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# ONGC shares scale fresh high, mcap crosses ₹4 trn

Company now most valuable PSU after SBI and LIC

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Shares of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) hit an all-time high of ₹323.60, rallying 5.4 per cent on the BSE in intraday trade on Monday on strong growth prospects.

The stock of the state-owned upstream company surpassed its previous high of ₹314.67 (adjusted to bonus issue), touched on June 9, 2014. A sharp run-up in the stock price has seen ONGC's market capitalisation cross ₹4 trillion. The stock ended five per cent higher at ₹322.55 on the BSE as compared to 0.18 per cent rise in the BSE Sensex.

With a ₹4.06 trillion market cap, ONGC is now the 15th most valuable listed company in India and the third most valued public sector undertaking (PSU) after State Bank of India (₹7.87 trillion) and Life Insurance Corporation of India (₹6.70 trillion), the BSE data shows.

The ONGC stock has bounced back 43 per cent from a low of ₹227 touched on June 6. In the past one year, ONGC share price has outperformed the market by surging 91 per cent as against 21 per cent rally in the benchmark index.

ONGC is engaged in exploration, development, and production of crude oil, natural gas, and value added products. Maharatna ONGC is the largest crude oil and natural gas company in India, contributing around 68.2 per cent to Indian domestic production.

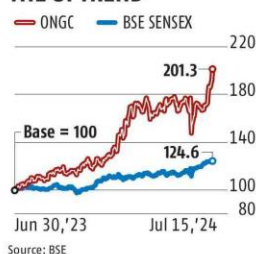
It is also a significant producer of value-added products such as liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), superior kerosene oil (SKO), and naphtha. The company has joint ventures in the oil fields in Vietnam, Norway, Egypt, Tunisia, Iran, and Australia.

On May 29, 2024, S&P Global Ratings revised the rating outlook on ONGC to "positive" from "stable".

"The positive rating outlook on ONGC reflects the outlook on the long-term sovereign credit rating on India. It also reflects our expect-



## THE UPTREND



Source: BSE

tation that ONGC will maintain its solid stand-alone creditworthiness, benefitting from a strong financial profile and status as a national oil company," global rating agency had said.

Meanwhile, according to Geojit Financial Services, ONGC is expected to improve its earnings performance backed by increased production at KG 98/2 field, improved realisations, monetisation of discoveries, increased capital expenditure (capex) and potential adjustment of windfall tax.

The ramp-up of the KG 98/2 is expected to boost the company's oil and gas production in the coming years. Additionally, higher prices

for its produce will support its performance as the windfall tax does not apply to KG 98/2.

"Furthermore, monetising new discoveries, securing premium gas prices for production from the nomination field, and potential improvement in net realisations for crude oil are expected to enhance earnings. Moreover, the company's long term strong production guidance further assures better performance in the future," the brokerage firm said.

Analysts at ICICI Securities, too, have a "buy" rating on ONGC with a target price of ₹340 per share. Stronger cash flow and production outlook, coupled with meatier subsidiary earnings over the next two-three years and higher investment value of listed investments, may drive the uptick in the target price, the brokerage firm had said in the Q4 result update.

Going forward, the commencement of the large KG basin asset remains the key performance driver over FY25-26E will likely fuel a material jump in production.

The brokerage firm also expects conspicuous recovery in HPCL/MRPL's earnings prospects coupled with reducing leverage in ONGC's consolidated balance sheet.

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## सर्वोच्च स्तर पर ओएनजीसी मार्केट कैप 4 लाख करोड़ के पार

दीपक कोरगांवकर  
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वृद्धि के मजबूत परिदृश्य के कारण ओएनजीसी का शेयर सोमवार को बीएसई पर कारोबारी सत्र के दौरान 5.4 फीसदी उछलकर 323.60 रुपये के सर्वोच्च स्तर पर पहुंच गया। सरकारी स्वामित्व वाली इस कंपनी का शेयर 10 साल के लंबे अंतराल के बाद नई ऊंचाई पर पहुंचा है। शेयर ने 9 जून, 2014 की पिछली ऊंचाई 314.67 रुपये (बोनस शेयर से समायोजित) को पार कर लिया। शेयर में तेजी के कारण ओएनजीसी का बाजार पूंजीकरण 4 लाख करोड़ रुपये के पार चला गया।

बीएसई पर ओएनजीसी का शेयर अंत में 5 फीसदी की बढ़त के साथ 322.55 रुपये पर बंद हुआ जबकि सेंसेक्स में 0.18 फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी हुई। 4.06 लाख करोड़ रुपये के बाजार पूंजीकरण के साथ ओएनजीसी अब 15वाँ सबसे मूल्यवान कंपनी है और तीसरी सबसे बड़ी पीएसयू। इससे ऊपर भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (7.87 लाख करोड़ रुपये) और एलआईसी

पिछले एक साल में 91 फीसदी की बढ़त के साथ ओएनजीसी ने शेयर बाजार के मुकाबले उम्दा प्रदर्शन किया

(6.7 लाख करोड़ रुपये) है।

ओएनजीसी का शेयर 6 जून के निचले स्तर 227 रुपये से 43 फीसदी उछला है। पिछले एक साल में 91 फीसदी की बढ़त के साथ ओएनजीसी ने बाजार के मुकाबले (21 फीसदी की तेजी) उम्दा प्रदर्शन किया है। महारतल ओएनजीसी देश में कच्चे तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस की सबसे बड़ी उत्पादक है और देश के कुल उत्पादन में वह करीब 68.2 फीसदी का योगदान करती है। वह वैल्यू ऐडेड प्रॉडक्ट्स मसलन एलपीजी, सुपीरियर केरोसिन ऑयल (एसकेओ) और नाफ्था की अहम उत्पादक भी है। कंपनी के वियतनाम, नॉर्वे, मिस्त्र, ट्यूनीशिया, ईरान और ऑस्ट्रेलिया के तेल क्षेत्रों में संयुक्त उद्यम हैं।

29 मई, 2024 को एसएंडपी

ग्लोबल रेटिंग्स ने ओएनजीसी का रेटिंग परिदृश्य संशोधित कर स्थिर से सकारात्मक कर दिया था। ग्लोबल रेटिंग एजेंसी ने कहा था कि ओएनजीसी का सकारात्मक रेटिंग परिदृश्य भारत पर लंबी अवधि की सॉवरिन क्रेडिट रेटिंग के परिदृश्य को दिखाता है।

इस बीच, जियोजित फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज के मुताबिक ओएनजीसी आय के मोर्चे पर अपना प्रदर्शन सुधार सकती है, जिसे केजी 98/2 फीलड से बढ़े उत्पादन, खोज के मुद्रीकरण, बड़े पूंजीगत खर्च और अप्रत्याशित कर के संभावित समायोजन से मदद मिल सकती है।

आईसीआईसीआई सिक्वोरिटीज के विश्लेषकों ने ओएनजीसी को खरीद की रेटिंग के साथ 340 रुपये प्रति शेयर का कीमत लक्ष्य दिया है। मजबूत नकदी प्रवाह और उत्पादन परिदृश्य, अगले दो-तीन साल में सहायक की मजबूत आय व सूचीबद्ध निवेश की उच्च निवेश कीमत से कंपनी के शेयर की लक्षित कीमतें बढ़ सकती हैं। ग्लोबल ने चौथी तिमाही के नतीजे के समय ये बातें कही थीं।

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## State-owned firms power Indian stocks

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India's blue-chip indexes logged record closing highs on Monday, led by gains in state-owned companies, with mid-cap stocks also extending their record run after a healthy start to the earnings season.

The NSE Nifty 50 rose as much as 0.54% to a record high of 24,635.05 during the session. It settled 0.35% higher at 24,586.7, while the S&P BSE Sensex added 0.18% to end at 80,664.86.

Both the benchmarks have logged record closing highs for two straight sessions since TCS and HCLTech posted higher quarterly revenue, signalling a recovery in demand for IT companies and starting the earnings season on a strong note. Investors' optimism is driven by the better-than-expected results from the IT companies and positive expectations from the national budget due on 23 July, said Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services.

Analysts expect the government to continue with its focus on capex-linked sectors like infrastructure and manufacturing, while also announcing measures to boost consumption. On the day, state-run explorer Oil & Natural Gas Corp climbed 5%, the most on the Nifty, and hit



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a record high after multiple block deals at a price premium. The oil and gas index added 2%.

Meanwhile, State Bank of India, India's top public sector lender, jumped 2.65% after raising its marginal cost of lending rate (MCLR). The likelihood that its peers could do the same powered state-owned banks about 3% higher, with all 12 constituents logging gains.

The more domestically-focused mid-cap index rose 0.86% to a record high, for the fourth time in six sessions, while, small-cap index advanced 0.52%. IT stocks hit a record high during the session, boosted by HCLTech, but reversed to close 0.29% lower.

That, said analysts, was due to profit booking after an 8% rally in the two weeks on strong results and firming expectations of a rate cut in the US.

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## Day trading guide

### 24622 » Nifty 50 Futures

S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
24580	24530	24640	24750	Go long on a break above 24640 with a stop-loss at 24610

### ₹1622 » HDFC Bank

S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
1600	1550	1650	1685	Go short below 1600. Keep the stop-loss at 1610

### ₹1707 » Infosys

S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
1690	1665	1720	1750	Wait for dips. Go long at 1695. Keep the stop-loss at 1680

### ₹463 » ITC

S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
460	456	466	470	Go long now and at 461. Keep the stop-loss at 459

### ₹323 » ONGC

S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
319	315	325	330	Go long only above 325. Stop-loss can be kept at 323

### ₹3194 » Reliance Ind.

S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
3180	3160	3210	3235	Wait for dips. Go long at 3185. Keep the stop-loss at 3175

### ₹882 » SBI

S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
879	874	887	893	Wait for dips. Go long at 880 with a stop-loss at 878

### ₹4168 » TCS

S1	S2	R1	R2	COMMENT
4140	4110	4200	4240	Go long on a break above 4200. Stop-loss can be kept at 4180

S1, S2: Support 1 & 2; R1, R2: Resistance 1 & 2.



## Hindustan Petroleum celebrates its Golden Jubilee by planting around 5.5 lakh trees

*A special cover celebrating HPCL's rich heritage was released by India Post*

**MUMBAI:** Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) celebrated its Golden Jubilee on Monday with a grand event that highlighted its commitment to environmental sustainability through the plantation of around 5.5 lakh trees.

The event, themed 'Panchatattvon Ka Maharatna,' honored the five great elements—Earth, Fire, Wind, Water, and Ether—that symbolize the foundation and growth of HPCL over the past 50 years. Throughout the past



year, HPCL's Strategic Business Units (SBUs) and Departments worked diligently to implement initiatives inspired by these five

elements, benefiting HPCL's stakeholders, including customers, employees, ex-employees, society, and, most importantly,

the environment.

During the event, Pushp Kumar Joshi, Chairman & MD unveiled the Tree Portal, showcasing the progress and impact of this green journey.

On the occasion, a special cover by India Post was released, celebrating HPCL's rich heritage and milestones. The cover was launched by dignitaries from India Post, including Dr Ajinkya Kale, Director of Postal Service Mumbai Region, and Dr Sudhir Jakhere, Assistant Postmaster General (BD). MPOST

# Petronet LNG, Shell, Adani-Total Resist Bid to Regulate Them

Question provisions in PNGRB draft rules, say not in sync with parent legislation laying out regulators' powers

Sanjeev Choudhary

**New Delhi:** Liquefied natural gas (LNG) operators Petronet LNG, Shell and Adani-Total are pushing back against the attempts of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) to regulate them.

The board unveiled the draft regulations for establishing and operating LNG terminals last month. Terminal operators, big gas consumers and others have now offered their views on the draft.

Terminal operators have questioned several provisions in the draft mainly on the grounds that those are not in sync with the parent legislation, PNGRB Act, which lays out the regulator's powers.

"PNGRB purports to make the acceptance of an application (for new capacity) and subsequent registration contingent on an entity being able to provide a 'credible business plan for utilization of capacity in the terminal' and 'detailed evacuation plan'. It is Petronet LNG's view that this criterion finds no basis in the PNGRB Act," Petronet LNG, the country's largest LNG terminal operator, said in its comments to the regulator.

The draft said that the regulator's greenlight for new capacity would hinge on one or more of these criteria such as promoting competition among operators, avoiding infertile investment, ensuring adequate national gas supply, protecting customer interest and availability of gas evacuation facility from the terminal. The regulator's concern has been that most terminals are underutilised and, therefore, new capacity addition needs closer scrutiny.

"PNGRB proposes to 'approve the completion schedule' and 'monitor the progress' of the LNG terminal and impose a penalty up to 5% of performance bank guarantee for each default on behalf of the entity. This is inconsistent with the



**No Control**  
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**TERMINAL OPERATORS SAY SHARING "commercially sensitive information" like project cost, regasification tariff and capacity allocation "not consistent" with PNGRB Act**

PNGRB Act," Petronet LNG said. Dhamra LNG, a subsidiary of Adani-Total, said the "requirement to share commercially sensitive information" such as project cost, regasification tariff and capacity allocation are "not consistent" with PNGRB Act. "An authorisation regime for LNG terminals may indeed negatively impact healthy competition and create monopolistic behaviour by existing terminals," Dhamra LNG further said.

Shell opposed the provision of common carrier capacity in LNG terminals, adding that such provisions "would create avoidable disincentives" for foreign investments in the energy sector. "As a precursor to regulations of terminals, it is essential to ensure effective, efficient and non-discriminatory access to pipelines (common or contract carrier natural gas pipeline and city or local natural gas distribution network)," it said.

Big gas consumers like BPCL, AG&P City Gas and steelmaker AM/NS also opposed the regulator's move. "Entity should not be asked to approve a detailed feasibility report, plant capacity utilisation, evacuation plan, etc., because (the) entity itself is risking his capital to invest (in the) LNG terminal," BPCL said.

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**The Story So Far**

**2023**

- Aug:** IOC issues tender
- Dec:** Industry players allege favouritism for GH4India, take IOC to court

**2024**

- Feb:** IOC cancels tender
- March:** Fresh tender issued, with April deadline
- April:** Tender extended till May
- May:** Further extension till July
- July:** Only GH4India & Neomatrix submit bids

OF 30 ENTITIES THAT PICKED UP PRE-BID DOCUMENTS...

## Only 2 Bid for IOC's Green H<sub>2</sub> Project

Of the two, one is IOC's own JV co again

**Kalpana Pathak & Arijit Barman**

**Mumbai:** Indian Oil Corp (IOC) received just two bids to build the country's first green hydrogen plant at its Panipat refinery in Haryana, said two industry executives aware of the development. This is in response to the second tender for the project, the first having been scrapped amid accusations

of preferential treatment.

One of the two bidders, GH4India, is a joint venture owned equally by IOC, ReNew and engineering major Larsen & Toubro. GH4India was formed in FY23 for development of green hydrogen and its derivatives, including green ammonia and methanol, besides production and associated renewable assets.

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## Repeat of Last Year

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The second bidder is Noida-based Neometrix Engineering, which specialises in turnkey projects, including special purpose machines, and gas handling and boosting systems. It has executed multiple EPC projects for IOC.

The IOC tender is the first Indian effort to determine the price of green hydrogen through a bidding or market-driven exercise.

But in a repeat of last year, which saw the cancellation of a tender for the same project, this time too some of the largest names in engineering and industrial gases have stayed away after initially showing interest by participating in a pre-bid meeting.

Last year's tender had given rise to accusations of favouritism and restrictive pre-bid technical conditions benefiting the GH4India consortium. In February, ET reported the state-owned refiner had to scrap the maiden tender after it was challenged in the Delhi High Court by an industry association claiming that some of its conditions were anti-competitive and skewed in favour of GH4India. Those accusations are likely to be raised again, said people with knowledge of the matter.

IOC told ET that the bidders had

been given time to make their offers during this second tender process. "The tender was extended a number of times to facilitate bidding," the refiner said in response to queries.

"Altogether, four months were provided for the bids. Several rounds of engagement were carried out with the prospective bidders over a period of four months. Currently, the received bids are under technical evaluation. Further comment can be made once the evaluation process is completed."

The revised bid document had been issued in March.

Close to 30 entities picked up the pre-bid documents in May, said people in the know. They included domestic companies such as Inox-Air Products, Acme, Tata Projects, KEC Ltd, Afcons Infrastructure, Thermax, AMGreen/Greenko and state-owned NTPC as well as global giants like Siemens, Petronas/Gentari, Sembcorp, EDF, Linde and Matheson among others. The techno-commercial bid was opened late last week, the people said. The date for the price bid will be communicated to the bidders later, they added.

This time around, rivals are questioning the eligibility criteria regarding experience in running hydrogen systems, EPC and elec-

trolsers. As per the technical criteria, a qualified bidder needs to have EPC experience as well as operating a refinery/ petrochemical/fertiliser plant for at least 12 months, said people in the know.

"There is only one industry consortium that is a refiner and also EPC player and has renewable energy experience and that is the GH4India consortium where the procurer himself is a 33.4% shareholder," said one of the officials who evaluated the bid.

Some of the prospective bidders asked for an extension of the deadline to form similar JVs with industrial gas makers as there are only a handful that have scale and experience that can qualify. For example, Air Products already has a JV with Inox Air. Germany's Linde India arm (formerly BOC India) has also been operating for 80 years in the country, but French major Air Liquide does not have much of a presence yet in the industrial gas space.

IOC hasn't responded to this yet, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

In the first attempt, the main dispute was over the right of first refusal clause incorporated in the tender notice. Bidders alleged such a clause went against public procurement rules as a public sector undertaking (IOC) was advocating a public-private joint venture to have the first right of refusal.



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**EV charging station launched at Noida under CSR Initiatives of Oil India Limited:** As part of the ongoing nationwide celebration of Swachhata Pakhwada 2024, an EV charging station comprising of 2 numbers of EV chargers, each of 30kw and 9.9kw respectively were installed and inaugurated at Sector-15A, Club House, Noida. The EV charging station has been provided under CSR initiatives of Oil India Limited (A Maharatna CPSE). The EV charging station was ceremoniously inaugurated by Ashok Das, Director (HR), Oil India Limited in presence of Gaurav Bansal, Project Engineer, Noida Authority and other officials from OIL, Noida Authority and local residents of Noida 15 (A).

**CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE**

# COMBAT PLASTIC WASTE

**CAMPAIGN IGNITES ACTION AGAINST SINGLE-USE PLASTICS IN CHENNAI NEIGHBOURHOODS**



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**P**lastic has revolutionised daily life but poses significant waste problems. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), through its CSR activities, has joined the Swachhata Pakhwada initiative to combat plastic waste. In collaboration with the Times of India and the Rotary Club of Ashok Nagar, BPCL launched a major campaign in Chintadripet to educate public about the harmful effects of non-recyclable single-use plastic. The campaign encouraged residents to exchange five single-use plastic items for an eco-friendly recycled plastic T-shirt, drawing a large crowd eager to understand the issue and the challenges of plastic pollution.

Samrat Das, chief manager, administration (HRS-South) at BPCL, inaugurated the event, emphasising BPCL's commitment to Swachhata Pakhwada. The initiative includes cleaning iconic locations like Dr MGR railway station, Guindy railway station,

and Madurai Meenakshi Animan temple, distributing hygiene kits, and organising wall painting events, all aimed at eliminating single-use plastics. Das highlighted the need to reduce, reuse, and recycle existing plastics, praising the Times of India's role in the campaign.

BPCL's pan-India campaign extends to Chennai schools with painting competitions, which have received encouraging responses. Das expressed optimism that these initial steps would significantly contribute to a cleaner, greener India. Liji Santhosh, president, Rotary Club of Ashok Nagar, lauded BPCL and the Times of India for their environmental efforts, noting the severe impact of plastic waste and other environmental issues on marine life. Rotarians N

S Saravanan, district governor for Rotary International 2024-25, and Meena Chandrasekar, secretary, also participated in the event.

**GREEN CHENNAI**  
The "Workshop on Urban Gardening," organised by the Rotary Club of Chennai Towers and BPCL as part of the Swachhata Pakhwada campaign, at Dr Visvesvaraya Tower Park, Anna Nagar received an enthusiastic response. Master of ceremony Senthil Kumar energised the event with lively contests and a signature campaign, attracting residents from across Chennai. Sanjay S Ahuja, secretary, Rotary Club of Chennai Towers, highlighted the city's weather challenges, including heatwaves and unseasonal heavy rains. Das reiterated BPCL's

commitment to societal well-being through various CSR events. He stressed the importance of individual actions in combating climate change and praised the event for demonstrating that small steps can lead to significant collective impact. Das was pleased to see a strong presence of children, emphasising the need to teach environmental protection from a young age.

Hafeez Khan, founder of Communitree and an advocate of Urban Gardening, spoke on the benefits of planting trees around homes to reduce temperatures and power consumption. He encouraged attendees to engage with volunteer groups to set up urban gardens without incurring costs. The event featured enthusiastic participants like Vijayalakshmi, a resident of Anna Nagar, and college student Gomathi, who explored the stalls extensively. Homemakers with large social media groups also showed interest, appreciating the initiative by the Times of India to promote urban gardening and its benefits for community well-being.

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नई दिल्ली। अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में तेजी जारी रहने के बावजूद घरेलू स्तर पर पेट्रोल और डीजल के दाम अपरिवर्तित रहे, जिससे दिल्ली में पेट्रोल 94.72 रुपए प्रति लीटर तथा डीजल 87.62 रुपए प्रति लीटर पर पड़े रहे। तेल विपणन करने वाली प्रमुख कंपनी हिन्दुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कार्पोरेशन की वेबसाइट पर जारी दरों के अनुसार, देश में आज पेट्रोल और डीजल की कीमतों में कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है। दिल्ली में इनकी कीमतों के यथावत रहने के साथ ही मुंबई में पेट्रोल 104.21 रुपए प्रति लीटर पर और डीजल 92.15 रुपए प्रति लीटर पर रहा।





## LONG-TERM LEASING OF RAILWAY STATIONS TO PICK UP

# Monetisation target set to be raised to ₹10 trn

### Plan for FY26-30 to include leasing out of metro networks

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THE CENTRE IS likely to set an ambitious target of ₹10 trillion for the second phase of the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP-II), to be implemented in the five years ending FY30.

"The highways, mining, power and petroleum sectors will take the lead in (monetisation of) assets in the second phase, while metro rail networks in major cities will give an impetus to the asset recycling for the first time," a senior official said.

The first phase of NMP, unveiled in FY22, had set an ambitious ₹6-trillion asset recycling target for four years up

### HIGHWAYS, POWER, MINING FOCUS AREAS

Pace satisfactory; private capex in mining a key driver

**₹6 trillion**

Monetisation goal under NMP-1 (FY22-25)

**₹3.85 trillion**

Achievement in FY22-24

**₹2 trillion**

Target for FY25

**90%**  
NMP-1  
achievement  
in the first  
three years



to FY25 through monetisation (long-term leasing) of brownfield assets in sectors such as roads, mining, power, petroleum and airports. Despite the railway sector lagging far behind the target, the NMP-1 achievement has been ₹3.85 trillion, or 90% of the ₹4.3 trillion targeted in the first three years.

This was mainly due to the higher-than-expected revenues from the coal and mining sectors in terms of upfront revenues as well as via revenue sharing from operations. Even capex by private parties was included as receipts.

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## Monetisation target set to be raised to ₹10 trillion

FOR FY25, THE final year of the first phase of NMP, the target is being enhanced to close to ₹2 trillion due to a robust pipeline of projects.

For the NMP-2, metro rail networks developed through public investment will be a major pipeline of brownfield assets, the sources said. Besides operations and management of the metro networks, the built-up space in stations will also be available for leasing under the public-private partnership mode. Metro networks which could be taken up for monetisation include Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, Jaipur and Kanpur, the source added. Monetisation of railway assets is also expected to pick up in the next five years by way of commercial leasing out of space in more than 100 stations in places such as Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Secunderabad, the source said.

The railways is already redeveloping more than 100 stations under the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) model. The New Delhi station will be redeveloped under the



same model soon. "After these stations are redeveloped, commercial space will be leased out in and around stations," another source said.

While the power sector would likely focus on securitising existing revenue streams, the petroleum sector would boost monetisation through private investment in exploration and production activities. With India's oil and gas exploration-production sector requiring about \$100 billion in investments by 2030, the government is pushing for more private sector participation for strengthening the domestic production of oil and gas and reducing dependence on

imports. So, the award of exploration and production contracts would yield more fresh investments in the sector. Coal & other mining and highways, which were major contributors to the success of NMP-I, would continue to yield substantial amounts in monetisation in the second phase.

According to the central government's Vision for 2047 to become a developed nation, which will likely be unveiled later this month, India's investment needs to be maintained at around 32% of the GDP by 2030 from around 31% now, before being raised to 34% by 2040 and to around 35% by 2047. India is aiming for a \$30-trillion economy by 2047 with the per capita GDP rising from \$4,418 in 2030 to \$10,021 in 2040 and \$17,590 (trait of a developed nation) in 2047, the centenary of India's independence. Asset monetisation is estimated to account for 5.4% of the total infrastructure investment envisaged under the ₹111-trillion national infrastructure pipeline for FY21-25.

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### WINDFALL TAX ON CRUDE HIKED TO ₹7,000/TONNE



THE GOVERNMENT ON Monday hiked windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil to ₹7,000 per tonne, from ₹6,000. The tax is levied in the form of a special additional excise duty. The tax on the export of diesel, petrol and jet fuel or ATF, has been retained at 'nil'.



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### **India raises windfall tax on petroleum crude**

The central government has raised the windfall tax on petroleum crude to ₹7,000 (\$83.78) per metric ton from ₹6,000 per metric ton, effective from Tuesday, a notification issued on Monday showed. **REUTERS**