

Average crude import cost falls below \$60/barrel to 5-year low

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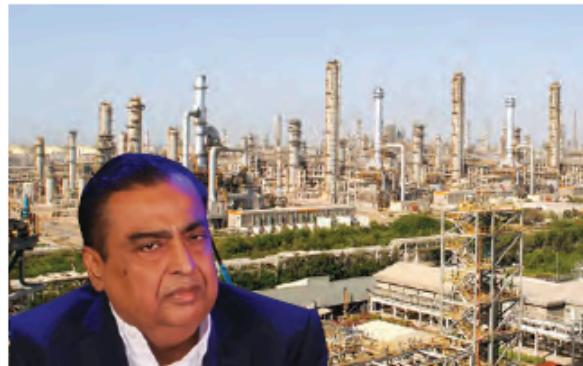
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Excavation work has been completed for the creation of a temporary canal from a nearby irrigation source to facilitate deployment of high-capacity firewater pumps.

Fire pumps have reached the wellsite, and placement activities are in progress. A comprehensive blowout control plan

has been finalised.

A gradual reduction in the flame intensity and size is being witnessed. The team has also been able to change the flame to a vertical direction.

Air quality, noise levels, and nearby water bodies are being continuously monitored to minimise environmental impact within a 600-metre radius.

ONGC remains in continuous coordination with all stakeholders, including district and police administrations, local authorities, and the media, to ensure transparency and an effective response.

All operations are being carried out with the highest standards of safety and environmental care.

MPOST

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In response to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, G7 countries (the US, the UK, Canada, Japan, Italy, France and Germany) and the EU have imposed sanctions and export controls against Russia.

However, these restrictions do not derive from any UN Security Council resolution

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"The trade flourishes because of Russia's ability to expand markets for its oil, grow its ageing, dangerous shadow fleet, and funnel large volumes of unsanctioned gas to Ukraine's allies in the EU. EU imports consist of one-fifth of this one trillion. Russian gas is the major share of it," it said.

The EU's imports of Russian fossil fuels have steadily declined since the December 2022 embargo on Russian crude oil and the February 2023 embargo on Russian refined products. Some countries were provided derogations to import Russian crude via the Druzhba pipeline. As of September 2025, only two EU countries - Hungary and Slovakia - have continued to import Russian oil. Russian gas remains unsanctioned.

India, the world's third-largest oil importer, emerged as the biggest buyer of discounted Russian crude after Western countries shunned Moscow following its February 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

Traditionally reliant on Middle Eastern oil, India dramatically increased Russian imports as sanctions and reduced European demand made the barrels available at steep discounts.

pushing its share from under 1 per cent to nearly 40 per cent of total crude imports.

Russia supplied about 35 per cent of all crude oil that India imported, ahead of fresh sanctions the US imposed on two of Russia's leading oil exporters, Rosneft and Lukoil, coming into effect from November 22, 2025.

Russia's share in Indian oil purchases has since dropped to less than 25 per cent and may dip further this month, as the primary buyer, Reliance Industries, shunned Russian oil.

India's daily purchases of Russian oil from non-sanctioned entities were around Euro 72.92 million at the beginning of January, down from 130.49 million euros in end November and peak of 189.07 million euros in July 2023, according to CREA.

Following the new US sanctions, companies such as Reliance, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd, and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd have halted imports of Russian oil for now.

However, other refiners, such as Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), continue to buy from non-sanctioned Russian entities.

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Against the backdrop of India accounting for nearly a quarter of global incremental energy demand by 2050, as projected by the International Energy Agency, IEW 2026 will serve as a vital platform for dialogue among ministers, CEOs, policymakers, and innovators. Delegations from over 120 countries are expected to participate, building on the suc-



cess of the 2025 edition, which saw 68,000 attendees and 540 speakers.

A major focus will be India's reform-oriented energy framework, designed to attract investment while ensuring sustainability. Recent updates to the Oilfields Act and Petroleum Rules have introduced measures such as integrated petroleum leases, 180-day approval windows, and 30-year lease stability—all aimed at strengthening the upstream sector and safeguarding investor interests.

Closer Look

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Panels will explore biofuels, green hydrogen, and sustainable aviation fuels as part of a broader push toward

decarbonisation.

Infrastructure expansion remains another key theme. Over the past decade, India has doubled the number of petrol retail outlets to over 1 lakh, increased CNG stations eight-fold, and expanded its natural gas pipeline network by 66 per cent. City Gas Distribution now covers nearly the entire country, improving access to cleaner fuel alternatives.

Despite global market volatility, India's approach to consumer protection will be

highlighted. Petrol and diesel prices in Delhi remain lower than in 2021, supported by excise duty cuts and price reductions by Oil Marketing Companies. LPG cylinder prices for Ujjwala beneficiaries have been held at approximately Rs 553, among the lowest worldwide.

Sessions on hydrogen economies, green finance, digital transformation, and workforce development will drive collaboration and actionable solutions. As the first major energy event of the year, IEW 2026 reinforces India's central role in shaping a secure, affordable, and sustainable energy future.

The world will be watching as Goa becomes the epicentre of global energy diplomacy—a testament to India's rising stature and its commitment to leading through reform, innovation, and inclusion.

RIL shares plunge 4.4% as it closes Russian oil tap for now

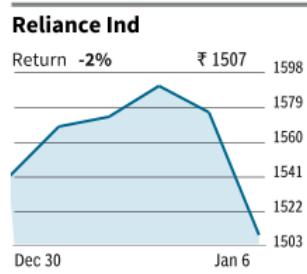
BIG IMPACT. The fall sees evaporation of ₹95,000 crore in market capitalisation

Our Bureau
New Delhi

India's crude oil imports from Russia are expected to decline in January as Reliance Industries (RIL) informed on Tuesday that it has not procured any cargoes from Moscow in the current month, a development that eroded ₹95,000 crore from its market-cap at the end of today's stock market trading.

"Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery has not received any cargo of Russian oil in the past three weeks approximately and is not expecting any Russian crude oil deliveries in January," said the oil-to-chemicals conglomerate, which consumed on an average around 583,000 barrels per day of Russian crude oil in 2025.

By the end of Tuesday, RIL shares closed at



₹1,507.70 a share, a decline of 4.42 per cent from its previous close. Intra-day, its scrip fell 5 per cent to hit a low of ₹1,497.05 on the BSE. The stock had hit an all-time high of ₹1,611.20 on Monday. Tuesday's decline is the biggest fall since June 4, 2024.

MAJOR CONSUMER

India's largest private sector refiner is a major consumer of Russian crude oil, which it processes into diesel, petrol and jet fuel and exports to markets in the European Union and the US.



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Besides, all pre-committed lightings of Russian oil

are being honoured, with the final cargo loaded on November 12. In October last year as well, RIL had said that it was assessing the impact of sanctions imposed by the US, European Union and the UK on crude oil imports from Russia and export of refined products to Europe. It also assured to comply with EU guidelines as well as any guidance from India.

PRESSURE ON INDIA

In the meantime, Washington has been consistently increasing pressure on India to stop imports of Russian crude oil.

On Monday, US President Donald Trump said that India is buying less oil from Russia because Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a "good guy" and wants to make him happy. But he warned that Washington can raise tariffs on India "very quickly" if all purchases are not stopped.

Saudi cuts crude oil prices again amid growing competing supplies

S DINAKAR
Chennai, 6 January

Saudi Arabia has reduced premiums on its monthly price of benchmark term crude oil, a pricing bellwether for other West Asian suppliers, for a second consecutive month (for February deliveries), shrinking them to the lowest level since the pandemic of 2020, a pricing document released on Tuesday shows.

An emerging trend in lower premiums for Saudi Arabian oil and, by extension, cheaper oil from other suppliers like Iraq and the United Arab Emirates, translates into huge annual savings for Indian refiners, analysts said.

This comes amid the International Energy Agency forecasting a supply this year of 4 million barrels per day, equivalent to 70 per cent of India's oil demand.

While the American bombings of Venezuela over the weekend to abduct President Nicolas Maduro were perhaps not considered while notifying Saudi prices for February, resuming

Venezuela's export will have a bearing on the pricing of West Asian suppliers, senior sources in refining companies said.

The last shipment from Venezuela to Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery, of 2 million barrels, was in May last year, the Kpler data showed.

India's import of Venezuelan oil reached an all-time high of 583,000 barrels a day in November 2014, before Venezuela came under sanctions.

"Venezuelan crude oil is heavy to extra-heavy and can be processed on a sustained basis by only a handful of Indian refineries, constraining system-wide intake," said Sumit Ritolia, analyst, Kpler, a market-intelligence agency.

State-owned Saudi Aramco will charge a premium of 30 cents per barrel on the Arab Light grade as against the Dubai/Oman crude oil benchmark for February deliveries, the lowest increase since a 50 cent a barrel discount in December 2020, and on a par with the 30 cents in January 2021, according to a document by Saudi Aramco and the historical data accessed by *Business Standard*.



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In return, Indian refiners increased pressure on Saudi Arabia last year by diversifying supply sources to such an extent that the kingdom, once India's pre-eminent oil supplier, fell from its high position — with the combined Russian and American oil supplies

accounting for an unprecedented 46 per cent of Indian import in November, industry officials said, and calculations based on the ship-tracking data show.

Saudi Arabia was India's third-biggest supplier in 2025 — after Russia and Iraq — at 638,000 barrels a day or 13 per cent of India's crude oil import, the Kpler ship-tracking data showed.

But its influence is wider because it is the main reference price for other crude oil producers in West Asia.

Shrinking premiums

Saudi Aramco "listens to us when they make a monthly call to take buyers' reactions on rates", two senior traders from state-run refiners said.

Also, a change in Riyadh's approach has come after China, Saudi Arabia's biggest customer, has sharply cut the use of fuels by replacing West Asian grades with cleaner energy and discounted sanctioned oils from Iran, Venezuela, and Russia.

"While Indian refiners can substitute barrels from West Asia and the Americas, such alternatives often carry higher delivered costs and tighter economics. As a result, Venezuelan

crude oil (heavy and dirty) is expected to re-enter the market at a discount, reinforcing its attractiveness for compatible refineries," Ritolia said, referring to the Jamnagar plant, which accounts for over a quarter of India's refining capacity.

Aramco offered a discount of \$2.20 a barrel off Dubai/Oman for January for the Arab Heavy grade, nearly on a par with a discount of \$2.25 offered for February 2023.

Saudi Arabia's official selling prices, declared in the first week of every month, serve as a reference for Saudi Aramco to sell crude oil to customers around the world.

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REUTERS

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India's energy expenditure has substantially reduced at a time when the US has embargoed purchases of cheaper and discounted crude oil from three major producers—Iran, Russia and Venezuela. Sector experts and industry executives said on condition of anonymity that India completely stopped import of Iranian crude oil several years ago.

Imports from Venezuela are minuscule and Indian refiners have stopped buying Russian crude from mid-November, they said. There could be some ships in transit on the sea and some cargoes already purchased from non-sanctioned entities, they added.

"Internal crude oil prices expected to soften, agnostic to recent geopolitical events" the SBI report prepared by SBI group chief economic advisor Soumya Kanti Ghosh said. Since oil prices constitute the largest component in the import basket and cannot be substituted with domestic production in the short term, contraction of the import bill on account of crude imports prices will impact the rupee, he said.

RIL denies report on Russia oil purchase

Share price tumbles over 4%, the most in a day since June 2024

SUNDAR SETHURAMAN
Mumbai, 6 January

Shares of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) tumbled on Tuesday, posting its biggest single-day decline in 19 months, amid controversy over its purchase of Russian oil and profit-booking after recent gains. The stock of Reliance Industries declined 4.5 percent and ended the session at ₹1,508.90, its biggest one-day decline since June 4, 2024. Reliance Industries' market capitalisation declined by ₹95,407 crore.

A news report last week claimed that at least three tankers carrying Russian crude oil are indicating Reliance Industries' plant in India's west coast as their next destination. Reliance Industries denied the report. And an updated news report on Tuesday said that the Russian oil cargo earlier linked to Reliance had been dis-



Fuel fumble

Reliance Industries share price (in ₹)



Source: Bloomberg
Compiled by BS Research Bureau

charged elsewhere.

The decline in Reliance Industries was partly attributed to profit-booking after it hit new highs. The stock had hit a new record high in Monday's session. And in 2025, the stock had gained 29 per cent against Nifty's gain of 10.5 per cent.

"Overall sentiments in the markets are weak, and there is profit-booking across large-

caps. And news reports on Russian oil purchases and US President Donald Trump's renewed threat of additional sanctions are adding to uncertainty and selling pressure, even as the stock recently hit new highs. We are bullish on Reliance. Any negative news-flow will lead to panic-selling if it comes at a time when the overall sentiment is weak," said Siddhartha

Khemka, head of research - wealth management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Analysts' warnings about increased competition in the retail sector, and CLSA's decision to drop Reliance from its portfolio also weighed on sentiment. The institutional brokerage and investment group, in a strategy note on Tuesday, said it is boosting its consumption

exposure by adding Eternal and DMart to its India-focus portfolio, and exiting Reliance and Nestle. Concerns about the impact of a weak overall consumption trend, and increasing competition in the retail sector also weighed on sentiment. Citi, in a note on Tata group's Trent, flagged concerns that the intense competition in the sector is eroding incumbents' market share. Reliance's retail business is a big contributor to its overall market capitalisation.

Analysts said they remain bullish on the company despite the near-term headwinds.

"The contribution of oil, gas, and petrochemicals to Reliance's revenue is declining. The company is smartly diversifying into FMCG (fast-moving consumer goods), new energy, and digital businesses. And there is no need to worry about the long-term prospects," said Chokkalingam, founder of Equinomics.

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NEW DELHI

Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery, the largest in the world, is not expected to receive any oil from Russia in January 2026,

and did not receive any Russian oil in the last three weeks, the company said in a statement.

The statement comes after the November 20, 2025, announcement by the company that it had

halted the import of Russian oil for its export-oriented Special Economic Zone unit at Jamnagar.

The company was responding to a news report that had alleged that shipments of Russian oil were

approaching the Jamnagar refinery.

India's two private sector refiners – Reliance Industries and Nayara Energy – used to be the largest importers of Russian oil in India. However, Nayara,

which has significant ownership by Russia's Rosneft, was sanctioned by the European Union and United Kingdom, following which it drastically cut down on Russian oil imports.

India Imported Russian Oil Worth €144 B Since Start of Ukraine War

Country second-largest buyer of Russian crude behind China

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: India imported about €144 billion worth of crude oil from Russia since the start of the Ukraine war, a European think tank said on Tuesday, estimating the Kremlin's cumulative earnings from global oil sales since February 2022 at around €1 trillion.

India has been the second-largest buyer of Russian oil behind China, according to the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).

China bought €210.3 billion worth of Russian oil since the start of the Ukraine war in February 2022, and another €42.7 billion worth of coal and €40.6 billion worth of gas. China's total buy from the beginning of the war until January 3, 2026, was €293.7 billion.

India, on the other hand, bo-



'Battery Energy Storage to Jump 10x in 2026'

New Delhi: The nation will see nearly 10-fold jump in battery energy storage capacity addition to 5GWh this year from 507 MWh in 2025 mainly due to huge backlog of project under execution, according to a study of India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) released on Tuesday. According to the report, while 2025 was defined by unprecedented tendering activity—69 tenders totalling 102 GWh, nearly equal to all tenders issued between 2018 and 2024 combined—2026 will be the year the industry proves itself operationally, as the wave of tenders awarded since mid-2023 finally materialise into commissioned assets with typical project timelines of 18-24 months. —PTI

ught €162.5 billion worth of fossil fuels—€143.88 billion worth of oil and €18.18 billion worth of coal from Russia, CREA said.

The European Union spent €218.1 billion on buying Russian fossil fuels—€106.3 billion in oil, €3.5 billion on coal and €108.2 billion on gas.

"As of January 2026, Russia has earned €1 trillion and counting from global fossil fuel sales

since the start of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, revenue that continues to fund displacement, destruction, and death in Ukraine," CREA said.

In response to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, G7 countries (the US, the UK, Canada, Japan, Italy, France and Germany) and the EU have imposed sanctions and export controls against Russia.

However, these restrictions do not derive from any UN Security Council resolution and several countries, including China, India, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Israel and Saudi Arabia, do not support unilateral sanctions against Russia. Turkey, a NATO Member State, and Serbia, an EU candidate country, have also refused to implement sanctions.

Russian oil has continued to flow into the EU, mainly to Hungary and Slovakia, CREA said, adding that sanctioning countries also continue to boost Russian revenues by allowing products refined from Russian crude to continue entering their shores. "The trade flourishes because of Russia's ability to expand markets for its oil, grow its ageing, dangerous shadow fleet, and funnel large volumes of unsanctioned gas to Ukraine's allies in the EU. EU imports consist of one-fifth of this one trillion. Russian gas is the major share of it," it said.

BRENT CRUDE FUTURES DOWN 25 CENTS

Oil Dips as Investors Scan Supply Lines

Reuters

New York: Oil prices fell slightly on Tuesday as the market weighed expectations of ample global supply this year against uncertainty around Venezuelan crude supplies after the US capture of Nicolas Maduro, the South American country's leader.

Brent crude futures were down 25 cents, or 0.4%, to \$61.51 a barrel by 11:54 a.m. EST (1654 GMT), while US West Texas Intermediate crude fell 32 cents, or 0.6%, to \$58 a barrel. "It is premature to evaluate the impact of Nicolas Maduro's capture on the oil balance. What seems obvious, nonetheless, is that oil supply will be sufficient in 2026, with or without an increase in production from the OPEC member," said Tamas Varga, an analyst at PVM Oil. Market participants polled by Reuters in December said they expected oil prices to be under pressure in 2026 because of rising supply and weak demand. Furthermore, US crude and product stockpiles were ex-

pected to have risen last week, a preliminary Reuters poll showed on Monday.

The American Petroleum Institute will publish its weekly US inventory estimates after 4:30 p.m. EST on Tuesday.

"As the evolving global oil surplus becomes more transparent, the stage for a renewed downturn by next week will be set," oil trading advisor Ritterbusch and Associates said.



POSSIBILITY OF MORE PRICE PRESSURE AFTER CAPTURE OF MADURO

Price pressure could be exacerbated by the US capture of Maduro on Saturday and its potential to hasten an end to a US embargo on Venezuelan oil, leading to higher output. Market participants were also debating the future trajectory of Venezuelan supply after US President Donald Trump claimed US oil companies were ready to invest in the South American country to boost its production and exports.



Stock fall not linked to reports of Russian oil imports: RIL

New Delhi: Reliance Industries informed the BSE on Tuesday that there was no linkage between the fall in its share price and the news report on Russian oil imports, and that it had not purchased any crude from Russia for delivery in Jan.

Bloomberg had earlier reported that at least three tankers carrying nearly 2.2 million barrels of Urals crude (a grade of Russian oil) were headed towards the Sikka port, from where RIL's Jamnagar refinery sources a significant portion of its oil imports. Reliance said the report was published despite its prior denial and was "blatantly untrue". Bloomberg later updated the article to clarify that the Russian oil cargoes earlier linked to Reliance were discharged at other locations and were not associated with Reliance's Jamnagar refinery.

"Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery has not received any cargo of Russian oil in the past three weeks approximately and is not expecting any Russian crude oil deliveries in Jan," the company said in a statement on X.

RIL shares fell 4.4% on the BSE on Tuesday. **TNN**

वेनेजुएला : तेल के लिए चाहिए मोटी रकम

संकटग्रस्त देशों को 30 लाख बीपीडी तक उत्पादन पहुंचाने के लिए 183 अरब डॉलर निवेश की जरूरत

शुभांगी माथुर

वेनेजुएला को कच्चा तेल उत्पादन 30 लाख बैरल प्रतिदिन (बीपीडी) तक पहुंचाने के लिए अगले 15 वर्षों के दौरान लगभग 183 अरब डॉलर रकम निवेश करनी होगी। राष्ट्रपति एसनी ने यह घटना लगातार 11 लाख बैरल प्रतिदिन तेल उत्पादन करता है। वेनेजुएला ने आखिरी बार 1990 के दशक में 30 लाख बीपीडी उत्पादन किया था लेकिन तब से इसका तेल उत्पादन लगातार रुक गया है।

राष्ट्रपति निकोलस मादुरो को अपने कब्जे में लेने के बाद अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डानिल्ड ट्रॉम्प ने कहा कि अमेरिकी कंपनियां वेनेजुएला के कब्जे तेल के उत्पादन का नियंत्रण अपने हाथ में ले लेंगी और देश का तेल ढांचा नए सिरे से तैयार किया जाएगा।

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सकता है।

रायटर्स हैं एन्सी ने कहा, 'इस निवेश का कुछ हिस्सा राष्ट्रीय तेल कंपनी पीडीवीएसए द्वारा व्यवस्थित रूप से वितरित किया जा सकता है, मगर वर्ष 2040 तक 30 लाख 'बीपीडी' का उत्पादन लक्ष्य हासिल करने की रोमांच अपने बढ़ने के लिए अगले 2-3 वर्षों में कम से कम 30-35 अरक्क डॉलर्स अंतरराष्ट्रीय पूँजी लागाने की आवश्यकता होगी।'

दुनिया में कुल तेल भंडार का लगभग 18 प्रतिशत हिस्सा बेनेजुएला में है मगर इसके बावजूद यह देश कुल वैश्विक उत्पादन में महज 0.8 प्रतिशत यांगदान देता है। निवेद्या और



अमेरिका को रोकने के लिए भारत आए साथ: क्यबा

भारत में क्यूबा का गजट दुजाना कालोस मारेन एप्पुलेने रा वेनेजुएला में अमेरिकी सेन्य कार्बार्वॉकी की सोमवार को कही निदा की और राष्ट्रपति निकोलस मादुरो और उनकी पत्नी को गिरफ्तार करने की अपराधिक एवं अताकी कृत्य बताया। उठाने के काले कार्बार्वॉके जैरी संस्थान राष्ट्र चार्टर्ड और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कानून का उल्लंघन किया गया है। एक विशेष साक्षात्कार में एप्पुलेने का कहा कि कोई अन्याय देश अमेरिका को ऐसे एकारकार कदम उठाने से रोक नहीं सकता। ऐसे में दुनिया को भारत की आवश्यकता है। भारत एक बड़ी शक्ति के रूप में जरूरी संरक्षण बना सकता है। और सीधी देशों के लिए एक विद्यर भवित्व सुनिश्चित कर सकता है। वेनेजुएला की राष्ट्रपति ने मारे गए 32 सुरक्षा अधिकारियों को क्यूबा में झाँझुकाकर मनवा दिया। अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति डाल्टन ट्रूप के प्रशासन ने साफ तौर पर जेवाती दी कि मादुरो को हटाने से दशकों पुराने एक और लक्ष्य को हासिल करने में दम लगायी और वह है क्यूबा की सरकार को निकास पराचाना।

ग्रीनलैंड पर नजर न रखें टंपः यजोप

कई यूरोपीय नेताओं ने मंगलवार को अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति डॉलरन्ड ट्रॉप की उस टिप्पणी पर कहा कि एपराइज जाताया, जिसमें उन्होंने ग्रीनलैंड पर अमेरिकी नियंत्रण का बात कही थी। नेताओं ने एक बयान याती कर इस बात की पुष्टि की है कि रणनीतिक दृष्टि से महत्वपूर्ण और खनिज संपदा से भरपूर आर्किटेक्चर द्वारा बहात के लोगों का है। डेनमार्क के प्रायोगिक नेताओं ने ग्रीनलैंड के बारे में ट्रॉप की टिप्पणियों के मेजरनर द्वारा प्रेस द्वारा एक संपत्ति का बताया गया था।

बुनियादी सुविधाओं का अभाव कम उत्तरान के कारण मान जा रहे हैं। चैन और अमेरिका कर्तव्यों में वेनेजुएला के तेल के सर्वोच्च खनीदार हैं। भारतीय कंपनियों जैसे तेल एवं विदेशी गैस (आओ-जीसी) और रियासात इंडस्ट्रीज वेनेजुएला के तेल एवं गैस उत्तरान की बहाली से काफी देर में रो सकती है। आओ-जीसी विदेशी लिमिटेड की वेनेजुएला की दो तो लें क्षेत्रों से सीमित बनाए रखा जाएगा।

ओवीएल ने 2008 में सैन क्रिस्टोबोवे पर्यावरणों में 40 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी ली थी। कंपनी ने 31 मार्च 2025 तक तले क्षेत्र में 52.93 करोड़ डॉलर और एक अन्य पर्यावरणीय कारोबारी -1 में 24.06 करोड़ डॉलर का संचयी निवेश किया था। वेनेजुएला पर अमेरिकी प्रतिवर्ती के कारण ओवीएल को सैन क्रिस्टोबोवे पर्यावरणों से 50 करोड़ डॉलर संपर्क का लाभांश नहीं मिल पाया है।

वेनेजुएला संकट से भारतीय आईटी कंपनियों पर ज्यादा असर नहीं

बीएस संवाददाता

वेनेजुएला में हुई गंभीर उठापटक से भारतीय सूचना-प्रौद्योगिकि (आईटी) कंपनियों के कामकाज पर खास असर पड़ने की आशंका नहीं है। विश्लेषकों का कहना है कि वेनेजुएला में भारतीय आईटी कंपनियों को काफी कम मौजूदी ही, जिससे अरब भी मामूली तरीके से बढ़ाव नहीं हो सकता है। इन्सासेस और विदेशी कंपनियों को वेनेजुएला में इस समय कोई इकाई नहीं है। भारत की सर्वेक्षण वडी आईटी सेवा कंपनी टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसेस (टीसीएस) के लिए लेटिन एक्स्प्रेस जल्द मामने रखता है मगर इसकी भी वेनेजुएला में कोई खास मौजूदी नहीं है। अनअर्थ इन्सासेस के सीडीओ एवं संस्थापक गोव वासु ने कहा, “वेनेजुएला के मौजूदा अस्थिरता वाला हालात को कोई खास फैक्टर पड़ने वाला नहीं है। इसका बजाय वह है कि उस देश में भारतीय आईटी सेवा कंपनियों को काफी कम उल्लेखनीय या आपूर्ति केंद्र (डिलीवरी सेटर) नहीं हैं। वेनेजुएला से रोजस्व नहीं हासिल करती है।”

यानी वेनेजुएला में वाहा चल रहा है, इससे भारतीय आईटी कंपनियों को सेहत पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ागया। यह स्थिति लगभग वैसी ही है जैसी लगभग चार वर्ष पहले यूक्रेन युद्ध इंडिया के समय उभर कर आई थी, इसलिए उनका कारोबार नियन्त्रण बंद करने की तरफ आई परेशानी नहीं हुई। लैटिन अमेरिका की अपनी भी आईटी कंपनियों के राजस्व में लैटिन अमेरिका की हिस्सेदारी है। प्रियंगले वित्त वर्ष में टीसीएस के राजस्व में लैटिन अमेरिका की हिस्सेदारी 1.9 प्रतिशत वा लगभग 60 करोड़ डॉलर रुपीय थी और स्थिति मुझ पर इसमें 6 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई। इनको सिसिस अमेरिका से अपने राजस्व को अलग से नहीं बचाता है जिक्र किये अमेरिकाज़ 1 के अन्तर्गत राजस्व को दर्शाता है। वास्तु ने आगे कहा, 'मौजूदा घटनाक्रम से संचालन, अपोक्तवा के तरह सेवा आपूर्ति वा वित्तीय प्रदर्शन पर कोई असर नहीं पड़ता दिख रहा है। मोटे तौर पर वेनेजुएला की घटना आईटी सेवा उद्योग के लिए अपनी मुश्ख मार पर असर नहीं डाल रही है। आईटी कारोबार में यांग वैश्विक स्थिरीयों, ब्राजील बजट और तकनीक जैसी कारोबारिकाओं पर निर्भर करती है। ऐसी घटनाएं अधिक मायने नहीं रखती हैं, जैसे परिचालन वा याजमान को कांड जाहिन नहीं रहता है।' लैटिन अमेरिका में मेक्सिको, ब्राजील और चिली जैसे देशों से राजस्व आय नहीं है। उन देशों में इन कंपनियों के द्वारा अमेरिका में अपने ग्राहकों को सेवा देने के लिए नियर-शेर सेंटर हैं। उत्तरी अमेरिका वाहा भारतीय आईटी कंपनियों के लिए बड़ा बाजार है। टीसीएस के लिए लैटिन अमेरिका अहम है, यौकोंग वहा नो देशों में इस कंपनी के 26,000 से अधिक कर्मचारी कारबोर हैं। कंपनी इस क्षेत्र में 400 ग्राहकों को सेवा देती है। वहाँ एसीसीएलटेक के लिए मैक्सिको में महत्वपूर्ण केंद्र भी बना रहा है। कारोबारिको स्टारिका, पेलू, ब्राजील और ख्वाटेमाला में भी कारोबार कर रही है।

तीन हफ्ते से तेल नहीं आया: रिलायंस

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नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज ने मंगलवार को कहा कि उसे रूस से करीब तीन सप्ताह से तेल का कोई बैरल नहीं मिला है और जनवरी में भी इसके प्राप्त होने की कोई उम्मीद नहीं है।

कंपनी ने 'ब्लूमबर्ग' की उस रिपोर्ट को मंगलवार को पूरी तरह से असत्य बताया जिसमें दावा किया गया था कि रूसी तेल से लदे तीन जहाजों को रिलायंस की जामनगर रिफाइनरी के लिए तैयार किया जा रहा है।

रिलायंस ने बयान में कहा, रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज की जामनगर रिफाइनरी को पिछले करीब तीन सप्ताह से रूसी तेल की कोई खेप नहीं मिली है और जनवरी में भी रूसी कच्चे तेल की कोई आपूर्ति मिलने की उम्मीद नहीं है।

भारत ने रूस से 144 अरब यूरो का कच्चा तेल खरीदा



भारत ने यूकेन युद्ध की शुरुआत के बाद से रूस से लगभग 144 अरब यूरो मूल्य का कच्चा तेल आया तो किया है। यूरोपीय शोध संस्थान सेंटर फॉर रिसर्च ऑन एनर्जी एंड क्लीन एयर (सीईआरए) की एक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, फरवरी 2022 से वैश्विक तेल बिक्री से रूस को लगभग 1,000 अरब यूरो की कुल आय हुई है।

इस दौरान चीन के बाद भारत रूसी तेल का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा खरीदार रहा है। चीन ने फरवरी 2022 में यूकेन युद्ध की शुरुआत के बाद से 210.3 अरब यूरो मूल्य का रूसी तेल, 42.7 अरब यूरो मूल्य का कोयला और 40.6 अरब यूरो मूल्य की गैस खरीदी है।

गौरतलब है कि इन खबरों के चलते मंगलवार को रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज के शेयरों में पांच फीसदी से ज्यादा की गिरावट आ गई थी।

रिलायंस ने 20 नवंबर 2025 को कहा था कि उसने यूरोपीय संघ के प्रतिबंधों का अनुपालन करने के लिए गुजरात के जामनगर स्थित अपनी

नियात-विशिष्ट रिफाइनरी में रूसी कच्चे तेल का उपयोग बंद कर दिया है।

यूरोपीय संघ, रिलायंस के लिए एक बड़ा बाजार है और उसने रूस के ऊर्जा राजस्व को लक्षित करते हुए व्यापक प्रतिबंध लगाए हैं जिनमें रूसी कच्चे तेल से उत्पादित ईंधन पर प्रतिबंध लगाने वाले उपाय भी शामिल हैं।

रूस से तीन सप्ताह से तेल नहीं मिला: रिलायंस

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रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड ने मंगलवार को कहा कि उसे रूस से करीब तीन सप्ताह से तेल का कोई बैरल नहीं मिला है और जनवरी में भी इसके प्राप्त होने की कोई उम्मीद नहीं है। रिलायंस ने 20 नवंबर 2025 को कहा था कि उसने यूरोपीय संघ के प्रतिबंधों का अनुपालन करने के लिए गुजरात के जामनगर स्थित अपनी नियांत-विशिष्ट रिफाइनरी में रूसी कच्चे तेल का उपयोग बंद कर दिया है। इससे पहले रिलायंस, भारत में रूसी तेल की सबसे बड़ी खरीदार थी जिसे वह जामनगर स्थित अपने विशाल तेल शोधन परिसर में संसाधित करके पेट्रोल और डीजल जैसे ईंधन में तब्दील करती थी। इस परिसर में दो रिफाइनरियां हैं। एक विशेष क्षेत्र इकाई जहां से यूरोपीय संघ, अमेरिका तथा अन्य बाजारों में ईंधन नियांत किया जाता है और एक पुणी इकाई जो मुख्य रूप से घरेलू बाजार की जरूरतों को पूरा करती है। यूरोपीय संघ, रिलायंस के लिए एक बड़ा बाजार है और उसने रूस के ऊर्जा गृजस्व को लक्षित करते हुए व्यापक प्रतिबंध लगाए हैं जिनमें रूसी कच्चे तेल से उत्पादित ईंधन के आयात और बिक्री पर प्रतिबंध लगाने वाले उपाय भी शामिल हैं। इन शर्तों का पालन



करने के लिए, रिलायंस ने अपने केवल नियांत के लिए बने रिफाइनरी में रूसी कच्चे तेल का प्रसंस्करण बंद कर दिया था। कंपनी ने ब्लूमबर्ग की उस रिपोर्ट को मंगलवार को पूरी तरह से असत्य बताया जिसमें दावा किया गया था कि रूसी तेल से लदे तीन जहाजों को रिलायंस की जामनगर रिफाइनरी के लिए तैयार किया जा रहा है। रिलायंस ने बयान में कहा, रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज की जामनगर रिफाइनरी को पिछले करीब तीन सप्ताह से रूसी तेल की कोई खेप नहीं मिली है और जनवरी में भी रूसी कच्चे तेल की कोई आपूर्ति मिलने की उम्मीद नहीं है। ब्लूमबर्ग एक वैधिक मीडिया एवं वित्तीय सूचना कंपनी है जो व्यापार, अर्थव्यवस्था, वित्तीय बाजार एवं नीति से जुड़ी विश्वसनीय खबरें व डेटा प्रदान करती है। केप्टर के हवाले से कहा गया था कि करीब 22 लाख बैरल यूराल से लदे कम से कम तीन टैंकर सिक्का बंदरगाह की ओर जा रहे थे।

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ओएनजीसी के कुओं में आग बुझाने के लिए दिल्ली-मुंबई से पहुंची टीमें

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"दमकलकर्मियों ने तापमान कम करने के लिए 'बॉटर अम्ब्रेला' तैयार किया है, लेकिन अब भी लपटें उठ रही हैं। विशेषज्ञ टीम पहुंचकर स्थिति का आकलन करेंगी और उसी के अनुसार आग बुझाने के सभी उपाय किए जाएंगे।" उन्होंने बताया कि विशेषज्ञ टीम मुंबई और दिल्ली से आ रही हैं। आसपास मौजूद सभी पेड़ों पर भी पानी का छिड़काव किया जा रहा है। निसांथी ने बताया कि सोमवार की तुलना में आग की तीव्रता कम हुई है।