

# US Treasury Secretary hints at rolling back 25 pc tariffs on India over Russian oil purchase

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US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, a close aide of American President Donald Trump, has dropped hints that Washington may remove the additional 25 per cent tariff slapped on India, saying New Delhi's purchases of Russian oil have significantly gone down because of the increased tariff.

Bessent, in an interview to Politico on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum annual meeting, called the levying of the additional tariff on India a "huge success."

Mr Bessent claimed the purchase of Russian oil by Indian refineries has "collapsed" as a result of the steep US tariff. "We put a 25 per cent tariff on India for buying Russian oil, and the Indian purchases by their refineries of Russian oil have collapsed. So that is a



success. The tariffs are still on. I would imagine there is a path to take them off, so that's a check and a huge success," Mr Bessent said.

The US Treasury Secretary's remarks have come in the midst of a debate in the US Congress on a proposed legislation imposing a huge 500 per cent duty on countries purchasing Russian oil.

New Delhi has, however, reiterated its India First energy policy, saying its oil purchases were based on the requirement of "affordable energy" for its population.

The US Treasury Secretary

also came down on European nations for purchasing refined Russian oil from India.

Accusing the European nations of indirectly financing Russia's war effort by buying refined Russian-crude made petroleum products from India, he dubbed it "the ultimate act of irony and stupidity".

"...in the ultimate act of irony and stupidity, guess who was buying the refined products from the Indian refineries made from Russian oil? The Europeans. They are financing the war against themselves. They are financing the Russians," Mr Bessent said.

Mr Bessent further described the EU's avoidance of imposing US-like tariffs on India as "virtue signalling".

"I will also point out that our virtue signalling European allies refused to do it because they wanted to sign this big trade deal with India," he added.

## BPCL rolls out Nationwide PNG & CNG Drive 2.0:



Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) on 22 January 22, 2026, launched the national PNG & CNG Drive 2.0, supporting India's clean energy transition and the vision of a gas-based economy. The campaign

features new TV commercials with actor-MP Ravi Kishan promoting CNG and actor Sakshi Tanwar endorsing PNG. To run from January to March 2026, the drive is being implemented under the guidance of MoPNG and PNGRB with participation from CGD entities nationwide, highlighting the safety, affordability and environmental benefits of natural gas.



## **HPCL reports 206 per cent jump in 9M PAT, commissions advanced RUF at Visakh Refinery:**

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) announced a stellar financial performance for the nine months ending 31 December, 2025, with standalone Profit After Tax rising 206 per cent to Rs. 12,274 crore and consolidated PAT up 261 per cent to Rs. 11,982 crore. Refinery throughput grew 5.8 per cent to 19.61 MMT, while marketing sales rose 3.6 per cent to 38.45 MMT. Standalone debt-equity ratio improved to 0.89. HPCL also commissioned the Residue Upgradation Facility (RUF) at Visakh Refinery, India's first hydrogen-based residue hydrocracking unit, achieving ~93 per cent conversion of bottom oils into high-value products.

# Upward bias

**CRUDE CHECK.** Buy crude oil futures

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Oil prices rose for the third consecutive week. Brent crude oil futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) (\$65.90/barrel) was up 2.7 per cent whereas crude oil futures in the domestic market (₹5,630/barrel) gained 3.3 per cent. Here is the outlook and trade recommendation.

#### **BRENT FUTURES (\$65.90)**

Brent crude oil futures crossed the minor hurdle at \$65. The price action shows that the contract has developed some bullish inclination in the recent weeks and so, there is a good chance for the extension of the upswing.

From the current level, the contract can rise to \$69 and \$71, notable resistance levels. There is a trendline resistance at \$71 and so we might see a correction after Brent crude oil futures reaches this level.

That said, if the contract declines from the current level of about \$66, it can find support at \$63.50 and \$62.

#### **MCX-CRUIDE OIL (₹5,630)**

Crude oil futures (February) managed to close above ₹5,500 last week and it made a higher



high, which are bullish signals. It can rally more from the current level, with the nearest notable support being ₹5,800. A breakout of this can lift the contract to ₹6,000.

The upswing can happen either from the current level or after the contract sees some moderation, potentially to ₹5,500.

That said, if the support at ₹5,500 is breached, crude oil futures can extend the decline to ₹5,350, a support where the 21-day moving averages coincides.

Overall, the chart now shows a positive bias and we expect a rally from the current level.

**Trade strategy:** Buy crude oil futures (February) now at ₹5,630 and on a dip to ₹5,500. Place initial stop-loss at ₹5,350. When the contract touches ₹5,800, revise the stop-loss to ₹5,680. Book profits at ₹6,000.

# US pushes for quickest fixes to boost Venezuela oil output

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THE US IS in talks with Chevron, other crude producers and the world's biggest oil-field service providers about a plan to quickly revive output in Venezuela at a fraction of the estimated \$100 billion cost for a complete rebuilding.

Oilfield contractors such as SLB, Baker Hughes and Halliburton would focus their initial efforts on repairing or replacing damaged or outdated equipment and refreshing older drilling sites, according to senior administration officials.

The idea is that with limited investment, Venezuela could boost production by several hundred thousand barrels over the short term, the people said.

The go-fast approach is designed to fulfill the Trump administration's goal of swiftly increasing crude flows in the wake of the US capture of Venezuelan strongman Nicolas Maduro, generating cash that could be used to help pay for rebuilding the country. Longer term, President Donald Trump's goal remains an industry revival that would bring output closer to the country's 1970 peak of roughly 3.75 million barrels per day from current production of less than 1 million.

While analysts say achieving

## REVIVAL MODE

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that bigger prize will take at least a decade, there's plenty of production gains to be had in the near term. "There's some low-hanging fruit that you could probably squeeze some life out of once again," said Tom Liskey, who heads up Latin American research at industry consultant Enverus. A representative for Halliburton said its goal in Venezuela "is to achieve quick wins and generate immediate production recovery."

A more immediate upswing in Venezuelan crude flows would align with several priorities for Trump, who has prized American energy dominance both as a source of leverage globally and political capital at home, where he is seeking to allay cost-of-living concerns ahead of critical midterm elec-

tions in November. A supply boost from Venezuela, however modest, is seen as not only helping to check crude and gasoline prices, but also expanding the US's leeway to move against Iran without jolting the market.

Venezuelan crude sales will make money for both countries and "bring down oil prices even further," Trump told reporters on Air Force One. "We are drilling more oil than at any time in the history of our country, by far. If you add Venezuela to it, it's a tremendous part of the market."

Bringing state-of-the-art US equipment and techniques to Venezuela can revitalise existing wells and bring new production online within months, the Trump administration officials said.

# Bessent hints at tariff relief for India, citing 'collapse' in Russian oil inflows

**OPTIMISTIC.** Scott Bessent mentions a path forward, but Delhi may not be ready to fully stop Russian imports

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US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has signalled a potential rollback of the 25 per cent tariffs imposed on India for buying Russian oil, citing a "collapse" of its purchases from Moscow. While Bessent hinted at a "path" forward to taking off the tariffs, he did not clarify whether a full cessation of Russian oil purchases was a pre-requisite — a move New Delhi has been resisting.

Reversing these duties would provide critical breathing room for India's labour-intensive export sectors reeling under a cumulative 50 per cent tariff burden imposed since late 2025. Beyond immediate economic relief, sources suggest this pivot could finally unlock the long-stalled India-US bilateral trade agreement.

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#### INDIA-US DEAL IMPACT

If the US insists on a complete stop to Russian oil purchase, it could be a problem. "India's Russian oil purchases have reduced as it is not sourcing from the companies sanctioned by the US. But it will not stop purchases from non-sanctioned en-

ties as long as the transactions are economically feasible," a source tracking the matter told *businessline*.

Withdrawal of the 25 per cent penalty for Russian oil purchase imposed on Indian goods is key to taking forward the India-US bilateral trade talks, Indian officials had earlier indicated.

"It is not possible to have a India-US trade deal if the 25 per cent Russian oil tariff continues because it is no use negotiating only on the other 25 per cent reciprocal tariff," an official had pointed out.

"India's exports would still be highly uncompetitive compared to rival countries such as Vietnam and Bangladesh facing a 19-20 per cent tariff unless the Russian tariff goes," the official explained.

Bessent claimed that India's Russian crude purchase had "collapsed", but the latest estimates shared by data and analytics firm Kpler highlighted that inflows continued, although at a lower level. In December, India's purchase of crude from Russia declined 22 per cent to 1.38 million barrels per day (compared to the previous month) following US sanctions on Russian oil companies, but in January, the December levels have more or less been sustained.

"The fact is that India cannot officially stop purchase of Russian oil because of its long-standing alliance with Moscow. But it has cut down on Russian purchases and is also buying more of US energy. This should be good enough for Washington," the first source said.

# CPCL Q3 net profit soars on improved crude throughput and jump in gross refining margin

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Chennai

Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd on Saturday reported a consolidated net profit of ₹1,002 crore for the third quarter ended December 30, 2025 (Q3FY26) as against a profit of ₹21 crore in the same quarter last year. Revenue from operations was up 24 per cent at ₹19,438 crore (₹15,683 crore).

The financial results of CPCL, a subsidiary of Indian Oil, reflected a robust physical performance and improved refining margins in this

fiscal compared to the previous fiscal. In the same quarter last year, CPCL had reported a significant 94 per cent fall in profitability, year-on-year.

The gross refining margin (GRM) for Q3 improved to \$10.97 per barrel, up from \$4.29 in the same period last year. For the nine months ended December 31, 2025, the GRM stood at \$7.72/bbl compared to \$3.40 the previous year.

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For the nine months ended December 31, 2025, crude throughput stood at 8.78 mt up from 7.48 mt in the same period last year, maintaining a capacity utilisation of 111 per cent.

"The company continued to maintain its best-ever distillate yield of about 80 per cent achieved during the year, underscoring its operational excellence and sustained focus on energy efficiency," CPCL said in a statement.

TREASURY SECY SIGNALS RELIEF FOR INDIA

# US hints at scrapping 25% tariff linked to Russian oil

- Dip in oil imports from Russia, lowest in past two years

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#### US TREASURY SECRETARY

Scott Bessent has hinted that the 25% extra tariffs on India could be scrapped following a reduction in Indian imports of crude oil from Russia. "We put 25% tariffs on India for buying Russian oil. And Indian purchases by their refineries of Russian oil have collapsed. So this is a success. The 25% Russian oil tariffs

#### ROLLBACK SIGNS

■ India's oil imports from Russia in Dec down to 25% of total, from 35-40% in mid-2025

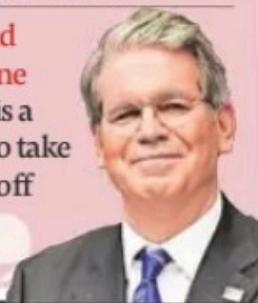
■ Bessent: Dip reflects success of imposition of extra tariffs mid-2025

■ EU did not sanction Indian Russian-origin oil products due to impending FTA, he says

are still on. I would imagine that there is a path to take them off," he said Friday, in an interview to US-based news outlet *Politico* at Davos.

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Commenting on oil-related tariffs, he took a dig at the "virtue signalling European allies" who did not exert similar pressure on India "because they

wanted to sign this big trade deal with India". The conclusion of the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA) could be announced as early as January 27, while progress on the India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) remains stalled. Officials, however, maintain that the deal with the US too is close, with even President Donald

Trump stating on Wednesday that the two countries are "going to have a good deal".

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## US hints at scrapping 25% Russia oil tariff

WITH THE 25% oil-related tariffs and another 25% for addressing trade deficit, India has the highest tariffs amongst all US trade partners. This is pressuring Indian exporters in some key sectors, even though overall exports to the US are still higher than last year.

"Before the Ukraine invasion, approximately 2-3% of Indian oil that went into their refineries came from Russia. The oil was sanctioned. It got deeply discounted and moved into the high teens... Huge profits for the refiners. But in the ultimate act of irony and stupidity, guess who was buying the refined products from Indian refineries made from Russian oil — the Europeans. They are financing the war against themselves," Bessant said in the interview. While Europe has avoided direct confrontation with the Indian government, only verbal criticism of India, it recently moved to block re-export of Russian-origin products from India into European markets. The EU ban on refined Russian products takes effect from January. It, however, sanctioned the Vadinar Refinery in Gujarat, owned by Nayara Energy, because Russian state firm Rosneft owns a nearly 50% stake in it. Major Indian refiners have reportedly begun segregating their operations, stopping use of Russian crude in parts of their refineries to ensure compliance.

# Bessent signals easing of Russian oil tariffs on India

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

**Washington:** US treasury secretary Scott Bessent signalled a prospective removal of the 25% penalty tariff on India for its purchase of Russian oil, citing "success" in Washington's pressure tactics while appearing to disapprove the outreach of the European Union, which is on the verge of concluding a free trade agreement with New Delhi.

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## EU 'STUPIDITY'

► Bessent says pre-Ukraine invasion Russia supplied only 2-3% of India's oil, which rose into high teens but **has now come down due to US pressure via tariffs**

►  Slams EU for not **imposing similar tariffs on India** and instead buying refined Russian oil products from India, calling it the 'ultimate act of irony and stupidity'

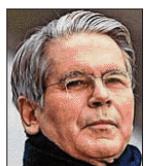
Bessent said in remarks at Davos, even as the US and India continued efforts to narrow gaps to conclude their own trade agreement.

► **Bessent slams EU, P 7**

# Bessent slams EU for not imposing sanctions on India

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ly 2-3% of India's oil, which rose into the high teens but has now come down due to US pressure via tariffs. By some estimates, there has been a 29% month-on-month reduction in Russian crude imports by India — going down to their lowest levels since 2022, but not reaching zero.

He contrasted this approach with that of Europe, criticising the EU for not imposing similar tariffs on New Delhi and instead buying refined Russian oil products from India, calling it the "ultimate act of irony and stupidity" for indirectly funding Moscow's war effort. Some critics have pointed out that the US itself was buying Russian uranium till very recently. Bessent's remarks came even as the EU and India are on the verge of con-

cluding a free trade agreement that has been in the works for nearly 20 years, a development that appeared to irk Washington.

In a separate development, President Trump lashed out at Canada for its recent trade deals with China, threatening a 100% tariff against Ottawa for turning itself into a "drop-off port" for channelling Chinese goods into the US.

While Bessent held out the possibility of removing the Russian oil tariffs on India, his colleague, commerce secretary Howard Lutnick, suggested last week that the US-India trade deal was held up because PM Narendra Modi had not picked up the phone to call President Trump. But New Delhi has rejected the claim, saying PM Modi had spoken to the president at least three or four times since Operation Sindo to discuss a wide range of issues. The Indian side acknowledged that he did not discuss the nitty-gritty of the trade deal because, under the Indian system, it is the officials' remit; the PM does not negotiate the details.

# Oil Taken from Seized Venezuelan Tankers: Trump

**Washington:** The US has taken the oil that was on seized Venezuelan tankers and will process it in its own refineries, President Donald Trump said in a *New York Post* interview published Saturday.

"Let's put it this way—they don't have any oil. We take the oil," Trump told the newspaper. The oil is being refined in "various places" including Houston, he added.

The US military has seized seven Venezuela-linked tankers since the start of Trump's month-long

campaign to control Venezuela's oil flows. On Tuesday, the President said his administration had taken 50 million barrels of oil out of Venezuela, and was selling some of it in the open market.

## TARIFF THREAT TO CANADA

Meanwhile, Trump issued a renewed threat to Canada, saying he would impose a 100% tariff on the North American neighbour if it makes a trade deal with China and warned Canadian Prime Minister

Mark Carney that a deal would endanger his country.

"China will eat Canada alive, completely devour it, including the destruction of their businesses, social fabric, and general way of life," he wrote on Truth Social. "If Canada makes a deal with China, it will immediately be hit with a 100% Tariff against all Canadian goods and products coming into the USA."

Carney during a recent visit to China called the Asian superpo-

wer a "reliable and predictable partner".

Trump suggested that China would try to use Canada to evade US tariffs. "If Governor Carney thinks he is going to make Canada a 'Drop Off Port' for China to send goods and products into the United States, he is sorely mistaken."

## LIBYA INKS 25-YR OIL DEAL

In a separate development, Libyan Prime Minister Abdulhamid al-Dbeibah said the north African na-

tion signed a 25-year oil development agreement Saturday with France's TotalEnergies and US-based ConocoPhillips, involving more than \$20 billion in foreign-financed investment.

Signed through Waha Oil Company, a subsidiary of Libya's state-run National Oil Corporation, the deal is aimed at boosting output capacity by up to 850,000 barrels per day and is expected to generate net revenues of over \$376 billion, Dbeibah said in a post on X. **Reuters**

# रूसी तेल खरीद का मामला, अमेरिकी वित्त मंत्री बेसेंट ने कहा भारत पर लगे 25 फीसद शुल्क को कम कर सकता है अमेरिका यूरोपीय संघ ने व्यापार समझौते की खातिर शुल्क लगाने से मना कर दिया

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अमेरिक के वित्त मंत्री स्कॉट बेर्सेट ने कहा कि रूसी तेल खरीदने के लिए भारत पर लगाए गए 25 फीसद शुल्क खो जाएंगा। उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली द्वारा मार्केट से की जाने वाली एपी खरीदारी बहुत अधिक घट गई है। उन्होंने कहा कि यूरोपीय संघ के देशों ने बड़े व्यापार समझौते के लिए रूसी तेल को लेकर भारत पर शुल्क लगाने से मना कर दिया। नीतिकाला का विस्तृता काने काले यूरोपीय संघ देशों ने एस करने से इनकार कर दिया क्योंकि वे भारत के साथ एक बड़े व्यापार समझौता करना चाहते थे।

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## भारत पर लगे 25 फीसद शुल्क को कम कर सकता है अमेरिका

वाले यूरोपीय सहयोगियों ने ऐसा करने से इनकार कर दिया क्योंकि वे भारत के साथ इस बढ़ व्यापारिक सौदे पर हस्ताक्षर करना चाहते थे। बैंकेट ने भारत पर यूकेन आक्रमण के बाद रूस से अधिक तेल आवात करने और रिफाइन करने का आरोप लगाया। उन्होंने कहा, यूकेन आक्रमण से पहले, भारतीय रिफाइनरियों में जाने वाले तेल का लगभग दो से तीन फीसद रूस से आता था। तेल पर प्रतिवर्ष लगा दिया गया। यह कापड़ी सस्ता हो गया और 17, 18, 19 फीसद तक रिफाइन किया जाने लगा। रिफाइनरियों ने भारी मुनाफा कमाया।

उन्होंने यूरोप पर भारत में रिफाइन किए गए तेल की खरीदकर रूस के युद्ध को वित्तपोषित करने का आरोप लगाया। उन्होंने आगे कहा, लोकिन विंडबना और मूर्खता के इस अतिवादी काम में जरा सोचिए कि भारतीय रिफाइनरियों

से रूसी तेल से बने रिफाइन उत्पादों को कौन खरीद रहा था? यूरोपीय। वे अपने ही खिलाफ युद्ध का वित्तपोषण कर रहे हैं।

आधिकारिक व्यापार आकड़ों से पता चला है कि पिछले वर्ष अप्रैल से अक्टूबर के बीच रूस से भारत के आवात में पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में 18 फीसद से अधिक की गिरावट आई है, जबकि इसी अवधि के दौरान वाशिंगटन से नई दिल्ली के आवात में 62 फीसद की वृद्धि हुई है। भारतीय सर्वजनिक क्षेत्र की रिफाइनरियों ने अमेरिकी द्रवीकृत पेट्रोलियम गैस (एलपीजी) आवात के लिए एक साल का समझौता किया है। दूंप प्रशासन द्वारा मौजूदा परमाणु कर्जा संवित्रों के विस्तार और छोटे पैमाने के रिएक्टरों के विकास को बढ़ावा देने के बीच, भारत ने अपने परमाणु क्षेत्र को खोल दिया है।

# चेतना के नए आयाम ईरानः तेल, गैस की धरती पर गुरुस्से का उबाल

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इंडिया ने दुनिया को नक्शों का विज्ञान, नरों की भौतिकी, भव्य महल, बहेतरीन काव्य, शानदार साहित्य और जीवज्ञानित की दिशा दी है। आज इस देश की वर्चय दुनियावां अधिकारों की मांग के लिए होने वाले प्रदर्शनों और कूर्स प्रतिशोधों के लिए हो रहा है। ऐसा कहा जा रहा है कि दिवसर 2025 से लेकर जनवरी 2026 तक विदेश में हजारों लोग मार्ग जाएंगे। अर्थात् इस देश रिश्तों को तक देखने वाला एक दूरी देश में जानकारी दे रहे हैं:



जेम्स एम.  
गुस्ताफसन  
अमेरिका की  
इंडियाना यूनिवर्सिटी  
में इतिहास के प्रफेसर हैं।  
सृजना मित्रा दास से हुई इस  
आत्माकारीत में उन्होंने ईरान में  
पर्यावरण से जुड़े विद्यालयों के बारे  
में विस्तृत से बताया है:

**Q** आपकी रिसाव फिरा वारे में है ?  
**A** मेरी रिसाव वारे का फांकस ईरान का और पर्यावरण है। मेरी प्रियतार 'द द सन' ईरान के आधुनिक प्रतिकार एवं नामांकन करने वाली परोली नियम है कि इसानी की जीवन जनवरी, पांधी, और जलवायु जैसे कुरती तोते के साथ वर्षा वर्षा की तरीकी से जुड़ा होता है। इसी की विरुद्धता के बहल ईरानी की वाहनी नहीं बल्कि क्लिंक और कुरुतर के रिसाव की कहानी भी है।

**Q** ईरान के पर्यावरण की सारांश क्या हैं?

**A** ईरान की वर्ती बहुत समस्त है। यह भौतिक हिस्सा सूखा और बर्जर है, जो दूसरे पर्वत श्रृंखलों से दिया है। यहाँ में बहुत वर्षा क्षेत्र है। यहाँ एतिहासिक रूप से सिंधु का कानून रिसर्व काम करता था। यहाँ के मैदान फैले हैं, जहाँ घरवाले रहते हैं। अब अल्लाहज़ीन पर्वत श्रृंखला के पार और धने जगतों के इलाके हैं।

**Q** आपकी रिसर्व में 18वीं सदी के 'लिटिल आइंस एज' और ईरान पत्र के क्या रिस्ता बताया गया इसे थोड़ा विस्तार से समझाएं?  
**A** 17वीं और 18वीं सदी के दौरान, उत्तरी

पर्यावरण से भी जुड़ी है  
ईरान में क्रांति की कहानी

**Q** इरान में पानी-त्वा को लेकर गैरिया अभियान क्यों किये हैं? **Q** ईरान हाल की से से पर्यावरण से अप्राप्ति का सामना कर रहा है। वह जलवाया पर्यावरण की स्थिति कैसी है? ज्ञादा परेशानी दशकों से ही राने वाले कृषि विनियोगों द्वारा, जिसमें पानी की अन्तर्विदेशी रिस्क्यूलेशन द्वारा जलवाया हाल हो रहा है। लेकिन जल महान् सम्पर्क से बचते उन्हें सहजीकरण कर देती है।

A large bonfire with people gathered around, some wearing masks and holding flags, in a nighttime setting.

विकास की पाइपलाइन में  
करप्शन और गैरबराबरी !

सिरुस मोवाहदी-लंकरानी  
अमेरिका की यूनिवर्सिटी  
ऑफ साउथर्न  
कैलिफोर्निया में इरा  
स्टडीज के एक्सपर्ट  
हैं।

**पाइपलाइन और तकनीक**  
वह कहते हैं कि मैंने अपनी वित्ती ऐक्सेलरेट (Accelerator) में बढ़ाया है कि पाइपलाइन बहुत अचूम थी। चाहे शाक का पहले लिंग शासन हो या बाद का झटकाव लिंग, इनोने दो बड़ी विशेष रिफाइनरीया और लंबी पाइपलाइन बनाई। ईरन के पांचों इलाकों में यह कम बहुत महाना और मुश्किल था। फिर भी इसे आत्मनंभर बनने का रसाता माना गया।

1950 के दशक से इरानी सरकार को बाद रहा कि हम सभी के साथ सामाजिक और आर्थिक न्याय देंगे। शाह के समय में भी यही कहा गया, क्रांति के बाद भी। लेकिन रैमेवराबी और करप्शन बहुत ज्यादा था। यही गुरुस 1979 की ईरानी क्रांति की बड़ी वजह बना।



## यूकेन वाद के बाद रूसी तेल का बड़ा खरीदार बना भारत

यूकेन युद्ध के बाद भारत, रूस से बड़ी मात्रा में सस्ता तेल खरीदने लगा था। युद्ध से पहले रूस से भारत का तेल आयात बहुत कम था, लेकिन बाद में यह तेजी से बढ़ा और भारत रूस का बड़ा खरीदार बन गया। रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक नवंबर 2025 में भारत का रूसी तेल आयात छह महीने के उच्च स्तर पर पहुंच गया था। उस महीने भारत ने रूस से 77 लाख टन तेल खरीदा था, जो कुल आयात का 35% से ज्यादा था। लेकिन दिसंबर में रूस से भारत को तेल की सप्लाइ तीन साल के सबसे निचले स्तर पर आ गई। आंकड़ों के मुताबिक दिसंबर में रूस से तेल आयात घटकर करीब 12.4 लाख बैरल प्रति दिन रह गया, जो दिसंबर 2022 के बाद सबसे कम है। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि कुल आयात में जरूर कमी आई है, लेकिन सरकारी तेल कंपनियां अब भी रूस से तेल खरीद रही हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि मांग पूरी तरह खत्म नहीं हुई है, बल्कि तेल खरीद का तरीका बदला है।

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**बीपीसीएल 'नॉन-स्टॉप जिंदगी' को देगी बढ़ावा**

■ मुंबई, (सं.) फॉर्च्यून ग्लोबल 500 कंपनी और महाराष्ट्र सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की उपक्रम भारत पेट्रोलियम कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (बीपीसीएल) ने बुधवार को पीएनजी और सीएनजी ड्राइव 2.0 के राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर शुभारंभ की घोषणा की, जो भारत के स्वच्छ ऊर्जा परिवर्तन और देश के ऊर्जा मिश्रण में प्राकृतिक गैस की हिस्सेदारी बढ़ाने के भारत सरकार के दृष्टिकोण के अनुरूप है। नए जारी किए गए पीएनजी और सीएनजी ड्राइव में अभिनेता और सांसद रवि किशन संपीड़ित प्राकृतिक गैस (सीएनजी) का समर्थन करते हुए और अभिनेत्री साक्षी तंवर पाइप प्राकृतिक गैस (पीएनजी) का प्रचार करते हुए दिखाई दे रही हैं। बीपीसीएल के



विपणन निदेशक सुभंकर सेन ने कहा कि पीएनजी और सीएनजी ड्राइव 2.0 राष्ट्र निर्माण और नागरिकों के जीवन स्तर को सुगम बनाने की दिशा में एक मजबूत कदम है। प्राकृतिक गैस रसोई से लेकर आवागमन तक, सुरक्षा, विश्वसनीयता और निर्बाध आपूर्ति प्रदान करती है, साथ ही कार्बन उत्सर्जन को भी काफी कम करती है। 'नॉन-स्टॉप जिंदगी' अभियान का थीम प्राकृतिक गैस की सुविधा को उजागर करता है, जो घरों, व्यवसायों और परिवहन के लिए एक चिंतामुक्त, निरंतर और सुरक्षित ईंधन है।