड़े से बनेगी गैस

मंत्री आशीष सूद ने कहा कि नंगली डेयरी के बायोगैस संयंत्र में गोबर से गैस बनेगी और यहां घरों से निकलने वाले कूड़े से गैस बनेगी। कल्पना कीजिए कि जब 100 टन कूड़ा यहां प्रतिदिन निस्तारित होगा तो क्षेत्र के किसी भी डलावधर में कूड़ा नहीं दिखेगा। आपके कूड़े से आपकी गाड़ी चलेगी।

कूड़े के बदले गैस : डिप्टी मेयर जय भगवान यादव ने कहा कि यह संयंत्र प्रतिदिन 100 टन कूड़ा लेगा एवं चार टन गैस का उत्पादन करेगा।

रूस से तेल खरीदने पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं : पुरी



मुंबई (भाषा)। केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि रूस से कच्चे तेल की खरीद पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं है और आपूर्ति बाधित होने पर दुनिया को गंभीर परिणाम भुगतने पड़ सकते हैं। ईरान और वेनेजुएला का उदाहरण देते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि भारत ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय समुदाय के एक जिम्मेदार सदस्य के रूप में हमेशा पाबंदियों का अनुपालन किया है। अमेरिका के भारत पर 25 प्रतिशत शुल्क के अलावा रूस से कच्चा तेल एवं हथियार खरीदने पर 25 प्रतिशत का

अतिरिक्त शुल्क लगाने के संदर्भ में मंत्री ने यह बात कही।

अमेरिका और भारत के बीच व्यापार नीतियों पर जारी महत्वपूर्ण वार्ता के बीच संवाददाताओं से बातचीत में पुरी ने कहा कि रूस हर दिन करीब एक करोड़ बैरल के साथ विश्व स्तर पर कच्चे तेल का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा आपूर्तिकर्ता बना हुआ है। उन्होंने आगाह किया कि यदि आपूर्ति बाधित होती है तो विश्व को गंभीर परिणाम भुगतने होंगे।

पुरी ने कहा, 'ऊर्जा एक ऐसी चीज है जिसके बिना आप नहीं रह सकते...। अगर आप दूसरे सबसे बड़े उत्पादक को हटा देंगे तो आपको खपत में कटौती करनी होगी। इसके परिणाम बेहद गंभीर होंगे।' पुरी ने कहा कि यही कारण है कि दुनिया रूसी तेल पर प्रतिबंध नहीं लगा रही है। पुरी ने कहा कि रूस से तेल खरीद की मूल्य सीमाएं तय की गई हैं और जब भी ऐसी कोई बात होती है तो वह भारतीय कंपनियों से कम कीमतों पर तेल खरीदने का अनुरोध करते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि तुर्किये, जापान और यूरोपीय संघ सहित कई देश रूस से तेल खरीदते हैं। पुरी ने इसके साथ ही तुरंत कहा कि इस समय रूस द्वारा दी जा रही छूट बहुत अधिक नहीं है। मंत्री ने कहा कि तेल की मांग एवं आपूर्ति के बीच 'व्यापक संतुलन' आवश्यक है। उन्हें उम्मीद है कि आगे भी कच्चे तेल का मूल्य 65-68 अमेरिकी डॉलर प्रति बैरल के बीच बना रहेगा।

रूस से कच्चा तेल खरीदने पर कोई रोक नहीं : हरदीप पुरी

मुंबई, (पंजाब केसरी) केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि रूस से कच्चे तेल की खरीद पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं है और आपूर्ति बाधित होने पर दुनिया को गंभीर परिणाम भुगतने पड़ सकते हैं।

ईरान और वेनेजुएला का उदाहरण देते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि भारत ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय समुदाय के एक जिम्मेदार सदस्य के रूप में हमेशा पाबंदियों का अनुपालन किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि तुर्किये, जापान और यूरोपीय संघ सहित कई देश रूस से तेल खरीदते हैं। अमेरिका के भारत पर 25 प्रतिशत शुल्क के अलावा रूस से कच्चा तेल एवं हथियार खरीदने पर 25 प्रतिशत का अतिरिक्त शुल्क लगाने के संदर्भ में मंत्री ने यह बात कही। अमेरिका और भारत के



बीच व्यापार नीतियों पर जारी महत्वपूर्ण वार्ता के बीच संवाददाताओं से बातचीत में पुरी ने कहा कि रूस हर दिन करीब एक करोड़ बैरल के साथ विश्व स्तर पर कच्चे तेल का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा आपूर्तिकर्ता बना हुआ है। उन्होंने आगाह किया कि यदि आपूर्ति बाधित होती है तो विश्व को गंभीर परिणाम भुगतने होंगे। पुरी ने कहा, “ऊर्जा एक ऐसी चीज है जिसके बिना आप नहीं रह सकते...। अगर आप दूसरे

● तुर्किये, जापान और यूरोपीय संघ सहित कई देश रूस से तेल खरीदते हैं

सबसे बड़े उत्पादक को हटा देंगे तो आपको खपत में कटौती करनी होगी। इसके परिणाम बेहद गंभीर होंगे।”

राजनयिक से राजनेता बने पुरी ने कहा कि यही कारण है कि दुनिया रूसी तेल पर प्रतिबंध नहीं लगा रही है। पुरी ने कहा कि रूस से तेल खरीद की मूल्य सीमाएं तय की गई हैं और जब भी ऐसी कोई बात होती है तो वह भारतीय कंपनियों से कम कीमतों पर तेल खरीदने का अनुरोध करते हैं। पुरी ने इसके साथ ही तुरंत कहा कि इस समय रूस द्वारा दी जा रही छूट बहुत अधिक नहीं है। मंत्री ने कहा कि तेल की मांग एवं आपूर्ति के बीच ‘व्यापक संतुलन’ आवश्यक है।

साहस्य नाहिया

दिल्ली में दूसरा बायोगैस प्लांट और एकीकृत सीबीजी-सीएनजी स्टेशन शुरू

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को प्रत्यक्ष लाभ मिलेगा और रोजगार के अवसर भी बढ़ेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि हमारी सरकार का लक्ष्य दिल्ली को ग्रीन एनर्जी का अग्रणी केंद्र बनाना है। आने वाले समय में ऐसे और भी प्रोजेक्ट शुरू किए जाएंगे, जो दिल्ली को स्वच्छ, हरित और आत्मनिर्भर राजधानी बनाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएंगे। सीबीजी-सीएनजी के रूप में किया जाएगा, जिससे प्रदूषण घटेगा और वैकल्पिक ईंधन की दिशा में नई संभावनाएं खुलेंगी। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि यह कदम न केवल पर्यावरण संरक्षण की दिशा में अहम है बल्कि यह प्रधानमंत्री के आत्मनिर्भर भारत के संकल्प को भी

साकार करता है। इस अवसर पर सांसद योगेंद्र चांदोलिया, कैबिनेट मंत्री आशीष सुद, विधायक राजकरण खट्टी सहित कई गणमान्यजन मौजूद रहे। नेताओं ने कहा कि यह परियोजना उत्तर-पश्चिम दिल्ली के विकास को नई दिशा देगी और दिल्ली को ग्रीन एनर्जी की राजधानी बनाने में सहयोग करेगी। कार्यक्रम में स्थानीय निवासियों व अधिकारियों ने भी हिस्सा लिया। उद्घाटन के बाद प्लांट का निरीक्षण किया गया और तकनीकी विशेषज्ञों ने बताया कि संयंत्र की उत्पादन क्षमता राजधानी में बढ़ती ऊर्जा जरूरतों को पूरा करने में सहायक सिद्ध होगी।

घोघा डेरी में सीबीजी-सीएनजी ईंधन स्टेशन का लोकार्पण

मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने घोघा डेरी में 100 टीपीडी कंप्रेसड बायोगैस (सीबीजी) संयंत्र एवं एकीकृत सीबीजी-सीएनजी ईंधन स्टेशन का लोकार्पण किया। नगर निगम के उप महापौर जयभगवान यादव ने बताया कि यह संयंत्र प्रतिदिन 100 टन कूड़ा लेगा एवं चार टन गैस का उत्पादन करेगा।

निगम के आयुक्त अश्वनी कुमार ने बताया कि आज घोघा डेरी में 100 टन प्रतिदिन क्षमता वाला संयंत्र समर्पित किया जा रहा है। इसके निर्माण में 30 करोड़ रुपये की लागत आई है। इस संयंत्र को चलाने और गैस का विक्रय आइजीएल कंपनी करेगी, जिसके लिए साथ में ही गैस स्टेशन लगाया गया है।

सीबीजी-सीएनजी ईंधन स्टेशन का लोकार्पण

गांवों के विकास के लिए फंड की नहीं है कोई कमी : रेखा गुप्ता

हरिभूमि न्यूज ►► नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली देहात के गांवों के विकास के लिए 1000 करोड़ रुपए की परियोजनाएं आरम्भ की गई हैं और गांवों के विकास के लिए फंड की कोई कमी नहीं है। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने 100 टी.पी.डी. कंप्रेसड बायोगैस (सी.बी.जी.) संयंत्र एवं एकीकृत सीबीजी-सीएनजी ईंधन स्टेशन का घोघा डेयरी में लोकार्पण करने के दौरान यह संबोधन दिया।

उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली देहात के गांवों में नया इतिहास लिखा जा रहा है जिसका सवेरा आने वाली पीढ़ी के बच्चे गंदगी रहित दिल्ली के रूप में देखेंगे। रेखा गुप्ता ने कहा कि प्रत्येक विधानसभा में ऐसे अत्याधुनिक संयंत्र लगाए जाएंगे, यूईआर-2 के द्वारा नरेला से एयरपोर्ट का सफर मात्र 25 मिनट में तय किया जा सकता है। प्रधानमंत्री



नरेंद्र मोदी के अनुसार सत्ता सुख प्राप्ति का साधन नहीं बल्कि सत्ता सेवा एवं समर्पण का साधन है। बता दें कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के जन्मदिन के उपलक्ष्य में 17 सितंबर से 2 अक्टूबर तक मनाए जा रहे सेवा पखवाड़े के तहत शुक्रवार को घोघा डेयरी में यह लोकार्पण किया गया है। उत्तर पश्चिम दिल्ली के सांसद योगेन्द्र चंदोलिया ने कहा कि

दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री ने यह बहुत ही अनोखा प्रयास किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि संयंत्र में एक तरफ से कूड़ा डालो और दूसरी तरफ से गैस निकालो ऐसी बातें केवल किस्से कहानियों में सुनी थी लेकिन आज पहली बार प्रत्यक्ष भी देख ली। वहीं, क्षेत्रीय विधायक राजकरण खत्री ने ग्रामीण विकास बोर्ड के माध्यम से दिल्ली देहात में 1000 करोड़ रुपए

के कार्यों को मंजूरी देने के लिए मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता का धन्यवाद किया। इस अवसर पर दिल्ली सरकार के शहरी विकास मंत्री आशीष सूद, उत्तर पश्चिम दिल्ली के सांसद योगेन्द्र चंदोलिया, उप महापौर जय भगवान यादव, स्थायी समिति की अध्यक्ष सत्या शर्मा, निगम के नेता सदन प्रवेश वाही, स्थायी समिति के उपाध्यक्ष सुंदर तंवर, विधायक राज करण खत्री, डेम्स समिति के अध्यक्ष संदीप कपूर, नरेला जोन की अध्यक्ष बबीता डबास, निगम पार्षद दिनेश कुमार, स्थायी समिति की सदस्य अंजू देवी, दिल्ली नगर निगम के आयुक्त अश्वनी कुमार, आई.जी.एल. के प्रबंध निदेशक कमल किशोर चेतीवाल, बड़ी संख्या में गणमान्य अतिथि, स्थानीय नागरिक और निगम के अन्य वरिष्ठ अधिकारीगण उपस्थित रहे।

सीएम ने घोघा डेयरी में किया सीबीजी-सीएनजी ईंधन स्टेशन का लोकार्पण

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। सेवा पखवाड़े के तहत शुक्रवार को मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने घोघा डेयरी में 100 टीपीडी कम्प्रेस्ड बायोगैस (सीबीजी) संयंत्र एवं एकीकृत सीबीजी-सीएनजी ईंधन स्टेशन का लोकार्पण किया। उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली देहात के गांवों में नया इतिहास लिखा जा रहा है, जिसका सवेरा हमारे साथ-साथ आने वाली पीढ़ी के बच्चे देखेंगे, जो गंदगी रहित दिल्ली देख पाएंगे। दिल्ली में लगातार नई-नई योजनाएं लाई जा रही हैं और नए-नए उद्घाटन नागरिकों को समर्पित किए जा रहे हैं। यह अपने आप में ऐतिहासिक है।

इस मौके पर मंत्री आशीष सूद, सांसद योगेंद्र चांदोलिया, डिप्टी मेयर जय भगवान यादव, स्टैंडिंग कमेटी की चेयरपर्सन सत्या शर्मा, निगम में नेता सदन प्रवेश वाही, सुंदर सिंह, विधायक राज करण खत्री, संदीप कपूर, बबीता डबास, निगम पार्षद दिनेश कुमार, अंजू देवी, निगमायुक्त अश्विनी कुमार, कमल किशोर चेतीवाल समेत बड़ी संख्या में स्थानीय नागरिक और निगम के अन्य वरिष्ठ अधिकारीगण उपस्थित थे।

कहीं कूड़ा दिखाई न दे

मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने कहा कि हमारा उद्देश्य है कि दिल्ली में कहीं कूड़ा न दिखाई दे। उन्होंने सीबीजी सीएनजी संयंत्र के लिए आईजीएल का धन्यवाद किया। आईजीएल अधिकारियों से आग्रह किया कि प्रत्येक 70 विधानसभाओं में ऐसे संयंत्र लगाए जाएं। हम सब मिलकर दिल्ली को बेहतर एवं सुंदर बनाने के लिए प्रयासरत हैं।

घरों से निकलने वाले कूड़े से बनेगी गैस

मंत्री आशीष सूद ने कहा कि नंगली डेयरी के बायोगैस संयंत्र में गोबर से गैस बनेगी और यहां घरों से निकलने वाले कूड़े से गैस बनेगी। कल्पना कीजिए कि जब 100 टन कूड़ा यहां प्रतिदिन निस्तारित होगा तो क्षेत्र के किसी भी डलावधर में कूड़ा नहीं दिखेगा। आपके कूड़े से आपकी गाड़ी चलेगी।

कूड़े के बदले गैस : डिप्टी मेयर जय भगवान यादव ने कहा कि यह संयंत्र प्रतिदिन 100 टन कूड़ा लेगा एवं चार टन गैस का उत्पादन करेगा।

अंडमान बेसिन में मिली प्राकृतिक गैस : पुरी

नई दिल्ली, 26 सितम्बर (एजेंसी): केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि अंडमान बेसिन में प्राकृतिक गैस मिली है, जिससे लंबे समय से चली आ रही इस धारणा की पुष्टि होती है कि अंडमान सागर प्राकृतिक गैस से समृद्ध है। मंत्री ने अंडमान द्वीप समूह के पूर्वी तट पर



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अंडमान बेसिन में...

तटरेखा से 9.20 एनएम (17 किमी) की दूरी पर 295 मीटर की पानी की गहराई और 2,650 मीटर की लक्षित गहराई पर श्री विजयपुरम 2 कुएं में प्राकृतिक गैस की उपस्थिति के बारे में जानकारी दी। मंत्री ने एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में कहा, "अंडमान सागर में ऊर्जा के अवसरों का सागर खुल गया है। 2212 से 2250 मीटर की गहराई पर कुएं के प्रारंभिक उत्पादन परीक्षण से रुक-रुक कर जलती प्राकृतिक गैस की उपस्थिति का पता चला है। गैस के नमूने जहाज से काकीनाडा लाए गए, उनका परीक्षण किया गया और पाया गया कि उनमें 87 प्रतिशत मीथेन है।" मंत्री के अनुसार, गैस भंडार का आकार और खोज की व्यावसायिक व्यवहार्यता आने वाले महीनों में सत्यापित हो जाएगी।

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