

No LPG shortage, supply exceeds demand: CM



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Seeking to allay fears of a fuel shortage, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday said Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) supply across the capital remains stable and adequate, urging residents not to panic or be misled by rumours.

The CM said domestic LPG deliveries were outpacing bookings, reflecting a strong and responsive supply chain. On April 12, while 1,11,766 bookings were recorded, as many as 1,30,094 cylinders were delivered by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), indicating pending backlogs were being cleared. The average delivery time has also improved to 3.87 days from 4.24 days earlier, ensuring quicker doorstep service for consumers.

On the commercial front, Gupta said Delhi has a daily allocation of 6,480 LPG cylinders (19 kg equivalent), while the average daily offtake over the past week stood at 4,268 cylinders, including 5 kg Free Trade LPG cylinders. "This clearly shows that supply is exceeding demand," she

said, appealing to commercial users not to engage in unnecessary stockpiling.

Reiterating that the distribution network is functioning smoothly across the city, the chief minister said a dedicated control room set up by the Food and Civil Supplies Department is operational to assist consumers facing issues in accessing LPG cylinders. She urged commercial consumers to contact the numbers 011-23379836 or 8383824659 on any day of the week between 9 am to 7 pm if they face any issues in obtaining cylinders.

The government has also encouraged a gradual shift to alternative fuel sources such as Piped Natural Gas (PNG), particularly for bulk users like hospitals and educational institutions, citing improved safety, efficiency and reliability. Consumers have also been advised to consider electric or induction cooking as a medium- to long-term solution for uninterrupted energy access.

Gupta said the government is monitoring the situation closely on a daily basis and remains committed to ensuring uninterrupted LPG supply across Delhi.

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LPG supply stable in Delhi, deliveries exceed bookings, no need to panic

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Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday assured residents of the national capital that both domestic and commercial LPG supplies in the city remain stable, adequate, and under control, with no shortage of cooking gas or any other fuel.

The Chief Minister urged people not to be influenced by rumours or panic, and to remain calm, while also avoiding misinformation in this regard.

Sharing an update on domestic LPG, CM Gupta said that on April 12, a total of 1,11,766 bookings were recorded, while the three Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) delivered 1,30,094 cylinders—well above the number of bookings.

She said this clearly indicates that pending backlogs are being cleared efficiently and that the supply chain remains robust.

According to Gupta, the average delivery time has improved to 3.87 days from 4.24 days earlier, ensuring timely doorstep delivery.

She further informed that, on the commercial front, Delhi has been allocated 6,480 LPG cylinders (19 kg equivalent) per day.

In comparison, the average daily offtake over the past week has been only 4,268 cylinders, including 5 kg Free Trade LPG cylinders, which, she said, clearly shows that supply is exceeding demand.

Gupta appealed to all commercial LPG consumers, particularly users of 5 kg cylinders, to avoid unnecessary concern or stockpiling.

She reiterated that the distribution system across the city is functioning smoothly and that adequate stock is available at all times.



No immediate impact on India from curbs on Strait of Hormuz

Rishi Ranjan Kala

New Delhi

The latest directive by US President Donald Trump to block vessels to and from Iranian ports is unlikely to have an immediate impact on India's crude oil and LNG supplies, though some disruption to LPG shipments from the Persian Gulf nation is expected.

PRICES MAY RISE

Over the past 45 days, India has reduced its dependence on crude oil imports routed through the Strait of Hormuz to about 30 per cent of total imports, down from over 50 per cent in January-February.

While the short-term impact remains limited — largely confined to LPG cargoes linked to Iran — the blockade is expected to exert upward pressure on global crude oil prices.

DIVERSIFIED SOURCING

Commenting on the situation, Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Oil Ministry, said India had managed the transition “quite satisfactor-

ily” through diversification.

“We were sourcing significant energy — crude, LPG and LNG — from that region. Over the last 45 days, we have adjusted well. Crude sourcing has been diversified across more than 40 countries, and arrangements are in place,” she said.

“LNG supplies remain comfortable, and LPG cargoes have been secured, allowing us to maintain stable supplies for domestic consumers,” Sharma added.

LPG SUPPLIES UP

For commercial consumption, LPG supplies have gradually improved to about 70 per cent of normal levels.

However, some pressure persists, prompting the government to encourage consumers to shift to alternatives such as piped natural gas (PNG) and electric cooking solutions. Domestic LPG production currently stands around 45,000 tonnes per day, slightly lower than the earlier 46,000-47,000 tonnes.

Despite the shutdown of Nayara Energy operations, the government has been able to maintain output at this level, Sharma added.

CM Gupta assures adequate LPG supply, no shortage

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ New Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday assured residents that both domestic and commercial LPG supplies in the Capital remain stable, adequate and under control, with no shortage of LPG or any other fuel.

Sharing an update on domestic LPG, the Chief Minister said that on April 12, a total of 1,11,766 bookings were recorded, while the three Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) delivered 1,30,094 cylinders well above the number of bookings. This indicates that pending backlogs are being cleared efficiently and the supply chain remains robust. The average delivery time has improved to 3.87 days from 4.24 days earlier, ensuring timely doorstep delivery. She urged people not to be influenced by rumours or panic, and to remain calm.

On the commercial side, Delhi has been allocated 6,480 LPG cylinders (19 kg equivalent) per day. In comparison, the average daily offtake over the past week has been only 4,268 cylinders, including 5 kg Free Trade LPG cylinders clearly showing that supply is exceeding demand. The Chief Minister appealed to all commercial LPG con-



sumers, particularly users of 5 kg cylinders, to avoid unnecessary concern or stockpiling. She reiterated that the distribution system across the city is functioning smoothly and that adequate stock is available at all times.

"To facilitate access, a dedicated control room of the Food and Civil Supplies Department is operational. Commercial consumers facing any difficulty in obtaining LPG cylinders can contact 011-23379836 or 8383824659 between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on any day of the week. The Government has also encouraged consumers and institutions to opt for Piped Natural Gas (PNG) wherever available, as it pro-

vides a reliable and continuous fuel supply. Bulk users such as hospitals and educational institutions have been advised to shift to PNG at the earliest to enhance efficiency, safety and supply reliability," the chief minister said in a statement.

Additionally, consumers are being encouraged to consider electric or induction cooking as a medium to long-term alternative to ensure uninterrupted energy access. The chief minister reiterated that the Delhi Government is closely monitoring the situation on a daily basis and remains fully committed to ensuring uninterrupted LPG supply across the Capital.

DAILY MONITORING IN PLACE

No LPG shortage, supply exceeds demand: CM

Government data shows faster deliveries, adequate stock and no need for panic buying

AIMAN FATIMA

NEW DELHI: Amid concerns over fuel availability, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday issued a strong reassurance that LPG supply across the capital remains stable and uninterrupted, urging residents and commercial users to ignore rumours and avoid panic buying as deliveries continue to outpace demand.

Addressing the situation, the Chief Minister said there is no shortage of LPG or any other fuel in Delhi, highlighting that the supply chain is functioning efficiently. "There is no need to panic. LPG supply in Delhi is stable, adequate and fully under control," she said, appealing to citizens to remain calm and not be influenced by misinformation.

Providing data on domes-



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tic LPG distribution, Gupta noted that on April 12, a total of 1,11,766 bookings were recorded, while Oil Marketing Companies delivered 1,30,094 cylinders, significantly exceeding the demand.

This, she said, reflects effective clearance of pending backlogs and a well-functioning distribution network. She added that the average delivery time has improved from 4.24 days to 3.87 days, ensuring faster

doorstep service.

On the commercial front, Delhi currently has an allocation of 6,480 LPG cylinders (19 kg equivalent) per day. However, the average daily offtake over the past week has been

HIGHLIGHTS

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only 4,268 cylinders, including 5 kg Free Trade LPG cylinders. "This clearly shows that supply is exceeding demand," Gupta said, urging commercial users, especially those using smaller cylinders, to avoid unnecessary

stockpiling.

To further assist consumers, a dedicated control room under the Food and Civil Supplies Department is operational. Consumers facing issues in accessing LPG can contact helpline numbers between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm daily.

The government has also encouraged a gradual shift towards alternative fuel sources such as Piped Natural Gas (PNG), particularly for bulk users like hospitals and educational institutions. Additionally, residents have been advised to consider electric or induction cooking as a long-term solution.

Reaffirming the government's commitment, the Chief Minister said authorities are closely monitoring the situation daily to ensure uninterrupted supply across Delhi.



'No serious LPG shortage yet for auto component makers'

The ministry has advised industry to use cleaner fuels, such as electric furnaces & PNG

NEW DELHI: Auto component manufacturers have not reported any major LPG shortages so far, a senior government official said on Monday, noting that authorities are closely monitoring supplies amid evolving developments in West Asia.

Addressing an inter-ministerial briefing, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Heavy Industries, Hanif Qureshi, said the government is in regular contact with the Auto Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) and other industry groups to ensure adequate availability of

CLOSER LOOK

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gas and avoid disruptions in production.

He added that the ministry is engaging with the automobile sector to address supply chain concerns and has advised companies to shift to cleaner alternatives such as electric furnaces and piped

natural gas (PNG) wherever feasible.

Qureshi said LPG remains an important fuel for component manufacturing, but no serious shortages have been flagged so far. He also highlighted strong industry performance, noting that vehicle

production rose by 15-16 per cent in March.

On policy support, he said the government continues to promote electric mobility through schemes such as the PM E-DRIVE initiative and the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for automobiles, alongside efforts to boost domestic manufacturing under the AatmaNirbhar Bharat initiative.

The subsidy period for electric three-wheeler e-rickshaws has been extended to March 2028, while incentives for electric two-wheelers will now continue till July 31,

2026. The phased manufacturing programme timelines for trucks and buses have also been relaxed by six months to September 1, 2026.

Qureshi added that the government is pushing bio-fuels, with 20 per cent ethanol blending already achieved and increasing adoption of flex-fuel vehicles expected to reduce dependence on crude imports.

Efforts are also underway to strengthen supply chains, including a Rs 7,280-crore scheme to develop domestic rare earth magnet manufacturing capacity.

AGENCIES

India receives first Iranian crude oil shipments after 7 yrs



Iranian vessel MT Jaya anchored off Paradip port in Odisha

PHOTO: PARADI P PORT

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT
Bhubaneswar, 13 April

India on Monday received its first shipment of Iranian crude oil after a gap of nearly seven years amid the West Asia tension and the United States (US) President Donald Trump's threat of blocking the Strait of Hormuz.

Two supertankers — MT Jaya and MT Felicity — each carrying around two million barrels of crude oil, anchored off Paradip port in Odisha and Sikka port, Gujarat. This signals a cautious resumption of oil trade between New Delhi and Tehran after the waiver of US sanctions in March.

Paradip port officials said MT Jaya, a Curacao-flagged very large crude carrier (VLCC) with 277,321 tonnes of Iranian crude from Kharg Island, Iran, was secured to single point mooring (SPM-1) at about 3:18 pm.

"The consignee of the shipment is the Paradip refinery of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)," they told *Business Standard*.

Both the vessels had embarked on their journey

towards India after the Trump administration on March 20 issued a 30-day sanctions waiver for the purchase of Iranian oil.

Officials from IOCL confirmed that a tanker arrived at Paradip, making it the first Iranian crude shipment to reach India since 2019.

The crude will undergo preliminary quality checks, including density, sulphur content and impurity levels, before being routed into designated storage tanks.

"The supertanker anchored offshore will be connected to the SPM system for offloading the crude and it will take 48-60

hours to completely discharge. The crude will then be distributed through IOCL's extensive pipeline network to feed its five refineries, including the one at Paradip, Haldia and Barauni and Bongaigaon," an official told *Business Standard*.

Similarly, the Iran-flagged MT Felicity has moored near Sikka with over 270,000 tonnes of crude, possibly for Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL).

Although BPCL and RIL

MT FELICITY, ANOTHER SUPERTANKER CARRYING 2 MILLION BARRELS OF IRANIAN CRUDE OIL, ANCHORED OFF SIKKA PORT IN GUJARAT

could not be contacted for confirmation whether the crude was for their refineries, it is learnt that Sikka acts as a key port for both the companies for handling cargoes.

India was once among the largest importers of Iranian crude, attracted by favourable pricing, extended credit terms and logistical advantages.

However, imports came to a halt in 2019 after the US, under its maximum pressure campaign, withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal and reimposed stringent sanctions on Iran's oil exports.

These sanctions targeted not only Iranian entities but also secondary buyers, effectively forcing countries like India to cease purchases to avoid financial and trade penalties.

"If the instability in West Asia prolongs along with escalating tensions and intermittent confrontations between the US and Iran, India will have to re-diversify its energy sourcing," experts said.





Nearly 32K PNG consumers give up LPG connections amid govt push

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New Delhi, 13 April

More than 31,700 piped natural gas (PNG) consumers have surrendered their liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) connections until April 12 as the government pushes adoption of natural gas in the country due to cooking gas shortage triggered by the ongoing West Asia conflict.

About 432,000 PNG connections have been gasified while 475,000 additional customers have registered for new connections since March, said Sujata Sharma, joint secretary at Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), at a press briefing on Monday.

On March 14, the govern-

ment had issued an order stating that individuals holding both PNG and domestic LPG connections cannot retain the LPG connection or receive cylinder refills from oil companies or their distributors. Meanwhile, India's gas companies are offering incentives for switching to PNG.

As India faces a shortage of cooking gas, the government informed that an India-flagged vessel, Jag Vikram, carrying approximately 20,400 tonnes of LPG with 24 seafarers onboard is expected to arrive at Kandla port on April 14. The vessel had transited the Strait of Hormuz on April 11.

Following safe passage of the latest LPG vessel, 15 India-

flagged vessels remain stranded in the Persian Gulf. India's shipping ministry, in co-ordination with the Ministry of External Affairs, is working to ensure a safe passage of the remaining vessels, said Mukesh Mangal, additional secretary at Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

India's LPG supplies from West Asia remain disrupted due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz amid continued tensions between the US and Iran. India imports around 90 per cent of its LPG imports from West Asia. To ensure domestic availability, India is sourcing LPG from sources bypassing the Strait of Hormuz, including the US, Russia, Angola, and Iran.

Iranian crude returns to India

FE BUREAU
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IRANIAN CRUDE HAS returned to India after a seven-year gap, with two cargoes totalling about 4 million barrels reaching Indian shores amid a temporary easing of US sanctions and tightening global oil supplies.

A very large crude carrier (VLCC), MT JAYA, carrying around 2 million barrels of crude from Iran's Kharg Island, docked at Paradip port on April 9, according to Kpler data — the first such delivery since 2019 when sanctions halted flows.

"Paradip Port Authority welcomes MT JAYA... further strengthening its role as a vital gateway for India's energy imports," the port authority said, adding that the vessel delivered 277,321 metric tonne of crude oil to the IOCL Paradip refinery.

Another cargo is close behind. VLCC Felicity, also carrying about 2 million barrels, is

AFTER 7 YEARS



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The arrivals follow a US

decision on March 21 to temporarily suspend sanctions on Iranian crude already loaded on tankers, allowing shipments to flow into the market to ease supply pressures.

The government had earlier confirmed the development. "India imports crude oil from 40+ countries... Amid West Asia supply disruptions, Indian refiners have secured their crude oil requirements, including from Iran; and there is no payment hurdle for Iranian crude imports..." the petroleum ministry said on April 4.

It remains unclear which refiners bought the cargoes, though Indian Oil Corp operates the Paradip refinery, while Reliance Industries and Bharat Petroleum receive crude at Sikka.

Iran was once among India's top suppliers, with imports peaking at over 500,000 barrels per day in 2018, or about 11.5% of total imports, before US sanctions forced a halt in May 2019.

'ADEQUATE STOCK AVAILABLE'

LPG supply stable in Capital, pending backlog being cleared: CM Gupta

Express News Service
New Delhi, April 13

DELHI CHIEF Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday assured the residents of the Capital that LPG supply is under control, stating that around 1.11 lakh bookings were recorded and 1.3 lakh cylinders were delivered on Sunday. She added that pending backlog in the city is also being cleared.

Gupta said that the distribution system across the national capital is functioning smoothly with availability of adequate stock and urged people not to panic and pay heed to rumours, and remain calm.

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• In Numbers

1.11 LAKH bookings recorded, **1.3 LAKH** cylinders delivered on April 12

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6,480

LPG cylinders (19 kg equivalent) allocated to Delhi per day

4,268

Average daily offtake over past week (including 5-kg free trade LPG cylinders)

backlog is being cleared efficiently and that the supply chain is robust. The average delivery time has improved from

4.24 days earlier to 3.87 days, ensuring timely doorstep delivery," the chief minister said.

On the commercial side, Delhi has been allocated 6,480 LPG (19-kg) cylinders per day. In comparison, the average daily offtake over the past week has been only 4,268 cylinders, including 5 kg Free Trade LPG cylinders — clearly showing that supply is exceeding demand — according to government data.

Gupta also appealed to all commercial LPG consumers, particularly users of 5-kg cylinders, to avoid unnecessary concern or stockpiling.

Besides, to facilitate access, the Food and Civil Supplies department is running a dedicated control room. Commercial consumers facing any difficulty in obtaining cylinders can contact 011-23379836 or 8383824659 between 9 am and

7 pm every day.

The government has also encouraged consumers and institutions to opt for piped natural gas (PNG) wherever available, as it provides a reliable and continuous fuel supply. Bulk users, such as hospitals and educational institutions, have been advised to shift to PNG at the earliest to enhance efficiency, safety and supply reliability.

"Additionally, consumers are being encouraged to consider electric or induction cooking mediums as a long-term alternative to ensure uninterrupted energy access," said an official.

Further, Gupta reiterated that her government is closely monitoring the situation on a daily basis and remains fully committed to ensuring uninterrupted LPG supply across the Capital.

Activate Window

Deliveries of LPG outpacing bookings, says Chief Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Monday that the cooking gas supply situation in the city is under control, with deliveries by the three oil marketing companies outpacing bookings on April 12.

A total of 1,11,766 domestic cylinder bookings were recorded on that day while 1,30,094 cylinders were delivered.

The average delivery time has improved from 4.24 days to 3.87 days, according to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

"On the commercial side, Delhi has been allocated 6,480 LPG cylinders (19-kg equivalent) per day. In comparison, the average daily offtake over the past week has been only 4,268 cylinders, including 5 kg free trade LPG cylinders, clearly showing that supply is exceeding demand," read the statement.

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SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

particularly users of 5 kg cylinders, to refrain from unnecessary stockpiling, saying the distribution system was functioning smoothly and that adequate stock was available at all times.

The government has encouraged consumers and institutions to opt for piped gas wherever available. Bulk users such as hospitals and educational institutions have been advised to shift to PNG at the earliest to enhance efficiency, safety and supply reliability, said the CMO.



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OPEC output suffers record plunge as Iran war throttles exports

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LONDON: OPEC crude production registered a record plunge last month as conflict in the Middle East throttled exports from key members, the group's data showed.

Output from the organisation collapsed by 7.88 million barrels a day to 20.79 million a day in March, driven by losses in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, according to a monthly report from its secretariat seen by Bloomberg News. It's the steepest drop in data going back to the 1980s.

The conflict between a US-Israeli alliance and Iran has shuttered the Persian Gulf's vital Strait of Hormuz waterway for six weeks, forcing regional producers to shut in output. It has sent prices for products like jet fuel, diesel and gasoline soaring, threatening the global economy with a wave of inflation.

International oil futures traded near \$102 a barrel in London on Monday, as US President Donald Trump vowed to blockade Iranian flows from Hormuz after failing to reach a diplomatic solution at the weekend, and Tehran threatened retaliation.

The report from OPEC's secretariat appeared to make no references to the strait or its closure.

The plunge surpasses a drop of 6.28 million barrels in May 2020, when the Organization of

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the Petroleum Exporting Countries and partners slashed output as global fuel demand collapsed during the Covid-19 pandemic. It's similar to the assessment in Bloomberg's monthly survey, published last week.

Iraq suffered the biggest decline in March, slumping by 2.56 million barrels a day to 1.63 million a day, according to the report, compiled by the organization's Vienna-based research department. It was closely followed by Saudi Arabia, down 2.31 million to 7.8 million a day.

OPEC reduced estimates for global oil demand in the second quarter by 500,000 barrels a day, though offsetting increases in the second half of the year left the annual level unchanged.

Before the war erupted on Feb. 28, key OPEC+ nations had been reviving production shuttered several years ago. At a monthly video conference on April 5, they agreed a symbolic increase for May to continue the process. They'll meet again on May 3.



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DELIVERY TIME OF LPG CYLINDER HAS IMPROVED: CM

NEW DELHI: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Monday said average delivery time for domestic LPG cylinders has improved to 3.87 days from 4.24 days.

She said that both domestic and commercial LPG supplies in the capital remain stable and adequate, with no fuel shortage.

On April 12, 111,766 bookings were recorded, while the three Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) delivered 130,094 cylinders, higher than the number of bookings, Gupta said.

"This indicates that pending backlogs are being cleared and the supply chain remains robust," the CM said.

According to officials, Delhi has been allocated 6,480 commercial LPG cylinders (19 kg equivalent) per day, while the average daily offtake over the past week has been 4,268 cylinders, including 5kg free-trade LPG cylinders, indicating that supply is exceeding demand.

She appealed to all commercial LPG consumers to avoid unnecessary stockpiling. **HTC**

LPG supply situation in Delhi is under control, deliveries outpacing bookings, says CM

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

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A total of 1,11,766 domestic cylinder bookings were recorded on that day, while the OMCs delivered 1,30,094 cylinders. The average delivery time has improved from 4.24 days to 3.87 days, according to the Chief Minister's Office.

Daily offtake

“On the commercial side, Delhi has been allocated 6,480 LPG cylinders (19 kg equivalent) per day. In comparison, the average daily offtake over the past week has been only 4,268 cylinders, including 5 kg



The scene at an LPG depot in New Delhi on Monday. The CM has urged consumers to refrain from stockpiling. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Free Trade LPG cylinders, clearly showing that supply is exceeding demand,” an official statement said.

Ms. Gupta urged commercial LPG consumers, particularly users of 5 kg cylinders, to refrain from unnecessary stockpiling, saying the distribution system was functioning smoothly and that adequate stock was available at

all times.

The government has encouraged consumers and institutions to opt for Piped Natural Gas (PNG) wherever available. Bulk users such as hospitals and educational institutions have been advised to shift to PNG at the earliest to enhance efficiency, safety and supply reliability, the Chief Minister's Office said.

Oil Shock, the Last (Plastic) Straw?



Thimmaiah Napanda

Crude prices have surged above \$100 a barrel after Trump's latest Hormuz blockade threat. Understandably, the immediate focus is now going to be on fuel prices and transportation costs. But the impact is much more than that.

Crude oil is the base input for a wide range of polymers, such as polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE), which form the backbone of packaging. Prices of these materials have risen sharply, with estimates suggesting a 40-80% spike. However, the challenge is not limited to cost escalation. Availability and uncertainty have also emerged as key concerns.

Packaging procurement has been driven by cost efficiency, with companies optimising for lean inventory, short procurement cycles and just-in-time supply chains. Now, procurement cycles have extended from 2-3 weeks to 4-6 or longer, while uncertainty around material allocation has increased. As a result, the industry is shifting from a cost-led approach to a continuity-led

approach, where ensuring availability is more critical than marginal cost optimisation.

One of the most visible outcomes of this shift is the rebalancing between inventory and cost. Companies are building higher inventory buffers, even at elevated prices, to mitigate supply uncertainty. While this increases capital requirements, it protects against production disruptions, revenue loss and supply chain instability.

In a constrained supply environment, both supplier relationships and customer collaboration are emerging as critical differentiators. Material allocation is increasingly influenced by factors such as historical engagement, volume commitments, consistency of business, reliability in payments and long-term contracts.

Companies with strong, established supplier partnerships and long-term



It's a raw materials deal

contracts are better positioned to secure preferential allocation at the expense of tactical and transactional players, who face higher uncertainty. Increasingly, continuity of supply is being prioritised over short-term pricing considerations, reflecting a broader shift from transactional engagement to shared risk management across the value chain.

With both cost pressures and supply constraints intensifying due to instability in West Asia, companies are increasingly left with limited choice but to pass on price increases. Importantly, when they do so, it's likely that not just current inflation, but also part of the deferred cost pressures from the past 2 yrs will be reflected in pricing.

Impact of supply disruption is also not uniform across industries. Beverages and FMCG are sensitive due to high volumes and shorter procurement cycles, leading to more immediate effects. Pharmaceuticals, given their stringent quality and regulatory requirements, have limited flexibility in sourcing. Personal and home care may see a relatively delayed impact due to longer planning cycles, while sectors such as paints, agrochemicals, construction chemicals and dairy are also exposed due to their dependence on packaging and polymer-linked inputs.

Across sectors, however, the common thread is clear — an increasing emphasis on supply continuity, even at the

cost of near-term margin pressure.

The current environment is placing disproportionate stress on smaller packaging players. The industry itself remains highly fragmented, with only a limited number of players having the scale and capabilities required to navigate such volatility.

Nearly 90% of the market lacks the financial strength to sustain higher inventory levels, manage strained cash flows and continue investing for the future simultaneously. Limited access to working capital, weaker supplier relationships and lower inventory holding capacity further constrain their ability to respond effectively.

This is likely to accelerate industry consolidation, with business gravitating towards fewer, well-capitalised and organised players who can absorb volatility and ensure continuity of supply. Structurally, the industry is moving towards scale, reliability and integration as key differentiators.

The transformation in supply chain strategy is not temporary but is likely to shape long-term operating models. Crude at \$100-plus is not just a cost event but a supply chain reset. Companies that can secure supply, manage volatility and operate at scale will be best positioned to navigate this environment and define the next phase of the industry.

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HORMUZ BLOCKADE

What's at Stake

The US military's regional Central Command on Monday said the Hormuz shipping blockade would be "enforced impartially against vessels of all nations" entering or leaving Iranian ports.

The blockade will not impede neutral transit passage, it said.

IRAN'S RESPONSE

Iran's Revolutionary Guards warned that any foreign military vessels approaching the strait would be treated as violating the ceasefire and met with decisive force.

OIL SUPPLY IMPACT

Restricting Iranian exports threatens global supply. Iran shipped **1.84 million** barrels per day (bpd) in March and **1.71 million bpd** so far in April, compared with a 2025 average of **1.68 million bpd**, according to Kpler data. However, pre-war production has led to near-record levels of Iranian oil loaded on ships, with more than **180 million** barrels floating as of earlier this month.

STRAIT TRAFFIC

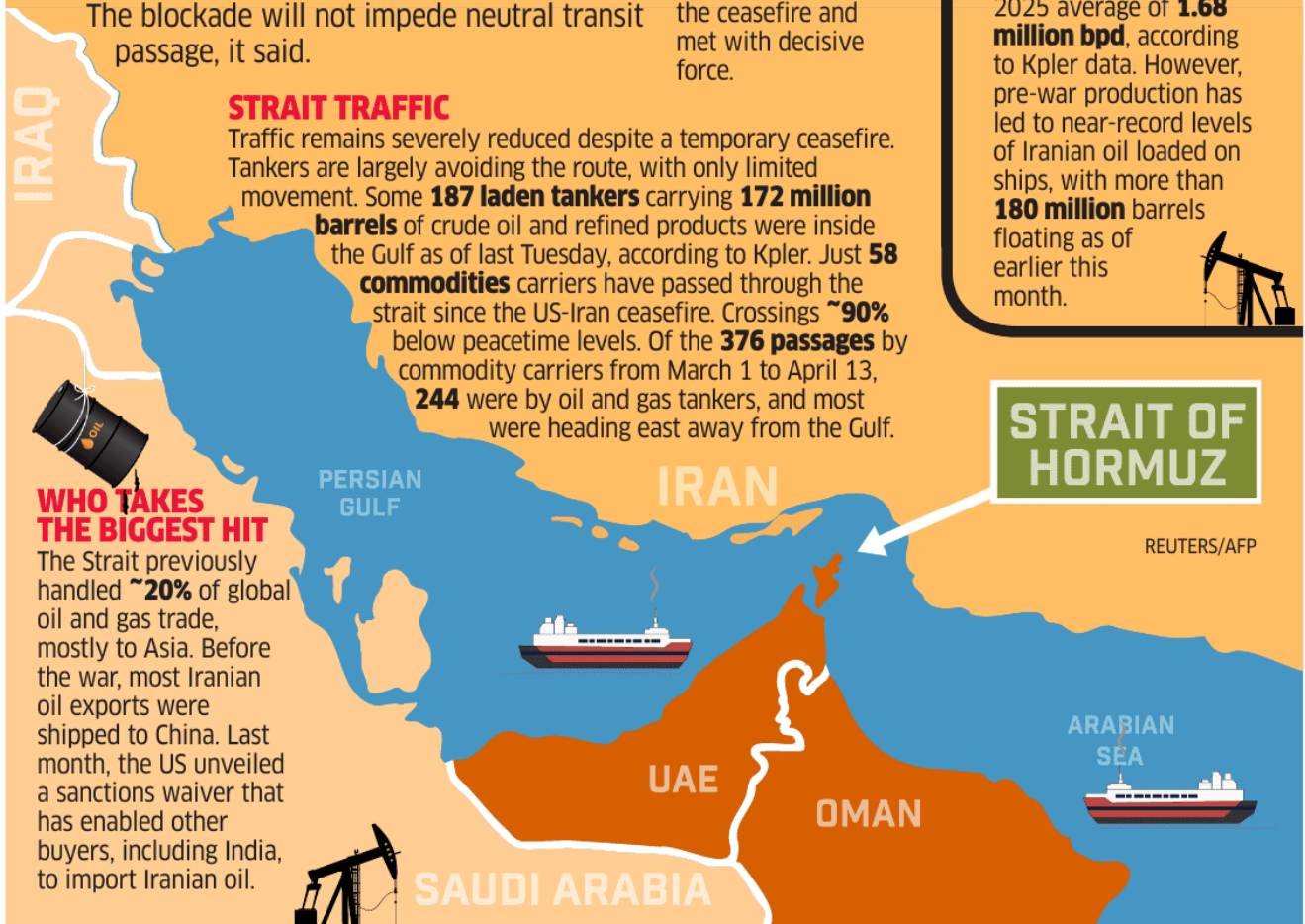
Traffic remains severely reduced despite a temporary ceasefire. Tankers are largely avoiding the route, with only limited movement. Some **187 laden tankers** carrying **172 million barrels** of crude oil and refined products were inside the Gulf as of last Tuesday, according to Kpler. Just **58 commodities carriers** have passed through the strait since the US-Iran ceasefire. Crossings **~90%** below peacetime levels. Of the **376 passages** by commodity carriers from March 1 to April 13, **244** were by oil and gas tankers, and most were heading east away from the Gulf.

WHO TAKES THE BIGGEST HIT

The Strait previously handled **~20%** of global oil and gas trade, mostly to Asia. Before the war, most Iranian oil exports were shipped to China. Last month, the US unveiled a sanctions waiver that has enabled other buyers, including India, to import Iranian oil.

STRAIT OF HORMUZ

REUTERS/AFP



AFTER TENDER FOR 2.5 MT UREA...

Global Tender for Ammonia Likely

War disrupts global market, leading to volatility in availability and prices

Shambhavi Anand

New Delhi: India is expected to issue a global tender for ammonia, a critical raw material for manufacturing urea and other key fertilisers, said senior industry executives aware of the matter. The country is looking to import a large part of its annual ammonia requirements through this tendering process, they said.

This comes after the country issued a global tender through a trading firm earlier this month for 2.5 million tonnes of urea, to bolster the reserves of the most-used soil nutrient ahead of the main planting season that begins in June.

Ammonia is a main ingredient in the manufacturing of urea, di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) and other complex fertilisers. The country consumes 17-19 million tonnes per annum of ammonia for the production



SANJAY HADKAR

of fertilisers, according to several estimates. Most of it is imported.

Ongoing geopolitical developments have disrupted the global ammonia market. Russia, which controls about 40% of the global ammonium nitrate trade, stopped production in mid-March after the Iran

war disrupted maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz.

This has led to volatility in both availability and prices, in turn affecting stability of fertiliser production in India.

Fertiliser demand peaks after the arrival of monsoon around June, when the planting season begins. March-April is critical for production, stocking and distribution. The kharif season, which starts in June, accounts for more than half of India's food-grain production. Several staple crops such as oilseeds, pulses, rice, cotton, maize and sugarcane are sown during the season.

Domestic production of urea was hit after India's top gas importer, Petronet LNG, invoked force majeure in March, warning about a reduction in liquified natural gas supplies because of the Iran war.

Natural gas is a key source of energy for the production of urea and ammonia.



Oil prices rise back above \$100

AP

NEW YORK

Oil prices are back above \$100 per barrel, and stock markets are falling worldwide after 21 hours of ceasefire talks failed to end the war with Iran.

Monday's moves are more modest than many of the extreme swings that have rocked financial markets since the start of the war in late February. Analysts said that suggests Wall Street still hopes both sides may ultimately avoid a worst-case scenario for the global economy.

'Crude could hit \$150 within weeks'

ANI

DUBAI (UAE)

Global oil markets are facing a severe supply crunch, with crude prices likely to surge further and potentially touch \$150 per barrel within weeks if ongoing geopolitical tensions persist, according to Abhishek Kumar, senior oil analyst at Sparta Commodities.

In an exclusive interaction with ANI on Monday, Kumar said the oil market is currently being driven by both real supply disruptions and

a rising risk premium amid escalating tensions in the Middle East.

"We are already at upward of \$100 per barrel. The physical benchmark for crude is 140, which is the level at which the real barrel is moving to the refineries. If the situation remains elevated for another few weeks, the market can very easily reach \$150," Kumar said.

He added that the only solution is demand destruction. "The market has to consume less oil. To balance supply and demand, the



market has to undergo demand destruction to the tune of 10 to 12 million barrels per day. Then only will prices take a breather. But if demand remains as it is, \$150 will not be far away," he noted.

Highlighting the scale of disruption, Kumar noted that the global oil market is

witnessing a supply shortfall of around 10 to 12 million barrels per day, which accounts for nearly 10% to 12% of total supply. He highlighted the structural nature of the crisis, noting that no country can fulfil a 10% loss in the market. The Strait of Hormuz, a critical global oil transit route, has emerged as a key flashpoint. Kumar pointed out that the situation has worsened following recent developments, including statements by US President Donald Trump on potential blockades.

LPG supply situation in Delhi is under control, deliveries outpacing bookings, says CM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Monday that the LPG supply situation in the city was under control, with deliveries by the three oil marketing companies (OMCs) outpacing bookings on April 12.

A total of 1,11,766 domestic cylinder bookings were recorded on that day, while the OMCs delivered 1,30,094 cylinders. The average delivery time has improved from 4.24 days to 3.87 days, according to the Chief Minister's Office.

Daily offtake

“On the commercial side, Delhi has been allocated 6,480 LPG cylinders (19 kg equivalent) per day. In comparison, the average daily offtake over the past week has been only 4,268 cylinders, including 5 kg



The scene at an LPG depot in New Delhi on Monday. The CM has urged consumers to refrain from stockpiling. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Free Trade LPG cylinders, clearly showing that supply is exceeding demand,” an official statement said.

Ms. Gupta urged commercial LPG consumers, particularly users of 5 kg cylinders, to refrain from unnecessary stockpiling, saying the distribution system was functioning smoothly and that adequate stock was available at

all times.

The government has encouraged consumers and institutions to opt for Piped Natural Gas (PNG) wherever available. Bulk users such as hospitals and educational institutions have been advised to shift to PNG at the earliest to enhance efficiency, safety and supply reliability, the Chief Minister's Office said.

‘होर्मुज में भारत के टैंकरों से नहीं लिया शुल्क’

भारत में ईरान के राजदूत ने यह भी कहा, होर्मुज स्ट्रेट ईरान के अधिकार क्षेत्र में आता है

अर्चिस मोहन

भारत में ईरान के राजदूत मोहम्मद फतहाली ने सोमवार को कहा कि ईरान ने होर्मुज स्ट्रेट से गुजरने वाले भारतीय टैंकरों से कोई शुल्क नहीं वसूला है। इसके साथ ही उन्होंने यह भी दोहराया कि यह अहम जल मार्ग 'ईरान के अधिकार क्षेत्र' में आता है।

नई दिल्ली में ईरानी दूतावास में आयोजित एक संवाददाता सम्मेलन में फतहाली ने कहा कि ईरान भारत को मित्र मानता है। उन्होंने कहा, 'इस क्षेत्र में भारत और ईरान के हित और तकदीर दोनों साझा हैं।' उन्होंने कहा, 'आप भारत सरकार से पूछ सकते हैं कि क्या हमने अब तक उनसे कोई शुल्क लिया है?' यह पूछे जाने पर कि क्या भारत ने ईरान से तेल खरीदा है, राजदूत ने रहस्यमयी जवाब में कहा, 'हमारे पास तेल है और कोई भी जो हमसे तेल खरीदना चाहता है, खरीद सकता है।'

भारत ने स्पष्ट रूप से उन रिपोर्टों को खारिज कर दिया है जिनमें कहा गया था कि उसने ईरान को नौ जहाजों के सुरक्षित विकास के लिए शुल्क का भुगतान किया है। ये जहाज पश्चिम एशिया में संघर्ष छिड़ने के पहले तरलीकृत पेट्रोलियम



भारत में ईरान के राजदूत मोहम्मद फतहाली संवाददाता सम्मेलन में

गैस (एलपीजी) लेकर होर्मुज स्ट्रेट से गुजर रहे थे, तभी ईरान ने इस महत्वपूर्ण जलमार्ग से जहाजों के पारगमन पर रोक लगा दी थी। वर्तमान में 15 भारतीय ध्वज वाले जहाज फारस की खाड़ी में फंसे हुए हैं।

फतहाली ने अपनी सरकार का यह रुख दोहराया कि होर्मुज स्ट्रेट ईरान का जल क्षेत्र है और ईरान निकट भविष्य में

वहां से जहाजों के आवागमन का एक तंत्र तैयार करेगा। जबकि भारत का कहना है कि होर्मुज स्ट्रेट अंतरराष्ट्रीय जल क्षेत्र है।

भारत से शुल्क वसूले जाने के सवालों पर फतहाली ने कहा, 'भारत सरकार के साथ हमारे अच्छे संबंध हैं' और संघर्ष के दौरान 'अच्छा संपर्क' बनाए रखा। ईरानी राजदूत ने बताया कि प्रधानमंत्री

नरेंद्र मोदी और ईरान के राष्ट्रपति मसूद पेजकिशन के बीच दो बार फोन पर बातचीत हुई, और विदेश मंत्री एस. जयशंकर तथा ईरान के विदेश मंत्री अब्बास अराघची के बीच पांच बार चर्चा हुई। उन्होंने कहा, 'हमारा भारत के साथ अच्छा संपर्क है। हमारे विदेश मंत्री ने भारत को उन पांच देशों में शामिल किया है जो ईरान के मित्र हैं।' उन्होंने आगे कहा कि ईरान और भारत 'क्षेत्र में साझा हित और साझा भाग्य रखते हैं।' ईरानी राजदूत ने कहा, 'हम भारत सरकार की मदद करना चाहते हैं, जैसे उन्होंने इन दिनों हमारी मदद की है।' उल्लेखनीय है कि सोमवार को भारत से ईरान के लिए मानवीय सहायता की तीसरी खेप रवाना हुई।

रविवार शाम को विदेश राज्य मंत्री पवित्र मार्गारिटा ने नई दिल्ली में ईरानी दूतावास में आयोजित ईरान के दिवंगत सर्वोच्च नेता आयतुल्लाह अली खामेनेई की शोक सभा में भाग लिया। पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री और भारतीय जनता पार्टी के नेता मुख्तार अब्बास नकवी ने भी खामेनेई के निधन के 40वें दिन (चेहलम) पर आयोजित इस समारोह में शामिल होकर श्रद्धांजलि दी। खामेनेई का 28 फरवरी को इजरायल-अमेरिका के हमले में निधन हो गया था।

भारत-खाड़ी संबंध

विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता रणधीर जायसवाल ने सोमवार को कहा कि भारत ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के निदेश पर खाड़ी देशों से संपर्क बढ़ा दिया है। विदेश मंत्री एस जयशंकर ने सोमवार को कुवैत के विदेश मंत्री शेख जराह जाबेर अल अहमद अल सबह से बातचीत की। उन्होंने एक सोशल मीडिया पोस्ट में कहा कि यह बातचीत क्षेत्र के हालात और भारतीय समुदाय की बेहद पर केंद्रित रही। जयशंकर ने सिंगापुर के विदेश मंत्री विवियन बालकृष्णन से भी बातचीत की। दोनों ने पश्चिम एशिया संघर्ष के असर पर चर्चा की। जयशंकर ने रविवार को संयुक्त अरब अमीरात (यूएई) की अपनी दो दिवसीय यात्रा पूरी की। पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने पिछले सप्ताह कतर का दौरा किया। वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री पीयूष गोयल ने सोमवार को अपने ओमान के व्यापार मंत्री अनवर बिन हिलाल बिन हमदून अल जबरी के साथ द्विपक्षीय व्यापार और निवेश को बढ़ावा देने के तरीकों पर फोन पर बातचीत की थी। बांटे कुछ दिनों में गोयल ने सऊदी अरब, यूएई, बहरीन और कुवैत के व्यापार मंत्रियों के साथ भी चर्चा की है।



रणधीर जायसवाल

ईरान से सात साल बाद आया कच्चा तेल

हेमंत कुमार राउत

पश्चिम एशिया में बढ़ते तनाव के बीच वैश्विक शिपिंग और ऊर्जा आपूर्ति बाधित होने और अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति डॉनल्ड ट्रंप के होर्मुज स्ट्रेट की नाकेबंदी की हालिया धमकी के बावजूद सोमवार को लगभग सात साल के अंतराल के बाद ईरान से कच्चे तेल का पहला शिपमेंट भारत आया है। लगभग 20-20 लाख बैरल कच्चा तेल लदे दो जहाजों— एमटी जया और एमटी फेलिसिटी ने भारतीय तट के

पास लंगर डाल दिया है। एक जहाज ओडिशा के पारादीप बंदरगाह पहुंचा है जबकि दूसरा गुजरात के सिक्का बंदरगाह के पास रुका है।

यह मार्च में अमेरिकी प्रतिबंधों में ढील के बाद भारत और ईरान के बीच तेल व्यापार के दोबारा शुरू होने का संकेत है। पारादीप बंदरगाह के अधिकारियों ने बताया कि कुराकाओ ध्वज वाला एमटी जया बहुत बड़ा कच्चा तेल वाहक जहाज है। इसमें ईरान के खर्ग द्वीप से 2,77,321 टन ईरानी कच्चा

तेल लाया गया है। इसने दोपहर लगभग 3:18 बजे सिंगल पॉइंट मूरिंग (एसपीएम) प्रणाली से लंगर डाला। उन्होंने बिजनेस स्टैंडर्ड को बताया, 'यह शिपमेंट आईओसीएल की पारादीप रिफाइनरी के लिए है।'

ट्रंप प्रशासन द्वारा 20 मार्च को ऊर्जा आपूर्ति दबाव कम करने के लिए समुद्री मार्ग से ईरानी तेल की खरीद के लिए दी गई 30 दिन की छूट के बाद इन दोनों जहाजों ने भारत की ओर अपनी यात्रा शुरू की थी। इंडियन ऑयल के



अधिकारियों ने पुष्टि करते हुए बताया कि पारादीप में एक जहाज पहुंच गया है, जो 2019 के बाद भारत पहुंचने वाला पहला ईरानी कच्चा तेल शिपमेंट है। भंडारण टैंकों में भरे जाने से पहले कच्चे तेल के घनत्व, सल्फर सामग्री और अशुद्धता स्तर सहित प्रारंभिक गुणवत्ता जांच की जाएगी। एक

अधिकारी ने बिजनेस स्टैंडर्ड को बताया, 'तट से दूर लंगर डाले हुए सुपरटैंकर को कच्चा तेल उतारने के लिए एसपीएम प्रणाली से जोड़ा जाएगा और इसे पूरी तरह डिस्चार्ज करने में 48-60 घंटे लगेंगे। इसके बाद कच्चे तेल को आईओसीएल के व्यापक पाइपलाइन नेटवर्क के माध्यम से वितरित किया जाएगा

ताकि पारादीप, हल्दिया, बरौनी और बोंगाईगांव में इसकी पांच रिफाइनरियों को भेजा जा सके।'

इसी तरह ईरान के ध्वज वाला एमटी फेलिसिटी सिक्का के पास लंगर डाले हुए है, जिसमें 2.7 लाख टन से अधिक कच्चा तेल है, जो संभवतः बीपीसीएल और आरआईएल के लिए है। हालांकि बीपीसीएल और आरआईएल से इस बात की पुष्टि के लिए संपर्क नहीं किया जा सका कि कच्चा तेल उनकी रिफाइनरियों में जाएगा या नहीं, लेकिन इतना स्पष्ट है कि सिक्का दोनों कंपनियों के लिए कार्गो संभालने का प्रमुख बंदरगाह है।

एलपीजी

अब तक 2,177 भारतीय नाविकों को सुरक्षित स्वदेश वापस लाया जा चुका है

20,400 टन एलपीजी लेकर 'जग विक्रम' आज पहुंचेगा कांडला

एजेंसी ■ नई दिल्ली

भारतीय ध्वज वाला एलपीजी जहाज जग विक्रम, जो शनिवार को सुरक्षित रूप से होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य पार कर चुका है, मंगलवार यानी 14 अप्रैल को कांडला बंदरगाह पहुंचने वाला है। एक आधिकारिक बयान में सोमवार को पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय ने यह जानकारी साझा की है। अब तक 2,177 भारतीय नाविकों को सुरक्षित स्वदेश वापस लाया जा चुका है, जिनमें पिछले 24 घंटे में 93 लोग शामिल हैं। विदेश मंत्रालय और भारतीय मिशन लगातार भारतीय नागरिकों की मदद कर रहे हैं और चौबीसों घंटे हेल्पलाइन के जरिए सहायता उपलब्ध कराई जा रही है। आधिकारिक बयान के मताबिक, खाड़ी क्षेत्र में मौजूद सभी



भारतीय नाविक सुरक्षित हैं। डीजी शिपिंग कंट्रोल रूम ने अब तक 6,073 कॉल्स और 12,867 ईमेल्स को संभाला है, जिनमें पिछले 24 घंटे में 20 कॉल और 80 ईमेल शामिल हैं। अब तक कुल 2,177 भारतीय नाविकों को सुरक्षित वापस लाया जा चुका है, जिनमें से 93 लोग

पिछले 24 घंटों में खाड़ी के अलग-अलग इलाकों से लौटे हैं। देश के सभी बंदरगाहों पर कामकाज सामान्य रूप से जारी है और कहीं भी कोई जाम या बाधा नहीं है। पश्चिमी तट के बंदरगाहों पर वेस्ट एशिया से जड़े

कुल 3,383 कंटेनर (टीईयू) प्राप्त हुए, जिनमें से 3,228 कंटेनरों की वापसी सुनिश्चित कर दी गई है। बाकी 155 कंटेनर शिपिंग लाइन से जुड़े तकनीकी कारणों की वजह से लंबित हैं, लेकिन किसी भी बंदरगाह पर भीड़ या देरी की स्थिति नहीं है।

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय लगातार विदेश मंत्रालय, खाड़ी क्षेत्र में भारतीय मिशनों और अन्य समुद्री हितधारकों के साथ मिलकर काम कर रहा है, ताकि भारतीय नाविकों की सुरक्षा और समुद्री संचालन सुचारू बना रहे। विदेश मंत्रालय के अनुसार, खाड़ी और पश्चिम एशिया क्षेत्र में भारतीय दूतावास लगातार भारतीय समुदाय के संपर्क में हैं और उनकी सुरक्षा के लिए आवश्यक सलाह और सहायता प्रदान कर रहे हैं।

खाना पकाने के लिए पीएनजी व इंडक्शन कुकर का उपयोग बढ़ाएं

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली: पश्चिम एशिया में जारी अस्थिरता और ईरान व अमेरिका के बीच बढ़ते तनाव को देखते हुए भारत सरकार की ऊर्जा सुरक्षा को लेकर चिंताएं बढ़ गई हैं। ऐसे में पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय ने आम जनता से अपील की है कि वे पाइपड नेचुरल गैस (पीएनजी) और इंडक्शन कुकर के उपयोग को बढ़ाएं। आम जनता जितना ज्यादा एलपीजी के विकल्प को अपनाएगी, सरकार पर इसके प्रबंधन का बोझ उतना कम होगा।

पेट्रोलियम व प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में संयुक्त सचिव सुजाता शर्मा ने कहा- 'रसोई गैस आपूर्ति की स्थिति चिंताजनक है। हालांकि देश की किसी एलपीजी एजेंसी के पास इसकी कमी नहीं है। सरकारी तेल कंपनियां लगातार एलपीजी का उत्पादन बढ़ा रही हैं। पांच किलो के छोटे एलपीजी सिलिंडरों की बिक्री लगातार बढ़ रही है। लेकिन हम आम जनता से पीएनजी और इंडक्शन कुकर का इस्तेमाल अपनाने का फिर से आग्रह करते हैं।' उन्होंने बताया कि वर्तमान में एलपीजी का घरेलू उत्पादन 45,000 टन प्रतिदिन है, जबकि खपत 80,000 से 1,00,000 टन प्रतिदिन है। स्थिति सामान्य होने

- पश्चिम एशिया में जारी अस्थिरता के बीच केंद्र सरकार ने लोगों से की अपील
- एलपीजी का घरेलू उत्पादन 45,000 टन प्रतिदिन और खपत करीब एक लाख टन

के लिए 55,000 टन एलपीजी का आयात आवश्यक है।

हाल ही में पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय ने पीएनजी के उपयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए राज्यों के साथ मिलकर विशेष अभियान शुरू किया है। मार्च 2026 तक 4.36 लाख घरों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन लगाए गए हैं, जबकि 4.75 लाख घरों ने आवेदन किया है। सरकार का कहना है कि ऐसे 60 लाख घर और हैं जहां पीएनजी लगाई जा सकती है। इन घरों को चेतावनी दी गई है कि यदि तीन माह के भीतर उन्होंने पीएनजी नहीं लगाई तो उनके एलपीजी कनेक्शन काट दिए जाएंगे।

मंत्रालय के सूत्रों के अनुसार, जल्द ही एक और गहन अभियान की शुरुआत होगी। वर्तमान में देश में केवल 1.70 करोड़ घरों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन है। सरकार का लक्ष्य वर्ष 2030 तक 12.60 करोड़ घरों को पीएनजी कनेक्शन देना है।

कच्चे तेल की कीमत 10 प्र. बढ़कर 100 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के पार

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कच्चे तेल की कीमत में सोमवार को 10 प्रतिशत की बढ़त देखने को मिली है, जिससे दाम फिर से 100 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के पार निकल गया है। कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में उछाल की वजह ईरान से वार्ता विफल होने के बाद अमेरिका का स्ट्रेट ऑफ होर्मुज को ब्लॉक करना है। सुबह 10:45 पर ब्रेंट वरूड का दाम 7.41 प्रतिशत या 7.05 डॉलर बढ़कर 102.2 डॉलर प्रति बैरल और डब्ल्यूटीआई कूड का दाम 8.54 प्रतिशत या 8.25 डॉलर बढ़कर 104.8 डॉलर प्रति बैरल हो गई है। घरेलू स्तर पर भी कच्चे तेल की



कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी देखने को मिली। मल्टी कमोडिटी एक्सचेंज (एमसीएक्स) पर कूड ऑल फ्यूचर्स (20 अप्रैल कॉन्ट्रैक्ट) 7.61 प्रतिशत या 697 रुपए बढ़कर 9,850 रुपए पर था। अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने कहा कि ईरान जलमार्ग को खुला रखने में विफल रह रहा है और चेतावनी दी कि अमेरिका स्ट्रेट में प्रवेश करने या बाहर निकलने की कोशिश करने वाले सभी जहाजों को रोकेगा।

एलपीजी लेकर आज कांडला पहुंचेगा जग विक्रम

जहाज में 20,400 मीट्रिक टन लिक्विफाइड पेट्रोलियम गैस, 11 को होर्मुज किया था पार

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। भारतीय ध्वज लगा जहाज जग विक्रम 20,400 मीट्रिक टन एलपीजी लेकर 14 अप्रैल को गुजरात के कांडला पहुंच सकता है। बंदरगाह, नौवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय ने सोमवार को यह जानकारी दी।

एक अंतर-मंत्रालयी ब्रीफिंग में अतिरिक्त सचिव मुकेश मंगल ने कहा कि 24 नाविकों वाले जहाज ने 11 अप्रैल को होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य को पार किया। अमेरिका और ईरान के बीच 14-दिनों के संघर्षविराम की घोषणा के बाद इस रणनीतिक गलियारे से गुजरने वाला यह पहला भारतीय जहाज है। मंगल ने कहा कि भारतीय ध्वज वाले



एलपीजी जहाज जग विक्रम ने 11 अप्रैल को होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य पार किया था। उसके 14 अप्रैल को कांडला पहुंचने की संभावना है। जहाज पर 20,400 मीट्रिक टन एलपीजी लदी है और 24 नाविक सवार हैं। जग विक्रम के गुजरने का महत्व इस तथ्य से और भी अधिक हो जाता है कि भारत के करीब 90 फीसदी लिक्विफाइड पेट्रोलियम गैस

(एलपीजी) आयात खाड़ी क्षेत्र के देशों से किए जाते हैं। अतिरिक्त सचिव ने खाड़ी क्षेत्र में जहाजों और चालक दल के सदस्यों की स्थिति के बारे में आश्वस्त करने वाला अपडेट देते हुए कहा कि पिछले 24 घंटों में हमें भारतीय ध्वज वाले किसी भी जहाज से जुड़ी किसी भी घटना की कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं मिली है। मंत्रालय ने अब तक 2,177 से अधिक भारतीय नाविकों की सुरक्षित वापसी में मदद की है, जिसमें पिछले 24 घंटों में 93 नाविक शामिल हैं। मंत्रालय ने कहा कि हर भारतीय बंदरगाह पर कामकाज सामान्य है और किसी भी तरह की भीड़भाड़ की कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं मिली है।

सरकार बोली, ईंधन के वैकल्पिक स्रोत अपनाएं

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। अमेरिका और ईरान के बीच शांति वार्ता विफल होने और होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य को लेकर बढ़ते टकराव के बीच सरकार ने लोगों से वैकल्पिक स्रोत के तौर पर इंडक्शन कुकटॉप व पीएनजी का प्रयोग करने की अपील की है। ताकि, एलपीजी की आपूर्ति पर दबाव कम हो सके।

सरकार ने देश में इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए दोपहिया वाहनों पर मिलने वाली सब्सिडी को भी तीन माह के लिए बढ़ा दिया है। वहीं, तीन पहिया वाहनों के लिए भी सब्सिडी की अवधि को भी बढ़ाया गया है। हालांकि,

देश में 90 दिन के लिए पर्याप्त कोयला भंडार : रेड्डी

केंद्रीय मंत्री जी. किशन रेड्डी ने सोमवार को कहा कि देश में पर्याप्त 20 करोड़ टन से अधिक का कोयला भंडार उपलब्ध है। रेड्डी ने खान मंत्रालय द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रम के दौरान संवाददाताओं से कहा कि देश में लगातार दूसरे वर्ष एक अरब टन कोयला उत्पादन हासिल किया गया है। आज ताप विद्युत संयंत्रों और खदानों के पास 90 दिन के लिए पर्याप्त कोयला उपलब्ध है। पहले हमारे पास केवल 21 से 25 दिन का ही भंडार होता था, लेकिन अब 20 करोड़ टन से अधिक कोयला उपलब्ध है। रेड्डी ने कहा कि मैं केंद्र सरकार की ओर से यह कहना चाहूंगा कि सरकार खनिज क्षेत्र में राजस्व के लिए काम नहीं करती।

सरकार का दावा है कि देश में रसोई गैस व तेल की कोई कमी नहीं है। पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय में संयुक्त सचिव सुजाता शर्मा ने कहा, पश्चिम एशिया से आपूर्ति की

कमी से एलपीजी की उपलब्धता पर चिंताएं बरकरार हैं। उन्होंने अपील है कि खाना बनाने के लिए वैकल्पिक स्रोतों का इस्तेमाल करें। इसमें इंडक्शन

'जग विक्रम' आज पहुंचेगा

युद्ध विराम के बीच 11 अप्रैल को होर्मुज पार करने वाला एलपीजी पोत 'जग विक्रम' के मंगलवार को भारत पहुंचने की संभावना है। बंदरगाह, जहाजरानी और जल मार्ग मंत्रालय में अतिरिक्त सचिव मुकेश मंगल ने कहा, भारतीय ध्वज वाला एलपीजी जहाज जग विक्रम 14 अप्रैल को कांडला पहुंच सकता है।

कुकटॉप और दूसरे स्रोत का इस्तेमाल शामिल है। उन्होंने दावा किया कि घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं को सौ फीसदी एलपीजी की आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित की जा रही है।



ईरानी कच्चा तेल लेकर पहुंचे दो पोत

नई दिल्ली। ईरानी कच्चा तेल लेकर आए दो बड़े टैंकर भारत के पूर्वी एवं पश्चिमी तट के बंदरगाहों पर पहुंच गए हैं, जो लगभग सात वर्ष में ऐसी पहली आपूर्ति है। जहाज-ट्रैकिंग विवरण से यह जानकारी मिली।

नेशनल ईरानियन टैंकर कंपनी द्वारा संचालित 'फेलिसिटी' नामक एक बेहद बड़ा कच्चा तेल वाहक जहाज ने रविवार देर रात गुजरात तट के सिक्का के पास लंगर डाला। इसमें करीब 20 लाख बैरल कच्चा तेल है, जिसे मार्च के मध्य में खर्ग द्वीप से लादा गया था। दूसरा टैंकर 'जया' लगभग उसी समय ओडिशा तट के पारादीप के पास पहुंचा। यह भी करीब करीब समान मात्रा में कच्चा तेल लेकर आया है।

खाना पकाने के लिए पीएनजी और इंडक्शन कुकर का इस्तेमाल बढ़ाएं

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पश्चिम एशिया में जारी अस्थिरता और आने वाले दिनों में ईरान तथा अमेरिका के बीच बढ़ते तनाव की आशंका को देखते हुए भारत सरकार की ऊर्जा सुरक्षा को लेकर चिंताएं बढ़ गई हैं। ऐसे में पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय ने आम जनता से अपील की है कि वे पाइपड नेचुरल गैस (पीएनजी) और इंडक्शन कुकर के उपयोग को बढ़ाएं। आम जनता जितना ज्यादा एलपीजी के विकल्प को अपनाएगी, सरकार पर इसके प्रबंधन का बोझ उतना ही कम होगा।

पश्चिम एशिया विवाद पर दैनिक प्रेस कान्फ्रेंस में पेट्रोलियम व प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में संयुक्त सचिव सुजाता शर्मा ने कहा- 'रसोई गैस आपूर्ति की स्थिति चिंताजनक है। हालांकि देश की किसी एलपीजी एजेंसी के पास इसकी कमी नहीं है। सरकारी तेल कंपनियां लगातार एलपीजी का उत्पादन बढ़ा रही हैं। रविवार को भी एजेंसियों ने काम किया है। पांच किलो के छोटे एलपीजी सिलिंडरों की बिक्री लगातार बढ़ रही है। लेकिन हम आम जनता से पीएनजी और इंडक्शन कुकर का

▶ पश्चिम एशिया में जारी अस्थिरता के बीच केंद्र सरकार ने लोगों से की अपील

▶ एलपीजी का घरेलू उत्पादन 45,000 टन प्रतिदिन और खपत है करीब एक लाख टन तक



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इस्तेमाल अपनाने का फिर से आग्रह करते हैं।' उन्होंने बताया कि वर्तमान में एलपीजी का घरेलू उत्पादन 45,000 टन प्रतिदिन है, जबकि खपत 80,000 से 100,000 टन प्रतिदिन है। स्थिति सामान्य होने के लिए 55,000 टन एलपीजी का आयात आवश्यक है।

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हाल ही में पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय ने पीएनजी के उपयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए राज्यों के साथ मिलकर विशेष अभियान शुरू किया है। राज्यों को प्रोत्साहित किया जा रहा है कि वे पीएनजी के लिए आवश्यक ढांचागत सुविधाओं की मंजूरी में विलंब न करें। मार्च 2026 तक 4.36 लाख घरों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन लगाए गए हैं, जबकि 4.75 लाख घरों ने आवेदन किया है। सरकार का कहना है कि ऐसे 60 लाख घर और हैं जहां पीएनजी लगाई जा सकती है। इन घरों को चेतावनी दी गई है कि यदि तीन माह के भीतर उन्होंने पीएनजी नहीं लगाई तो उनके एलपीजी कनेक्शन काट दिए जाएंगे।

एलपीजी टैंकर जग विक्रम आज पहुंचेगा कांडला बंदरगाह 20,400 टन गैस लदी : पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय के सूत्रों के अनुसार, जल्द ही एक और गहन अभियान की शुरुआत होगी। वर्तमान में देश के 33

करोड़ घरों में एलपीजी कनेक्शन हैं, जबकि केवल 1.70 करोड़ घरों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन है।

सरकार का लक्ष्य वर्ष 2030 तक 12.60 करोड़ घरों को पीएनजी कनेक्शन देना है। यदि होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य में फंसे जहाजों को शीघ्र अनुमति मिल जाए, तभी एलपीजी आपूर्ति की स्थिति में सुधार हो सकता है। युद्ध के समय वहां 24 भारतीय जहाज थे, जिनमें से नौ जहाज अब तक बाहर निकल चुके हैं। जग विक्रम नामक भारतीय जहाज 11 अप्रैल को होर्मुज से निकला है, जिसमें 20,400 टन एलपीजी है। इसके मंगलवार को कांडला बंदरगाह पर पहुंचने की संभावना है।

उधर, स्थिति सामान्य होने के बावजूद फंसे जहाजों को होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य से निकलने में कई हफ्ते और लग सकते हैं क्योंकि बीमा कंपनियों, नेविगेशन रिस्क और ईरानी ताकतों की चेतावनियों के कारण जहाज मालिक सावधानी बरत रहे हैं।