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**पेट्रोल-डीजल के दाम
दूसरे दिन भी बढ़े**



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₹ 81.38	₹ 70.88
▲ 15 पैसे	▲ 20 पैसे

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लगातार दूसरे दिन बढ़े पेट्रोल, डीजल के दाम

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refining capacity, quadruple natural gas usage: PM

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AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 21

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi said Saturday efforts were on to double India's oil refining capacity in the next five years and multiply the usage of natural gas by four folds in this decade.

The Prime Minister, who was addressing the 8th convocation ceremony of Gandhinagar-based Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDU) via video-conference, said the country was also moving forward to reduce its carbon footprint by 30 to 35 per cent.

A total of 2,600 students received their degree certificates during the convocation ceremony.

During his address, Modi recalled his experience of battling "pre-conceived notions" as the former chief minister of Gujarat. He told the students how he had helped to separate feeders supplying electricity to domestic and agriculture consumers, and thus ensured round-the-clock and efficient power supply. "This experiment changed the mindset of all our officers at that point in time... If I had stuck to the preconceived notions, this would not have become a possibility. I

had a clean slate and I used to think in a new way," he said.

Under him, the PM said, the Gujarat government had "gambled" with solar power and purchased it at Rs 12-13 per unit even when thermal power was available at Rs 2.50 to Rs 3 per unit.

"You (students) all know of today's fashion to create a ruckus and find fault in small matters. I used to face a lot of problems then (as Gujarat CM). The issue came before me

about power producers selling at (thermal power) Rs 2-3 per unit and (solar power) Rs 12-13 per unit. I was confronted with a moment where I had to worry about my reputation or worry about my future generations. I knew that this type of decision will be blown up by the media and will invite charges of corruption. But I had a clean heart. I genuinely believed that we had to do something to change our lifestyles. Finally, we decided to go for solar energy. And we made this decision with honesty, did it for a bright future with a vision. Solar plants began in Gujarat and in large numbers," Modi said.

Solar energy, the PM added, has now become "a movement in the country" and the cost of solar power has "dropped below Rs 2 per unit". "Keeping in mind our energy needs, it is our endeavour to increase the proportion of natural gas by four times in this decade alone. In the next five years, efforts are being made to double the country's oil refining capacity. I told the graduating students that they were entering the energy sector at an "opportune time".

"Today, there are unlimited opportunities in the energy sector in India. You (students) all have reached this sector at the right time. In this decade, in just the oil and gas sector, there will be crores of investment... there are ample opportunities, from research to manufacturing," the PM said.

During his virtual address, the PM also urged students to become the soldiers of "Atmanirbhar Bharat". "Today's India is passing through a big phase of transition... Think about what a golden period you are in," he said.

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ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 21

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Country to increase natural gas use by 4-fold in decade: Modi

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Maintaining that India was moving forward with the goal of reducing its carbon footprint by 30 to 35 per cent, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that efforts are on to increase the use of natural gas by four times in this decade and to double the oil refining capacity in the next five years.

He said this while addressing the eighth convocation of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) via video conference.

"Today, the country is moving forward with the goal of reducing its carbon footprint by 30 to 35 per cent. When I told this to the world, it expressed surprise and wondered if India could achieve this," he said.

"Our effort is to increase the share of natural gas in our energy needs by four times in this decade. Work is also on to nearly double the oil refining capacity in the coming five years," he added.

He also expressed confidence that the country will achieve its renewable energy generation target "before time".

"Today, per unit cost (of solar power) has come down to less than ₹2 from ₹12-13 earlier. Today, solar power has become the country's priority. We have made a commitment to generate 175 gigawatt renewable energy and I am confident that we will achieve this before 2022," he said.

"Also, our renewable energy target of 450 gigawatt by 2030, a big aim, will be achieved before time...I am confident of that," he said.

Modi said that the oil and gas sector will see an investment of crores of rupees in this decade, which will create opportunities for the graduating students of the university in the fields of research, manufacturing and others.



He also said that work is underway to strengthen the start-ups ecosystem related to the energy security sector, and a special fund has been allocated for the purpose.

"If you have any idea, product or any concept which you want to incubate, then this fund will be a good opportunity for you, and a gift from the government," he said.

The PM said that despite the hardships caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the graduating students should remember that their strength and capacities are much bigger than the challenges, and asked them not to lose confidence.

He asked the students to recall the period of the country's Independence movement and how people sacrificed their lives for it. He asked them to similarly become a soldier for "Aatmanirbhar Bharat".

"There is a lot to do for the country, but your commitment, your aim should not be fragmented. You see that only they become successful in life who do something with a sense of responsibility...Failures are those who live with a sense of burden. The youth of the 21st century should go ahead with

a clean slate. The concept that "nothing will change" will have to be cleaned..." he said.

The PM asked the students to take sustained efforts as it will bring about positive results.

He said the "Clean India" programme was an example of this, and said small efforts of crores of people turned it into a movement.

During his address, he also recalled how his decision to segregate domestic and agriculture feeders made it possible for the households to get 24-hour electricity in Gujarat.

Modi inaugurated five state-of-the-art facilities to mark the eighth convocation of the PDPU.

The facilities he unveiled at the university are a 45 -MW production of monocrystalline solar photovoltaic panel, a tech business incubator, a sports complex, and a Translational Research Centre at the PDPU, as well as an Indo-EU bilateral project under Horizon 2020 "India-h2o" for industrial waste and desalination.

Modi also suggested the state government to change the name of the Petroleum University to Energy University.

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