



ONGC News as on 13 December 2025 (Print & Online)

India's Russian crude imports hit five-month high in Nov; fuel exports to Australia soar

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NEW DELHI, DEC 12:

India's imports of Russian crude oil rose 4 per cent in November to a five-month high of Euro 2.6 billion, with a large part of the refined fuels produced from it being exported to Australia, a European think tank said. India remained the second-largest buyer of Russian fossil fuels in November behind China, according to the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA). It had spent Euro 2.5 billion on buying Russian oil in October. China has bought 47 per cent of Russia's crude exports in November, followed by India (38 per

cent), Türkiye (6 per cent), and the EU (6 per cent). "India's Russian crude imports recorded a 4 per cent month-on-month increase to the highest volumes in five months, even as overall import volumes remained stable," CREA said. "In fact, India's purchases may well record another increase in December, as cargoes loaded before the US Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctions kicked in are delivered through the month."

On October 22, the US imposed sanctions on Rosneft and Lukoil, two of the largest oil producers in Russia, to cut off the Kremlin's resources for funding the Ukraine war. The

sanctions have resulted in companies like Reliance Industries, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd halting imports for now. However, other refiners like Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) continue to buy from non-sanctioned Russian entities. "While private refiners' imports suffered a marginal reduction, state-owned refineries increased their Russian crude volumes by 22 per cent month-on-month in November," CREA said. India, the world's third-largest oil importer, emerged as the biggest buyer of discounted Russian crude after Western

countries shunned Moscow following its February 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

Traditionally reliant on Middle Eastern oil, India dramatically increased Russian imports as sanctions and reduced European demand made the barrels available at steep discounts, pushing its share from under 1 per cent to nearly 40 per cent of total crude imports. Russia supplied about 35 per cent of all crude oil that India imported in November. That and other crude oils are refined into fuels like petrol and diesel. These fuels are consumed domestically within India as well as exported. "In November, six refineries in India and

Türkiye exported EUR 807 million of refined oil products partially made from Russian crude to the EU (EUR 465 million), USA (EUR 110 million), UK (EUR 51 million), Australia (EUR 150 million), and Canada (EUR 31 million)," CREA said.

An estimated Euro 301 million of these products were refined from Russian crude. "An estimated EUR 297 million of oil products exported by these refineries remain without a specified destination," it said. There was an 8 per cent month-on-month reduction in the refineries' exports to sanctioning countries. "By contrast, exports to Australia (EUR 150 million) increased by 69 per

cent in November. All of these cargoes originated in the Jamnagar refinery in India," it said.

Reliance operates a giant refining complex at Jamnagar in Gujarat. In November, Canada received a shipment of oil from a refinery using Russian crude for the first time in eight months, it added. While the European Union has banned the import of fuel made from Russian oil, Australia, Canada, and the US have yet to announce a ban on oil products made from Russian crude. Reliance used to export fuel to Europe and has since announced the stoppage of using Russian oil for making fuel meant for exports.

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IOCL announces 2 lakh new LPG connections for Assam under PMUY

STAFF REPORTER

GIWAHATI, DEC 12 / -- / Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) today announced a major expansion of LPG coverage in Assam under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY). The announcement was made during a press meet held at

the AOD State Office in Noonmati, Guwahati, where AOD Chief General Manager Amarjyoti Bordoloi briefed reporters about the new targets approved for the state and the region. Bordoloi said the central government has approved 25 lakh additional

connections across India under PMUY. Out of this, the Northeast will receive 5 lakh new connections, and 2 lakhs of these have been allotted to Assam alone. He said the fresh allocation will help the state bring more households under clean cooking fuel and reduce dependence on traditional



biomass. PMUY, launched in May 2016, provides free LPG connections to adult women belonging to economically weaker families. To avail the scheme, beneficiaries must have a ration card and an Aadhaar card. Officials said the documentation process remains simple so that eligible families can

access the benefit without difficulty. IOCL said that PMUY has already achieved major milestones across the country. Since its launch, the scheme has delivered over 10.33 crore LPG connections, making it one of the largest clean-energy initiatives aimed at improving the lives of rural and low-income

households. Assam has also seen significant progress under the scheme. According to IOCL, the state has received 51.02 lakh LPG connections so far through PMUY. The addition of 2 lakh new connections is expected to expand access even further, especially in remote and underserved areas.

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भारत में रूसी कच्चे तेल का आयात में पांच माह के उच्च स्तर पर

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) भारत का रूस से कच्चा तेल आयात नवंबर में चार प्रतिशत बढ़कर पांच महीनों में सबसे अधिक 2.6 अरब यूरो तक पहुंच गया। इस तेल से परिष्कृत ईंधन की बड़ी मात्रा ऑस्ट्रेलिया को निर्यात की गई। यूरोप के एक शोध संस्थान ने शुक्रवार को यह जानकारी दी। 'सेंटर फॉर रिसर्च ऑन एनर्जी एंड क्लीन एयर' (सीआरईए) ने एक रिपोर्ट में कहा कि रूसी कच्चे तेल के मामले में भारत नवंबर में चीन के बाद दूसरा सबसे बड़ा खरीदार

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एनर्जी और मंगलोर रिफाइनरी एंड पेट्रोकेमिकल्स लिमिटेड ने रूसी तेल का आयात अस्थायी रूप से रोक दिया है। हालांकि इंडियन ऑयल कॉरपोरेशन जैसी सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनियां अब भी गैर-प्रतिबंधित रूसी आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से खरीद जारी रखे हुए हैं। सीआरईए ने कहा, नवंबर में जहां निजी तेल कंपनियों के आयात में हल्की गिरावट आई, वहीं सरकारी तेल कंपनियों ने रूसी कच्चे तेल की खरीद 22 प्रतिशत बढ़ा दी।

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Vadodara students shine at IndianOil Science Quiz 3.0 in A'bad



Winners at the JA Auditorium in Khanpur

Times News Network

Ahmedabad: The Ahmedabad city round of the IndianOil Science Quiz 3.0 was held at the JA Auditorium in Khanpur on Friday.

In all, 111 schools from Ahmedabad, Anand, Jamnagar, Vadodara, Valsad and other cities and towns participated in the quiz, organized by TOI, and now in its third year.

Six teams made it to the finals where quizmaster Kunal Savarkar quizzed the participants on topics ranging from physics, chemistry and biology to geology, environment, safety, sustainability, technology and astronomy.

Ayush Bommali and Pratham Patel from St Kabir Indian International School, Vadodara, emerged winners while Anay Kothari and Aarush Dhanak from Anand Niketan School took the second spot. Manav Chavda and Nivan Kapadiya from Kendriya Vidyalaya ONGC, Chandkheda, were in third place.

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Govt amends petroleum, natural gas rules for ease of doing business

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New Delhi, 12 December

The government has amended the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 2025 to offer ease of business and operations in the country's exploration and production (E&P) sector.

"India continues to strengthen the infrastructure for domestic exploration and production of hydrocarbons as we move towards achieving energy security," said Hardeep Singh Puri, Union minister of petroleum and natural gas, in a post on X.

Under the new rules, the lessees would have the right to carry out all types of mineral oil operations under one petroleum lease, and may undertake decarbonisation and comprehensive energy projects at oilfields.

The government would allow long-term leases of up to 30 years, and might extend the lease up to the economic life of the field, allowing the lessee to make planned investment decision.

Meanwhile, the application for grant of petroleum lease would be decided within 180 days.

For contractual disputes, the amendments state that the seat of arbitration involving only Indian companies would be New Delhi while in case of a foreign company, as defined in Companies Act, a neutral seat of arbitration may be opted.

The government has enhanced penalties to ₹25 lakh, and in case of continuation of contravention to ₹10 lakh per day. For uniformity and ease of administration, lease formats have also been introduced. The government has now mandated submission of a reduction plan comprising time-bound targets and milestones to achieve zero gas flaring and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The lessees should make an annual declaration to the Indian government of the installed, utilised, and excess capacity of infrastructure facilities they own, which would permit other lessees to jointly develop or share these facilities by mutual agreement, said Puri.

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Govt notifies New Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules to boost investment, ease of doing biz

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Applications for petroleum leases must now be decided within 180 days, and disputes may be resolved through an expedited mechanism, including a neutral

arbitration seat for foreign investors. The Oil Industry Safety Directorate has been designated as the competent authority for offshore safety, audits and standard-setting in exploration and production operations.

Commenting on the move, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said, "In a landmark moment today, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 2025, have been amended to offer ease of business and operations".

With a broader spectrum of rights under one petroleum lease, the lessees will have the right to carry out all types of mineral oil operations under one petroleum lease, he said, adding that they may undertake decarbonisation and comprehensive energy projects at oilfields.

Application for the grant of a petroleum lease will be decided within 180 days. Long-term leases of up to 30 years may be granted and may be extended up to the economic life of the field, allowing the lessee to make a planned investment decision. Lessees will make an annual declaration to the government of the installed, utilised and excess capacity of the infrastructure facilities owned by it, he said. The new rules permit lessees to jointly develop or share infrastructure facilities by mutual agreement. Seat of arbitration of lease and contractual disputes, where all lessees or contractors are companies incorporated in

India, will be New Delhi. Where any member is a foreign company as defined in the Companies Act, a neutral seat of arbitration may be opted for. Rules require NOCs to promptly notify all existing and new discoveries, submit field development plans within prescribed time limits, obtain central government approval for development areas, and regularly report development and production activities.

Vedanta Group chairman Anil Agarwal said, "Notifying the landmark reforms to India's oil and gas regulatory framework" is "a truly historic development". "The world has long recognised India's vast untapped hydrocarbon potential, and these new rules finally create the environment needed to unlock it," he said. "India produces some of the most affordable oil and gas globally. These reforms will directly benefit consumers - especially the poorest - by enabling greater domestic production and reducing dependence on imports." He said this is the kind of bold, inclusive policy that transformed the United States from a major importer into an energy surplus nation. "I never imagined I would witness such a reform in my lifetime. Our energy security is both our greatest challenge and our greatest opportunity. With these changes, I am confident that India can produce at least 50 per cent of its energy domestically."

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Headline	Petronet LNG MD & CEO Akshay Kumar Singh Gets Service Extension		
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In a significant development for India's gas sector, the Central Government and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) have reaffirmed their confidence in the leadership of Akshay Kumar Singh, granting him an extension as Managing Director & CEO of Petronet LNG Limited. Singh's current five-year tenure was scheduled to end in January 2026; however, he will now continue to lead the country's largest LNG importer till May 12, 2027.

Petronet LNG Limited confirmed the decision through a regulatory filing, stating that the company's Board of Directors cleared Singh's extension during its meeting on November 7. Singh, 64, who assumed charge on February 1, 2020, will now superannuate in May 2027 after an effective 15-month extension.

Alongside Singh's extension, the Board has also approved a two-year extension for Director (Technical) Pramod Narang, beginning November 25, 2025.

Petronet LNG Limited is a joint venture promoted by leading public sector undertakingsONGC, IOCL, BPCL and GAIL (India) Limited. The company operates two major terminals, at Dahej in Gujarat and Kochi in Kerala, which together handle a substantial share of India's LNG imports.

Why This Leadership Continuity Matters

Ensures stability during Petronet's expansion and diversification phase

Maintains strategic alignment with India's long-term LNG import strategy

Supports ongoing capacity enhancement projects at Dahej and Kochi

Provides continuity as India navigates global LNG market volatility

The extension granted to Singh has also upended succession expectations within the organisation, leaving several internal and external contenders for the top post sidelined.

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NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) has announced the commencement of commercial operations for a 6.6 MW wind capacity, part of the 100 MW hybrid (wind-solar) renewable energy project located in Bhuj, Gujarat.

The project forms part of Ayana Renewable Power Four, a subsidiary of Ayana Renewable Power, which is wholly owned by ONGC NTPC Green, the joint venture between NGEL and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC). With this addition, NGEL's total commercial capacity has risen to 7,639.075 MW, while its total installed capacity now stands at 7,645.675 MW.

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December 12, 2025: Seamec rallied 2.90% to Rs 1,042.85 after the company, through its subcontractor G R Infraprojects, secured a contract from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) for the charter hire of vessel "Seamec III".

The vessel will be used for second season subsea installation and diving works in the part replacement pipeline project (PRP-VIII A) and DSF II project.

The lumpsum subcontract has a tenure of 150 days and is valued at approximately \$16.72 million, exclusive of GST. The order was awarded by a domestic entity in the normal course of business, with no promoter interest in ONGC.

The contract does not fall under related party transactions.

(Source: Business Standard)

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December 13, 2025: Indias Maharatna oil and gas company, ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited), has signed a strategic Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) with Wild Well Control Inc., a global leader in well-control management, to enhance its expertise in handling blow-outs and complex well-control situations. The agreement was executed on December 9, 2025, during a virtual ceremony attended by senior officials from both organizations.

The MoU aims to further strengthen ONGCs Crisis Management Team (CMT), which already possesses robust in-house capabilities to independently manage large-scale onshore blow-outs. Through this collaboration, ONGC will gain access to world-class global expertise, particularly in challenging onshore and offshore environments, including deep-water drilling operations. The partnership is expected to enhance technical knowledge, operational preparedness, and rapid response capabilities in critical well-control scenarios.

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Seamec has bagged a subcontract from G R Infraprojects for the charter hire of its vessel, SEAMEC III, for deploying in the second season of subsea installation and diving works.

The scope covers the Part Replacement Pipeline Project, Pipeline Replacement Project Group A (PRP-VIII A), and DSF II Project of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). The subcontract, valued at approx. USD 16.72 million, and spans 150 days. This contract emphasises Seamec's involvement in key offshore projects with ONGC, reinforcing its expertise in subsea services.

As Seamec continues to provide high-quality marine and offshore solutions, this contract marks a significant step in the company's ongoing growth and service to the energy sector.

Headline	NTPC Bongaigaon wins Apex India Awards 2025		
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New Delhi, Dec 12: The awards were presented at the Apex India National Summit, where distinguished guests discussed leadership and safety culture.

The summit focused on sustainable OHS and quality practices, with over 180 companies, including ONGC and GAIL, acknowledged for their achievements.

Arnab Maitra commended the Safety and HR Department for their efforts in improving workplace safety and quality, emphasizing NTPC Bongaigaon's commitment to operational excellence and sustainable operations.

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Dec 13, 2025, 03:37 IST Jaipur: GAIL (India) Limited, and registered contrasting wins on the second day of the 29th PSPB Inter-Unit Senior

T20 Cricket tournament at the Jaipuria Cricket Academy ground here on Friday. Organised by the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) and hosted by GAIL (India) Limited, the prestigious tournament continues to showcase exceptional sportsmanship and skill from all participating teams. The day began with an exciting contest where GAIL edged past MRPL by 11 runs. was adjudged man-of-the-match for his all-round performance. The second match turned out to be completely one-sided, with HPCL thrashing EIL by 10 wickets. In the third and last game of the day, NRL won the toss and elected to bat first, but the team bundled out for 87 in 18 overs against IOCL's disciplined bowling attack. Chasing a modest target, IOCL romped home by losing a solitary wicket. MRPL won the toss and elected to bowl first. GAIL's batsmen displayed a composed performance and posted a respectable total of 140/7 in 20 overs. In reply, MRPL started well but could only reach 129/8. Vimal played a crucial role in GAIL's victory and was awarded the Man of the Match. The second match was a one-sided affair, with HPCL defeating EIL by 10 wickets. Winning the toss, EIL chose to bat first and scored 122/5 in 20 overs. Their opener Jaideep played a steady unbeaten knock of 63 runs off 60 balls. Chasing the target, HPCL's openers delivered an outstanding batting performance. S. Rajashekar (69 runs off 43 balls) and Prasad Bole (43 runs off 34 balls) completed the chase comfortably, scoring 126/0 in just 12.4 overs. For his impactful performance, S. Rajashekar was declared the Man of the Match. In the final match of the day, NRL won the toss and elected to bat first, but the team collapsed to 87 all out in 18 overs against IOCL's disciplined bowling attack. Chasing 88, IOCL played confidently and achieved the target by scoring 90/1, registering a convincing win. IOCL's bowlers and top-order batsmen displayed controlled and efficient cricket. Rajesh Pawar was adjudged Man of the Match for his excellent performance. Saturday's matches ONGC vs EIL; Oil India Limited vs NRL; BPCL vs MRPL.

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Hardeep Singh Puri announces major amendments to Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 2025, boosting domestic E&P, easing operations, and enhancing energy security under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday announced landmark amendments to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 2025, aimed at accelerating domestic exploration and production (E&P) and strengthening India's push for energy security.

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Key Reforms in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules 2025 Union Minister HardeepSinghPuri unveiled a sweeping overhaul of India's petroleum

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The minister stressed that the blending effort supports both clean mobility and . He said the government views ethanol as a long-term pillar in India's energy shift, reducing dependence on imported crude while giving farmers a steady additional market.

Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri reinforced the message, noting that money once spent on crude oil imports is now flowing into rural pockets. He said farmers have become Urjadaatas in addition to being Annadatas, thanks to the expanding ethanol ecosystem.

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Both ministers underlined that the program combines cleaner fuel, farmer support, and national savings, positioning it as a key part of India's growth strategy

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Hardeep Singh Puri announced major amendments to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 2025, aimed at easing business operations and strengthening India's energy infrastructure.

Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday announced a sweeping set of amendments to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 2025, describing the move as a major step toward enhancing ease of doing business and strengthening India's domestic hydrocarbons ecosystem.

In an X post, the Minister wrote that India continues to strengthen the infrastructure for domestic exploration and production of hydrocarbons as we move ahead towards achieving energy security under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

Calling the amendments a landmark moment", Puri outlined a comprehensive overhaul of procedures, rights and compliance requirements governing petroleum leases.

According to Puri, one of the most significant changes is the expansion of the rights available under a single petroleum lease.

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The change is designed to consolidate operational permissions and reduce administrative fragmentation for companies seeking to undertake diverse petroleum-related activities.

The Minister also emphasised that timelines for approvals have now been streamlined.

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These leases may be extended up to economic life of the field, allowing lessee to make planned investment decision," he said, noting that the revised framework aims to support long-horizon planning for exploration and production entities.

Puri further highlighted new transparency and capacity-sharing requirements.

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This provision seeks to ensure optimal utilisation of critical infrastructure while enabling collaborative development among leaseholders.

On dispute resolution, the amended rules now specify that the seat of arbitration for contractual disagreements will be New Delhi when all lessees or contractors involved are Indian companies.

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Puri said the comprehensive revisions reflect the government's intent to streamline processes, promote responsible energy development and support the country's broader energy security goals.

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