

## New tankers join Russian oil trade in rare move

REUTERS



Soaring freight rates have enticed some shipowners to use new tankers to transport Russian oil, a trade usually carried out by older vessels. Rates ballooned at the end of 2025 after US and EU blacklisted hundreds of tankers linked to the trade, tightening supply. The reputational risk and threat of sanctions spooked shipowners, but the money to be made was too tempting. **BLOOMBERG**

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## HPCL expects higher LPG under recoveries in Jan-March quarter

**Rishi Ranjan Kala**  
New Delhi

State-run Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL), India's second largest marketer of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), expects under recoveries from the commodity to increase in Q4 FY26 in line with the rise in the benchmark Saudi contract price (CP). The oil marketing company (OMC), which accounts for more than 28 per cent share of the domestic LPG market, operates 55 LPG bottling plants with a capacity of 6.5 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) along with more than 6,380 distributorship serving around almost 100 million consumers.

On Thursday, HPCL leadership in a post-results analyst call said that the under recovery on LPG rose in the December quarter to around ₹503 crore. The management expects under recoveries to rise further in the March quarter this fiscal year. The under recovery per cylinder rose from roughly ₹35 in Q2 FY26 to around ₹95 in January 2026 in line with rising Saudi CP prices. The under recovery is expected to rise further to around ₹120 per cylinder going ahead if Saudi CP escalation continues.

### LPG CONSUMPTION

India, which consumed over 31 mt LPG in FY25, imports around 60 per cent of its LPG requirement and consumes. It is expected to consume around 33 mt of the commodity in the current financial year ending March 2026. The country imported around 20.7 mt LPG in FY25.

India's LPG demand is rising with PMUY beneficiaries per capita consumption hitting a record 4.47 cylinders in FY25 and



non-PMUY usage growing to 6.64 cylinders. Over 90 per cent of the commodity is consumed in households for cooking.

### LPG CUSTOMERS

India's PSU OMCs — Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) and HPCL — together serve 33.05 crore active domestic LPG customers, as of June 2025. Of this, around 10.33 crore are Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries.

In its results filing with the BSE on Thursday, HPCL said it has a negative buffer of ₹13,424.11 crore as on December 31, 2025 (March 31, 2025: ₹10,894.53 crore and ₹7,598.93 crore on December 31, 2024). In the absence of any scheme or authorisation from the Government of India (GoI) towards compensation, receivable and revenue to the extent of the entire negative buffer has not been recognised, it added. The OMC also informed that it will receive a compensation of ₹7,920 crore for under recoveries incurred on sale of domestic LPG up to March 31, 2025 and likely to be incurred up to March 31, 2026.

This compensation is to be disbursed in 12 equal monthly instalments, with accrual on a monthly basis commencing from November 2025, and corresponding disbursement thereafter.



# HPCL likely to consider processing Venezuela oil

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New Delhi, 22 January

State-run Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) will evaluate the possibility of processing Venezuelan oil at its refineries, Chairman and Managing Director Vikas Kaushal said during a post-results analyst call on Thursday.

The company could process heavy Venezuelan crude with the installation of a residue upgrade facility (RUF) at its 15 million tonnes per annum refinery in Visakhapatnam (Vizag) and with the commissioning of the green-field refinery in Rajasthan's Barmer, Kaushal added.

"If Venezuelan crude is available, having RUF and Barmer (refinery) gives us an opportunity to evaluate it. It is not an easy crude to handle," Kaushal said. The RUF technology installed at the Vizag refinery would help the company achieve about 93 per cent conversion of bottom oils into high-value products, the company said in a statement.

Several Indian refiners, including HPCL, have previously been unable to process Venezuelan crude due to its extra-heavy and highly acidic nature. Recent upgrades at HPCL's refineries, however, could change that.

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## Refining option

- Residue Upgradation Facility (RUF) at Visakh refinery and the upcoming Barmer refinery could enable handling of extra-heavy crude
- RUF can achieve 93% conversion of bottom oils into high-value products
- Earlier, only Reliance and Nayara processed Venezuelan crude at scale in India
- HPCL to focus on marketing and retail fuel outlets



number. We will evaluate it as and when we are offered (Venezuelan crude)," said Rajneesh Narang, HPCL's director of finance. Mukesh Ambani-backed Reliance Industries and Russia-backed Nayara Energy were the top Indian buyers of Venezuelan crude prior to US sanctions imposed on Caracas.

According to a Reuters report, Reliance is in talks with US authorities to resume purchases of Venezuelan oil. Due to European Union sanctions, Nayara would not be able to resume Venezuelan oil purchases.

"Historically, sustained processing has been concentrated at Reliance's Jamnagar complex and Nayara's Vadinar refinery, both configured to handle high-

sulphur, heavy crudes. Limited volumes have also been processed intermittently at Indian Oil Corporation's Paradip refinery, Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals, and HPCL-Mittal Energy, but not all public-sector refineries currently have the configuration or operational flexibility to run these acidic (high total acid number) and extra-heavy Venezuelan grades at scale," said Sumit Ritolia, lead research analyst for refining and modelling at maritime intelligence firm Kpler.

On business expansion, HPCL aims to focus on consumer-facing businesses such as marketing and revamping retail fuel outlets in the coming years, management said.

## Prices of Russian oil sink after India pullback

Prices of Russia's flagship Urals crude for delivery to China have dropped to an unprecedented low as demand for the grade from Indian processors eases off, lessening competition for the cargoes. Shipments of the grade dropped to about \$10 a barrel below Brent futures this week, according to people involved in the trade, who asked not to be identified. That compares with premiums of about \$1 a barrel over Dated Brent that were offered back in August. The oil market is tracking the shifts in the flows, which have been shunned by western buyers following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. In a sign of the overall trend, Russia's oil exports recently fell to the lowest since August, as Moscow faced mounting difficulties in delivering barrels to key buyer India.

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## IOC Readies ₹1 Lcr for 18 GW RE Bet: Sahney



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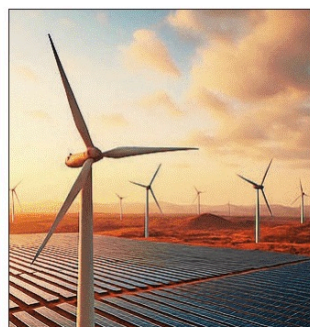
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The country's largest refiner and fuel retailer also plans to list its green energy subsidiary, Terra Clean Ltd, by 2027-28, by which time its renewable portfolio is expected to reach meaningful scale, Sahney told ET.

Terra Clean has received board approval to develop 4 GW of renewable assets, he said, adding that another 2 GW is being executed through Indian Oil NTPC Green Energy Ltd, an equal joint venture between Indian Oil and NTPC. Power generated from the 2 GW JV project will be fully consumed by Indian Oil.

Indian Oil is in discussions with potential sellers to acquire renewable assets. "We are on the lookout and evaluating certain cases," Sahney said. "We can't set a timeline for (any transaction). Our target is to take 10-12 GW in the next 4-5 years." Last year, state-run oil and gas producer ONGC acquired Ayana Renewable Power, which has a 4 GW renewable energy portfolio.

Developing 1 GW of renewable capacity currently costs about ₹5,000 crore, while acquisitions typically come at a premium. An 18 GW port-



folio could therefore require investments of around ₹1 lakh crore. However, the equity requirement is expected to be no more than ₹30,000 crore, which the company can comfortably fund over the next five years, Sahney said. Allocating around ₹5,000 crore annually for renewable energy is modest for a company that typically spends ₹30,000-35,000 crore a year on capital expenditure. Indian Oil has earmarked ₹35,000 crore in capex for 2026-27.

Refinery expansions have dominated Indian Oil's capital spending in recent years. With its ₹1 lakh crore refinery expansion programme set to conclude next fiscal year, a large share of capex over the following five years will shift to renewables, petrochemicals, gas, and other non-refining businesses, Sahney said.

Beyond climate goals, Indian Oil's push into renewables is part of a broader strategy to build new, durable revenue streams.



# Oil ministry showcases upstream reforms, financing and new bid rounds in Mumbai

**MUMBAI:** The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) held a series of upstream-focused engagements in Mumbai on January 19, 2026, drawing strong participation from domestic and global upstream operators, service providers, financial institutions, insurers, consultants, academia and industry experts.

In a virtual address, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said recent legislative, regulatory and policy reforms mark a transformative phase for India's upstream sector. He said data-led exploration initiatives and policy certainty have unlocked major investment opportunities, particularly



in offshore and frontier areas, while reaffirming the government's commitment to a stable and globally competitive framework.

The programme included a workshop on financing India's exploration and production

growth, a session on amendments to the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, revised Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules and the updated Model Revenue Sharing Contract, and a bid promotion event for upcoming upstream

rounds. Discussions on financing focused on rising and front-loaded capital needs, balance-sheet constraints, bank guarantee requirements and emerging risk-mitigation tools such as insurance-backed surety bonds. Secretary, MoPNG, Neeraj Mittal stressed that timely access to capital will be critical for upstream execution.

At the bid promotion event, the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons outlined forthcoming rounds, including OALP Bid Round X, DSF Bid Round IV and CBM rounds, highlighting India's sizeable resource potential, improved data access and investor-friendly revenue-sharing regime. **MP05T**

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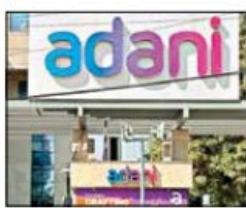
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"CNG Volume increased by 17 per cent year-on-year on account of CNG network expansion across multiple Geographical Areas (GAs)," the company said, adding over 10.5 lakh homes are now connected

## Highlights

- » Adani Total Gas reported 17% rise in Revenue from operations to Rs 1,631 crore
- » Profit in the first nine months of FY26, however fell 4 per cent to Rs 481 crore
- » Meanwhile, another group firm Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL) on Thursday posted consolidated net profit of Rs 574.06 crore for December quarter

with its piped natural gas.

Profit in the first nine months of the current fiscal year fell 4 per cent to Rs 481 crore.

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Besides expanding CNG and PNG network, the company's installed charge points now nearing 5000 mark with 51 MW capacity.

"Supportive regulatory changes, including effective reduction in tax on natural gas transported outside Gujarat and the new and simplified zonal transmission tariff will help CGDs entities to strengthen cost structures and create a more affordable pricing environment. As APM allocation for CNG continues to evolve, our balanced portfolio positions us to maintain affordability while managing cost pressures responsibly," he said.

Meanwhile, Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL) on Thursday posted an over 8 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 574.06 crore for December quarter, mainly due to higher tax expenses. AESL had logged a net profit of Rs 625.30 crore in the same period a year ago, the company said in an exchange filing. According to the filing, the company made a provision of total tax expenses of Rs 226.17 crore, whereas it had got tax credit of Rs 66.07 crore in the year-ago quarter. Total income however rose to Rs 6,944.44 crore from

Rs 6,000.39 crore in the third quarter of 2024-25 fiscal, aided by increased revenues from key businesses. From transmission, the company earned a revenue of Rs 2,426.36 crore as against Rs 2,034.76 crore a year ago. Revenues from distribution business increased to Rs 3,103.62 crore from Rs 2,972.42 crore.

"Q3FY26 adjusted PAT of Rs 574 crore increased by 30.4 per cent YoY translating from strong profitability at EBITDA and PBT level. The comparable PAT has been adjusted for a one-time positive impact of deferred tax of Rs 185 crore in Q3FY25 last year for a like-for-like comparison," the company said in a statement. CEO Kandarp Patel said the company has commissioned four transmission projects during the current financial year.

"The company reached an impressive mark of approximately 92.5 lakh meter, the highest in the country by any player at a benchmark daily installation rate. We expect a substantial increase in our asset capitalisation program across all core segments and expect strong momentum in bidding activity in the short to medium term," he added.



## Adani Total Gas Reports 11% Rise in Q3 Profit, Revenue up 17%

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**Ahmedabad:** Adani Total Gas (ATGL) on Thursday reported an 11% year-on-year rise in its consolidated net profit for the third quarter ended December (Q3 FY26). The company's net profit for Q3 stood at ₹159 crore, compared with ₹142.38 crore recorded in the same quarter last



financial year (Q3 FY25), according to its stock exchange filing.

Revenue from operations showed strong growth during the quarter. ATGL posted revenue of ₹1,639.22 crore in Q3 FY26, marking a 17% increase over ₹1,400.88 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year. "Team ATGL has delivered yet another strong quarter with double-digit growth in volumes, revenue and Ebitda (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation)," said Suresh P. Manglani, CEO and ED, ATGL.

# ‘Not easy to handle Venezuela oil, will assess in due course’

**Saptaparno Ghosh**

NEW DELHI

Venezuelan crude has high viscosity and acid number, but does provide some opportunities based on what is being offered, a senior Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) official told investors in a conference call on Thursday.

“Venezuelan crude apart from being bottom-heavy, also has high viscosity and high acid number,” director for refineries S. Bharathan said, adding: “We will have some opportunities. We will evaluate as and when we can get offers and [we will] take it accordingly.”

He was responding to a query on seeing Venezue-



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lan crude as an additional opportunity with the bottom-upgrade project in Vishakhapatnam in place.

For clarity, higher viscosity is indicative of thick oil with resistance to flow while the acid number is used to determine the acidity and the chemical mix

existing naturally in the oil.

## An opportunity

CMD Vikas Kaushal added having crude from HPCL's Barmer refinery, which is in final stages of commissioning and potentially from Venezuela would provide “at least an opportunity to evaluate and see. It is not an easy crude to handle but the fact that we have an asset gives us that opportunity.”

HPCL reported consolidated Q3 net profit grew by about 57.7% year-over-year basis to ₹4,011 crore on an improvement in gross refining margins. The scrip closed 0.29% lower at ₹427.70 apiece on the BSE and about 0.36% lower at ₹427.50 apiece on the NSE.





# IOC Officers Urge Centre Not to Abolish Key Posts

Sanjeev Choudhary

**New Delhi:** The Indian Oil Officers' Association has written to oil minister Hardeep Puri, seeking his intervention to scrap any proposal to abolish three director-level posts on the company's board, arguing that the roles are critical to operational safety, innovation, and strategic growth.

"We are deeply concerned by media reports suggesting the possible abolition of the posts of director (pipelines), director (R&D), and director (planning & business development)," the association said in a letter to the minister, which has also been marked to the Prime Minister's Office.

Indian Oil currently has seven positions of directors, each representing a function like finance, refineries, marketing, HR, or pipelines. These are in addition to the position of chairman and independent directors and government nominee directors.

The position of director (pipeline) has been vacant since last July. The association has urged the minister to fill this position, warning that prolonged vacancies or interim arrangements dilute accountability in a high-safety area.

"Dedicated directors heading pipelines, R&D, and planning & business development have ensured depth of expertise, strategic coherence, and accountable governance at the apex level," the association said.

Indian Oil operates over 20,000 km of crude, product, LPG and gas pipelines, traversing 21 states and union territories. "A substantial portion of the network has been in service for decades and is now approaching or exceeding its original design life, necessitating continuous board-level oversight for integrity management, safety governance, emergency preparedness, and regulatory compliance," the association said.

Highlighting the role of the company's R&D division, the association said it has filed 1,866 patents, built the country's largest petroleum-sector patent portfolio, and achieved commercialisation ratios exceeding global averages. "Emerging areas like green hydrogen, carbon capture, advanced biofuels, nanotechnology, and energy transition technologies demand focused and empowered board-level guidance, which only a dedicated director (R&D) can provide," it said.

## MoPNG organises high-engagements

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international upstream operators, E&P service providers, global consulting firms, leading public and private sector financial institutions, insurers, academia and industry experts, reflecting the growing interest across the ecosystem in India's upstream reform agenda and investment opportunities.



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# तेल-गैस सरकारी कंपनियां तेजी से लाभकारी बन रही : पुरी

■ कहा, यह बदलाव प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के परिवर्तनकारी दृष्टिकोण के अनुरूप

आज समाज नेटवर्क

नई दिल्ली। केन्द्रीय पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने कहा कि भारत की तेल और गैस क्षेत्र की सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनियां तेजी से तकनीक आधारित, लाभकारी और भविष्य के लिए तैयार ऊर्जा संस्थानों में बदल रही हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि यह बदलाव प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के परिवर्तनकारी दृष्टिकोण के अनुरूप है। मंत्री ने कहा कि तेल और गैस क्षेत्र



यह दिखा रहा है कि मजबूत आर्थिक प्रदर्शन और दीर्घकालिक ऊर्जा संक्रमण एक साथ आगे बढ़ सकते हैं। सोशल मीडिया पोस्ट में उन्होंने लिखा

कि प्रधानमंत्री के मार्गदर्शन में देश की तेल-गैस कंपनियां तकनीक आधारित और भविष्य उन्मुख संस्थानों के रूप में विकसित हो रही हैं। एचपीसीएल बना

बदलाव का उदाहरण पुरी ने हिंदुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (HPCL) का उदाहरण देते हुए कहा कि कंपनी के लाभ में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि हुई है। उन्होंने बताया कि नौ महीनों की अवधि में एचपीसीएल का वर पश्चात लाभ (PAT) 206 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 12,274 करोड़ रुपये पहुंच गया।

वहीं तिमाही आधार पर कंपनी का मुनाफा 35 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 4,072 करोड़ रुपये हो गया, जो बेहतर परिचालन दक्षता और वित्तीय मजबूती को दर्शाता है। बदलते वैश्विक ऊर्जा परिदृश्य में मजबूती केन्द्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि सरकारी तेल और गैस कंपनियों के बदलते वैश्विक ऊर्जा परिदृश्य के बीच अपनी मजबूती साबित कर रहे हैं।

उन्होंने बताया कि रिफाइनरियां अपनी निर्धारित क्षमता से अधिक उत्पादन कर रही हैं, जिससे परिसंपत्तियों के बेहतर उपयोग और मजबूत मांग का संकेत मिलता है।

इसके साथ ही ईंधन और एलपीजी से होने वाली आय में स्थिर वृद्धि और कर्ज में कमी, कंपनियों की संतुलित और टिकाऊ वित्तीय रणनीति को दर्शाती है। ऊर्जा संक्रमण और भविष्य की तैयारी पुरी ने कहा कि तेल-गैस कंपनियों की लाभप्रदता के साथ-साथ ऊर्जा संक्रमण पर भी जोर दिया जा रहा है। उन्होंने बताया कि रिटेल आउटलेट्स का ख़ास ऊर्जा से संचलन, सीएनजी नेटवर्क का विस्तार और टिकाऊ विमान ईंधन के परीक्षण जैसे

कदम तेजी से आगे बढ़ रहे हैं। उन्होंने राजस्थान रिफाइनरी परियोजना की प्रगति को भी भविष्य की ऊर्जा जरूरतों और पेट्रोकेमिकल क्षेत्र में आत्मनिर्भरता के लिए महत्वपूर्ण बताया। संतुलन और नवाचार पर आधारित ऊर्जा यात्रा केन्द्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि भारत की ऊर्जा यात्रा आज पैमाने और जिम्मेदारी, नवाचार और विश्वसनीयता व सुधार और परिणामों के बीच संतुलन बनाने की दिशा में आगे बढ़ रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकारी तेल और गैस कंपनियों ने केवल देश की ऊर्जा सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित कर रहे हैं, बल्कि नई तकनीकों और स्वच्छ ईंधन को अपनाकर वैश्विक स्तर पर प्रतिस्पर्धी भी बन रहे हैं।



# पूर्वी तट पर 24 अरब बैरल हाइड्रोकार्बन भंडार !

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली: यूनिवर्सिटी आफ ह्यूस्टन और हाइड्रोकार्बन महानिदेशालय (डीजीएच) के संयुक्त अध्ययन में भारत के पूर्वी समुद्री तट के तटीय बेसिनों में लगभग 24 अरब बैरल हाइड्रोकार्बन क्षमता होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है। यह मुख्य रूप से महानदी व बंगाल तटीय बेसिनों से संबंधित है, जहां दो प्रमुख स्रोतों (अपर क्रिटेशस व पेलियोसीन-ईओसीन) की पहचान की गई है। शोधकर्ताओं ने इन स्रोतों के पास ड्रिलिंग के लिए तीन प्रमुख संभावनाओं और कई हाइड्रोकार्बन ट्रैप्स की पहचान की है। पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय इस अध्ययन से खासा उत्साहित है और मान रहा है कि भारत कच्चे तेल व प्राकृतिक गैस का बड़ा उत्पादन यहां से करने में सफल रहेगा। दूसरे शब्दों में कहें तो इस खोज से भारत की ऊर्जा सुरक्षा को मजबूती मिल सकती है।

## भारत में नए भंडारों के दोहन से अर्थव्यवस्था मजबूत होगी

यह अध्ययन भारत की ऊर्जा आत्मनिर्भरता की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय के अधिकारी बताते हैं कि इस क्षेत्र में अधिकांश तौर पर गैस के बड़े भंडार की संभावना है। इससे भारतीय इकोनमी को गैस आधारित बनाने की सरकार की योजना को

भी बल मिलेगा। 2025-2026 के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, भारत की दैनिक तेल खपत लगभग 55-56 लाख बैरल है। इससे सालाना खपत करीब दो अरब बैरल के आसपास पहुंचती है, जो दुनिया की कुल तेल खपत का लगभग 5.5 प्रतिशत है।

पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय के मुताबिक, यह अध्ययन बेहद उन्नत भू-भौतिकीय तकनीकों जैसे सीस्मिक व्याख्या, बेसिन माडलिंग, वाल्यूमेट्रिक रिजर्व आकलन और वैश्विक एनालाग तुलना पर आधारित है। इन क्षेत्रों को 'फ्रंटियर एक्सप्लोरेशन एरिया' के रूप में वर्णित किया है, जहां बड़े पैमाने पर ऐसे पेट्रो संसाधन मौजूद हैं जिनका अभी तक खनन नहीं किया है। हाल ही में पेट्रोलियम व प्राकृतिक गैस

मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने कहा था कि अंडमान बेसिन में भी पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के बड़े भंडार हो सकते हैं।

यह बताया गया है कि पूर्वी तट पर कई संरचनात्मक प्ले कान्सेप्ट की पहचान की गई है, जिनकी भू-वैज्ञानिक समानता इंडोनेशिया के समीपवर्ती जल क्षेत्रों (जैसे सुंडा शेल्फ व नार्थवेस्ट जावा प्रांत) में हालिया प्रमुख गैस खोजों से मिलती है। यह भारत के विशेष आर्थिक क्षेत्र से 200 किमी दूरी पर है।

## अध्ययन में अनुमान

यूनिवर्सिटी आफ ह्यूस्टन और हाइड्रोकार्बन महानिदेशालय के संयुक्त अध्ययन में लगाया गया अनुमान, कच्चे तेल व प्राकृतिक गैस की यह खोज भारत को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने में साबित हो सकती है अहम

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ऊर्जा सुरक्षा को मिलेगी मजबूती ।

प्रतीकात्मक

को मजबूती मिल सकती है और देश की ऊर्जा आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने में मदद मिलेगी।

पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय के मुताबिक, उक्त अध्ययन बेहद उन्नत भू-वैज्ञानिक और भू-भौतिकीय तकनीकों जैसे सीस्मिक व्याख्या, बेसिन माडलिंग, वाल्यूमेट्रिक रिजर्व आकलन और वैश्विक एनालाग तलना

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## वेनेजुएला के तेल के प्रोसेस के मूल्य पर नजर

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की हिंदुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कॉर्पोरेशन (एचपीसीएल) अपने रिफाइनरियों में वेनेजुएला के तेल के प्रसंस्करण की संभावना का मूल्यांकन करेगी। एचपीसीएल के चेयरमैन व प्रबंध निदेशक विकास कौशल ने कंपनी के परिणाम जारी करते हुए कहा कि कंपनी विशाखापत्तनम में 1.5 करोड़ टन प्रति वर्ष (एमटीपीए) रिफाइनरी में रेसिड्यू अपग्रेडेशन फैसिलिटी (आरयूएफ) की स्थापना और राजस्थान के बाड़मेर में नई रिफाइनरी के चालू होने के साथ वेनेजुएला के भारी कच्चे तेल को प्रोसेस कर सकती है। कौशल ने कहा, 'यदि वेनेजुएला के कच्चा तेल का उत्पादन जारी रहता है तो हमें आरयूएफ और बाड़मेर (रिफाइनरी) होने से मूल्यांकन करने व देखने का अवसर मिलता है। इस कच्चे तेल को संभालना आसान नहीं है।' विशाखापत्तनम रिफाइनरी में स्थापित आरयूएफ तकनीक कंपनी को लगभग 93 प्रतिशत बॉटम ऑयल को उच्च-मूल्य वाले उत्पादों में बदलने में मदद करेगी। दरअसल पहले एचपीसीएल सहित कई सरकारी रिफाइनरियां वेनेजुएला के कच्चे तेल को प्रोसेस करने में समर्थ नहीं रही हैं। इसका कारण यह है कि वेनेजुएला का कच्चा तेल अतिरिक्त भारी और उच्च अम्लीय प्रकृति का है।

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