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पवन हंस को ओएनजीसी से 10 साल का ठेका

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की हेलीकॉप्टर सेवा प्रदाता कंपनी पवन हंस को ओएनजीसी को चार हेलीकॉप्टर मुहैया कराने के लिए 2,000 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का 10 साल का ठेका मिला है। कंपनी ने बुधवार को बयान में कहा, प्रतिस्पर्धी वैश्विक बोली के जरिये यह ठेका हासिल किया गया। पवन हंस इसके तहत ओएनजीसी के अपतटीय परिचालन के लिए चार एचएएल निर्मित ध्रुव एनजी हेलीकॉप्टर तैनात करेगा। ओएनजीसी ने इन अत्याधुनिक भारत निर्मित हेलीकॉप्टर को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए पवन हंस को ठेका देने से जुड़ी अधिसूचना जारी कर दी है। भाषा

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The indigenously built Dhruv NG is the civil variant of the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk III, which is currently in use by the Indian defence forces. These military helicopters have a proven track record, with more than 335 helicopters in operation to date, having logged over 375,000 cumulative flight hours, Pawan Hans said. Pawan Hans has a fleet of 46 helicopters catering to Oil and Gas exploration, Police and Paramilitary forces, utility sector and providing air connectivity to remote regions and hilly tracts. (PTI)

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■ विस, नई दिल्ली : हेलीकॉप्टर कंपनी पवन हंस को ओएनजीसी से दो हजार करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का ठेका मिला है। यह ठेका 10 सालों के लिए होगा। इसमें पवन हंस ओएनजीसी के ऑफशोर ऑपरेशंस के लिए चार हेलीकॉप्टर की सेवाएं देगी। पहली बार पवन हंस ओएनजीसी को भारत में बने ध्रुव एनजी को अपने बेड़े में शामिल कर इनकी सेवाएं देगी। पवन हंस ने बताया कि कंपनी अपने 46 हेलीकॉप्टर के बेड़े में यह चार नए ध्रुव एनजी हेलीकॉप्टर जोड़ेगी।

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Agency Ltd (Ireda), Oil and Natural Gas Corp. Ltd (ONGC) and Aadhaar-issuing Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) are among the PSUs that have swooped on campuses early. Others include Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd

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Queries *Mint* emailed other PSUs mentioned earlier, and IITs of Delhi, Mumbai, Kanpur, Roorkee, Kharagpur, Guwahati and Madras remained unanswered.

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Roorkee, Kharagpur, Madras, and Guwahati remained unanswered. PSUs compete with high-frequency trading companies (HFTs), private banks, startups and consulting companies, and salaries offered in some cases crossed a couple of crores of rupees along with international postings. HFTs and consulting firms also offer long-term incentives and variable bonuses that are part of the overall compensation.

"It is interesting how PSUs, which earlier mostly visited IIT campuses for recruitment in the second phase when the best of the lot was already placed, are now trying to compete with top-tier financial, software, analytics, consulting and IT

firms," said Kripa Shankar Singh, training and placement officer at IIT Patna.

According to placement teams at IITs, the perks offered by PSUs, such as accommodation and travel, along with the job security, make them an attractive proposition to the students.

"The average salaries offered by these PSUs is on a par with private sector companies and additionally there is more job security here, so a lot of students are trying to get into the PSUs," said a student from IIT Kharagpur from the batch of 2025.

While PSUs may not be able to displace the banking, consulting, and IT firms as pre-

ferred employers, according to Jhingra, they have emerged as a potential employment option for students graduating from the IITs and other tier-1 institutions looking to start their careers.

Students are looking at a few years down the line than jump at the first good offer, according to the placement head of one of the older NITs. "Money matters but I see students find out where their roles will be few years later, what the research opportunities they will get are, upskilling chances, etc. Some PSUs are offering that."

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Oil Steady Ahead of US Fed's Rate Decision

Reuters

Oil prices traded in a narrow range on Wednesday as investors stayed cautious ahead of a potential interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve and its projections for 2025, while a draw in US crude inventories offered some support. Brent futures rose 42 cents, or 0.57%, to \$73.61 a barrel at 1201 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude climbed 47 cents, or 0.67%, to \$70.55 a barrel.

The Fed is expected to cut rates by a quarter point, but to signal a cautious approach to loosening monetary policy next year.

"A quarter-point cut itself is unlikely to shake markets much. Investors may

focus more on hints and clues on how likely a January pause is, as well as on how many rate cuts policymakers are contemplating throughout 2025," said Charalampos Pissouros, senior investment analyst at brokerage XM. The US central bank will release its policy statement at 1900 GMT, followed by remarks from Chair Jerome Powell.

Lower rates decrease borrowing costs, which can boost economic growth and demand for oil.

"Oil prices ought to see more of a reaction to the crude inventory draw seen in the API data overnight... however, such is the diverting power of central bank rate decisions that investors in all of the trading mediums are taking a very light touch to proceedings"



said John Evans, analyst with oil broker PVM. In the U.S., American Petroleum Institute data on Tuesday showed that crude stocks fell by 4.69 million barrels in the week ended Dec. 13, a source said. Gasoline inventories rose by 2.45 million barrels, and distillate stocks rose by 744,000 barrels, according to the source. Analysts projected U.S. energy firms pulled about 1.6

million barrels of crude from storage during the week ended December 13, according to a Reuters poll.

The US Energy Information Administration will release its oil storage data on Wednesday.

"Trade war fears and uncertainty on how aggressively the U.S. Fed will cut interest rates next year is likely capping the upside for now," UBS analyst Giovanni Staunovo said.

"There is a prevailing narrative that Trump's policies may lead to inflation, which, coupled with concerns about potential interference with the Federal Reserve's autonomy, is causing oil investors to remain cautious," said Priyanka Sachdeva, senior market analyst with Phillip Nova.

INDIA'S CITIES ARE YEARNING TO BREATHE BETTER

IT is a winter of discords, and despair, too, every year for Delhiites. Why it's more in winter? Cold air is denser and moves slower than warm air; thus, it traps pollutants and doesn't whisk it away. In winter, the air quality index (AQI) in Delhi shoots up above 499 at some places, marking a "severe plus" on India's System of Air Quality Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) scale. It is considered "hazardous" as per the US AQI standards. Government takes several measures such as declaring holidays for schools, banning construction for particular periods, installing anti-smog guns, introducing odd-even number system for easing traffic density on roads etc - all to prevent illnesses among the people.

With air pollution levels turning severe plus, the Commission

for Air Quality Management has implemented Stage 4 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), whereby strictest emergency measures kicked in, such as school holidays, construction ban, advising employers to shift 50% of their work online, bar-ring all trucks, and except those carrying essential items, from entering Delhi. Any level above 300 is considered hazardous as per international AQI norms. Many parts of Delhi recorded an AQI of more than 600 last month. Every winter, several factors, including farm waste burning in neighbouring states of Haryana and Punjab, burning of fireworks, construction waste, and increasing vehicles on the roads add up to turn Delhi into a sort of gas chamber.

Last month, the Supreme Court reprimanded the Delhi govern-

ment for letting things go out of control. It even asked the Central government to share real-time satellite data to pinpoint the causes for the pollution spike. A month later, on December 16, the apex court again took stock of the situation. This time, it said it would expand the scope of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) to other areas and states outside the National Capital Region (NCR).

What's more, the highest court of the land noted that the air pollution is a pan-India problem and asked the Central government for a list of highly polluted cities. This should hearten those people suffering in other cities reeling under the adverse impacts of air pollution. The court observation that there is a need for all governments to set up the Commission for Air Qual-

ity Management (CAQM) is highly laudatory. It should make them mandatory across the country, so the lax state governments will act for better air quality monitoring as well as management in troublesome areas.

One wishes fervently that the apex court expands its intervention in the air pollution matter to states across the country, and not merely to those outside the NCR. Pollution not only affects public health, it also takes a toll on economic growth. It causes higher absenteeism in offices, reduces labour productivity, causes spurt in respiratory illnesses, increases healthcare costs, and leads to premature deaths. As construction bans are imposed, lakhs of migrant labour who flock to cities to escape rural distress are deprived of livelihoods, and are forced to lead

miserable lives. Experts reckon that worsening pollution levels could reduce GDP as much as by 3% or \$95 billion. It also scares away prospective investors, or deters expansion in brownfield projects.

Whether or not the Supreme Court prods, or even issues any dictat, the state governments should wake up from their slumber, and set about bringing air quality levels to safe levels. The benefits are enormous in terms of removing negative impact on educational institutions, offices and economic activities such as construction and transport sectors. It should worry all that India's susceptibility of air pollution increases every year, taking a toll on health, or even lives, of millions. The governments should not wait for the Supreme Court to 'clear the air' for the better.

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Pawan Hans will deploy made-in-India Dhruv NG helicopters, manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), to the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

Government-owned helicopter service provider Pawan Hans Ltd has secured a 10-year contract worth over Rs 2,000 crore to supply four Dhruv NG helicopters, manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), to the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), according to news agency PTI

A report by Hindu Businessline suggests the contracts may be worth at least Rs 2,141 crore.

These helicopters will support ONGC's offshore operations, primarily transporting personnel to and from offshore duty locations.

Dhruv NG helicopters debut in offshore ops

This contract, awarded through a global bidding process, will see Pawan Hans deploy Dhruv NG helicopters, the civilian version of HAL's Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk III. The Dhruv NG features advanced technology, including Shakti engines and a civil-certified glass cockpit. These engines are designed for superior performance in challenging environments, while the glass cockpit enhances safety and ease of operation for pilots. Although Dhruv NG helicopters have been operational in civilian services since 2003, this agreement marks their debut in offshore operations, which have traditionally relied on foreign-made helicopters from manufacturers such as Agusta-Leonardo, Airbus/Eurocopter, and Bell.

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The Dhruv series has an impressive operational record, with over 375,000 cumulative flight hours logged by more than 335 units currently in service. The ALH Mk III variant, extensively used by the Indian defence forces, has proven its capabilities in demanding environments. Its civilian counterpart, Dhruv NG, is expected to deliver similar reliability and performance in offshore settings.

ONGC issued the notification of award for the helicopters earlier this year, the report by the Hindu Businessline said. The new helicopters are expected to commence operations in 2025, specifically for crew change services at offshore oil and gas platforms.

Pawan Hans Ltd, under the administrative control of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, is India's largest helicopter company. It operates a fleet of 46 helicopters across various sectors, including oil and gas exploration for companies like ONGC, British Gas, and HOECL.

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State-owned Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) has secured a significant 2,141 crore global contract from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to deploy

four 'Make-in-India' Dhruv NG helicopters for offshore operations. The contract, spanning ten years, marks a milestone for both Pawan Hans and the indigenous Dhruv NG platform, manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

The Dhruv NG is an advanced version of the ALH Mk III (Advance Light Helicopter) currently in service with the Indian Armed Forces. This contract signifies the first time its civilian version will be used for offshore operations. Featuring 'Shakti' engines and a civil-certified glass cockpit, the Dhruv NG brings world-class specifications, promising reliability and cost-effectiveness for offshore missions.

This development strengthens Pawan Hans' position as a leading offshore services provider. Currently operating a fleet of 46 helicopters, the company caters to sectors like oil and gas exploration, VIP transport, and law enforcement. The deal also highlights HAL's efforts in enhancing India's indigenous aviation manufacturing capabilities while supporting Indian MSMEs and local vendors involved in the production ecosystem.

Pawan Hans' focus on modernization is evident, with plans to replace 17 older helicopters and expand its fleet with financial support from the central government. The Dhruv NG helicopters will play a crucial role in boosting offshore operations for ONGC, further showcasing India's growing capability to produce and operate state-of-the-art, indigenous aviation platforms.

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<https://www.cnbctv18.com/business/companies/ge-shipping-attributes-weak-tanker-freight-rates-to-market-fundamentals-19525891.htm>

Mumbai-based GE Shipping Company (Great Eastern Shipping) is grappling with weaker-than-expected tanker freight rates.

Executive Director and CFO G Shivakumar attributed the weaker rates to poor refining margins this year, which have dampened the demand for transporting crude oil and refined products.

Smaller product tanker rates, the 45,000 to 50,000 tonne refined products carriers, are probably down \$10,000-\$15,000 a day from a year ago. Crude tankers haven't suffered as much, probably \$10,000 a day. So we are talking \$25,000 to \$30,000 for product tankers, coming down to maybe \$15,000 a day for the small product tankers, he said.

Shivakumar also noted that the usual seasonal boost to rates during winter has not materialised this year, adding to the pressure.

For Suezmax crude tankers, capable of carrying one million barrels of oil, rates have declined from about \$45,000 per day a year ago to \$30,000-\$35,000 per day currently.

Across segments, tanker freight rates have seen a year-on-year drop of roughly \$10,000 per day.

Talking about the outlook for offshore rigs and their deployment Shivakumar explained that the drilling business is localised and that regional factors, such as the US onshore shale market, may not significantly impact offshore rigs.

The cancellation of a tender for two jack-up rigs deployed with ONGC is also not expected to affect the company's performance in the second half.

Shivakumar explained that one of the rigs, initially bid for the cancelled tender, is now on a short-term contract, providing employment for at least the next four months with options for extension. While this may have implications for the following year, additional tenders are expected, which could mitigate any longer-term impact.

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ONGC owns 49% stake in Pawan Hans. The helicopters ordered are made by HAL in India. Scroll down for more details.

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State-owned helicopter service provider Pawan Hans Ltd has secured a 10-year contract worth over Rs 2,000 crore to supply four advanced helicopters

for Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)'s offshore personnel transportation needs.

This milestone deal, awarded through a competitive global bidding process, represents a significant achievement for India's aviation sector.

Under this agreement, Pawan Hans will deploy four Dhruv NG helicopters, manufactured indigenously by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), to support ONGC's offshore operations.

According to the company, the notification of the award has been issued, and these ultramodern Made-in-India helicopters will begin offshore crew-change services next year.

"The factory new helicopters from HAL would be deployed into offshore service (crew change) next year. The contract, valuing over Rs 2,141 crore, has been awarded for a period of 10 years," Pawan Hans said in a statement.

The Dhruv NG helicopter is the civil variant of HAL's Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk III, which is currently in extensive use by Indian defense forces. Known for its reliability, the military version has a proven track record, with more than 335 helicopters operational worldwide, collectively logging over 375,000 cumulative flight hours.

With a robust fleet of 46 helicopters, Pawan Hans plays a vital role in sectors such as Oil and Gas exploration, law enforcement, paramilitary operations, utility services, and ensuring air connectivity to remote and hilly areas.

The inclusion of these state-of-the-art Dhruv NG helicopters is expected to further strengthen the company's operational capabilities while supporting the government's "Make in India" initiative.

Headline	Mangaluru to host ONGC MRPL International Kite Festival with global participation		
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The ONGC MRPL International Kite Festival is set to take place on January 18 and 19 at Tannirbhavi Beach, with the city preparing for a grand display of kite flying.

Organized by Team Mangalore, a hobby group of kite enthusiasts, in collaboration with the district administration, the festival will feature at least 10 international teams and five national teams, showcasing their impressive kite-flying skills.

To commemorate the event, a vibrant poster designed by artist Dinesh Holla, a member of Team Mangalore, has been unveiled on social media. The artwork, originally created by Holla for an art exhibition in France in 2014, was purchased by a foreign buyer during the exhibition. It has now been repurposed as the official poster for the Mangaluru Kite Festival. Holla explained that the piece depicts a woman in traditional Indian attire, with a kite symbolizing life's journey. The kite's flight reflects life's ups and downs, and the artwork conveys the message of perseverance and focus on one's goals to achieve success.

Holla elaborated that, like a kite soaring against the wind, individuals must rise through hard work and determination, whether they are facing challenges in business or studies. This powerful metaphor aims to inspire the festival's audience.

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The ONGC MRPL International Kite Festival is set to take place on January 18 and 19 at Tannirbhavi Beach, with the city preparing for a grand display of kite flying. Organized by Team Mangalore, a hobby group of kite enthusiasts, in collaboration with the district administration, the festival will feature at least 10 international teams and five national teams, showcasing their impressive kite-flying skills.

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India's state-owned Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has started the search for a key drilling contractor to drill four stratigraphic offshore wells, including in shallow and ultra-deepwater areas within the nation's sedimentary basins.

India's Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas is spending heavily on speculative seismic surveys and exploration activities across several basins and has tasked state-owned operators ONGC and Oil India (OIL) to carry out exploration work.

ONGC recently floated expressions of interest (EoIs) for drilling up to four stratigraphic wells on behalf of the ministry, two people familiar with the development told Upstream.

Headline	Rs 15K Sq Km of Mahanadi Onshore Basin Being Scouted For Oil, Natural Gas		
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Oil India Limited is exploring around 15,000 sq km area on Mahanadi onshore basin to look for oil and natural gas. Speaking at an event here on Monday, Oil India chairman and managing director (CMD) Ranjit Rath said the exploration work is underway at the Mahanadi onshore basin and Odisha has the likelihood to immensely benefit out of it. Oil India also has other huge investments going on in the state, he added. This apart, Rath said they are also laying the longest crude oil pipeline in the country of which 200 km will pass through Odisha. "We are laying the pipeline as part of the proposed expansion of the Numaligarh refinery from its existing capacity of 3 million tonne to 9 million tonne. Accordingly a pipeline is being laid from Paradip to Numaligarh. Once it is commissioned, it will be the longest crude oil pipeline and 200 km of it will pass through Odisha," Rath said adding, a tank farm is also being built in Paradip for the purpose. Stating that natural gas at present contributes to around seven per cent of India's primary energy needs, the Oil India CMD said it will increase over time. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a vision to raise the share of natural gas in energy mix in the country to 15 per cent by 2030. Apart from natural gas, biogas generated from municipal waste and agricultural residues will also play an important role in achieving the target," he said.