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# डीजल 13 पैसे सस्ता हुआ

**नई दिल्ली।** पेट्रोल की कीमत शनिवार को लगातार चौथे दिन स्थिर रही जबकि डीजल 13 पैसे सस्ता हुआ। देश की सबसे बड़ी तेल विपणन कंपनी इंडियन ऑयल कॉरपोरेशन के अनुसार, राष्ट्रीय राजधानी दिल्ली में पेट्रोल का मूल्य 82.08 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर स्थिर रहा।

कोलकाता, मुंबई और चेन्नई में भी इसकी कीमत क्रमशः 83.57 रुपये, 88.73 रुपये और 85.04 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर टिकी रही। डीजल इन चारों महानगरों में 13-13 पैसे सस्ता हुआ। दिल्ली में एक लीटर डीजल की कीमत 73.27 रुपये हो गई।

## बीपीसीएल के संभावित निवेशकों को और राहत

नई दिल्ली, आइएनएस: सरकार ने भारत पेट्रोलियम कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड (बीपीसीएल) के लिए संभावित बोलीकर्ताओं को और राहत दी है। इसके तहत सरकार ने बोली जीतने वाले निवेशक को यह छूट देने का फैसला किया है कि वह शेयर खरीद करार से पहले तक अपनी कॉरपोरेट इकाई में कभी भी बदलाव कर सकता है। इसका मतलब यह है कि बीपीसीएल के निवेशक को यह छूट होगी कि जिस स्पेशल परपस व्हीकल (एसपीवी) के माध्यम से उसने बोली जीती है, उसमें वह निवेशकों की संख्या बढ़ा सकता है। सरकार बीपीसीएल में पूरी 52.98 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी बेचने की प्रक्रिया में है।

जानकारों के मुताबिक यह ऐसी छूट है, जिससे अधिक से अधिक निवेशक बोली में शिरकत कर सकते हैं। यह छूट उन निवेशकों में भी नए विश्वास का संचार करेगी, जिन्हें

### कर्मचारियों को स्टॉक ऑप्शन देगी बीपीसीएल

नई दिल्ली, प्रेटर: सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनी भारत पेट्रोलियम कॉरपोरेशन लि. (बीपीसीएल) ने अपने कर्मचारियों को स्टॉक लेने का विकल्प दिया है। कंपनी ने निजीकरण से पहले अपने कर्मचारियों को पुरस्कृत करने के लिए यह कदम उठाया है। ये शेयर बाजार भाव के मुकाबले तिहाई दाम पर दिए जाएंगे। शेयर बाजारों को दी सूचना में कंपनी ने कहा कि उसके निदेशक बोर्ड की शुरुवार को हुई बैठक में प्रस्तावित कर्मचारी शेयर खरीद योजना (ईएसपीएस) को मंजूरी दी गई। इसके लिए शेयरधारकों से मंजूरी

ली जाएगी। कंपनी के निदेशक बोर्ड के सदस्य भी इस योजना का लाभ उठा सकते हैं हालांकि, बीपीसीएल ने इसका पूरा ब्योरा नहीं दिया है, लेकिन मामले से जुड़े एक सूत्र ने कहा कि 'बीपीसीएल ट्रस्ट फॉर इन्वेस्टमेंट इन शेयर्स' के पास कंपनी की 9.33 प्रतिशत पेड-अप कैपिटल हिस्सेदारी है। इसमें से दो प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी की पेशकश कर्मचारियों को पिछले छह माह के औसत दाम के एक-तिहाई मूल्य पर की जाएगी। हालांकि इससे कंपनी में सरकार की शेयरधारिता में कोई बदलाव नहीं होगा।

लगता है कि बीपीसीएल में सरकार की हिस्सेदारी खरीदने के लिए कंसोर्टियम के माध्यम से ही बोली लगाना बेहतर उपाय है। नई छूट से कंसोर्टियम को यह सुविधा मिल

जाएगी कि वह बोली जीतने के बाद भी शेयर खरीद करार से पहले-पहले तक उसमें व निवेशकों को शामिल कर सकता है। कोविड-19 के चलते बीपीसीएल के लिए बोली लगाने की

अवधि को चार बार विस्तार दिया जा चुका है। यह अवधि इस महीने की आखिरी तारीख को खत्म हो रही है।

निवेश व लोक संपत्ति प्रबंधन विभाग (दीपम) ने जो नवीनतम संशोधन जारी किए हैं, उसके मुताबिक एक्सप्रेसन ऑफ इंट्रेस्ट (ईओआइ) प्रक्रिया में योग्य पाया जाने वाला बोलीकर्ता अगर अगले चरण में कोई कंसोर्टियम बनाना चाहे, तो वह ऐसा कर सकता है। लेकिन इसके लिए उसे 45 दिनों के भीतर कंसोर्टियम बनानी होगी और उसका सबसे बड़ा साझेदार वही बोलीकर्ता होगा। कंसोर्टियम में उसकी हिस्सेदारी भी करीब 40 प्रतिशत होगी। लेकिन यह कंसोर्टियम ईओआइ में सफल घोषित दो आवेदक मिलकर नहीं बना सकते हैं। उसी तरह, ईओआइ में सफल घोषित दो कंसोर्टियम को भी मिलकर आगे जाने की इजाजत नहीं होगी।

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## Suspected gas pipeline blast kills at least 17 at B'desh mosque

**Dhaka:** A suspected gas pipeline explosion at a mosque in Bangladesh killed 17 people, including a child, and injured dozens as worshippers were about to end their prayers, officials said on Saturday.

The blast, which fire service officials suspect was caused by a leak from a gas pipeline, occurred on Friday night at a mosque in Narayanganj district. At least 37 people were rushed to Dhaka's specialist burn and plastic-surgery hospital, most of them with severe burns, doctors said. "We suspect that gas leaked from the

pipeline and accumulated inside since the windows were closed. The explosion was probably triggered due to sparks when the air conditioners were turned on," said Abdullah Al Arefin, a senior fire service official. Authorities have launched a probe. **REUTERS**



## ON FIRE, OIL TANKER TOWED TO SAFETY

A ship carrying 2.7 lakh metric tonnes of crude oil from Kuwait to India, which caught fire off the Sri Lankan coast, was towed to safe waters while firefighting continues, Defence authorities said in Chennai on Saturday. "Indian Coast Guard and Sri Lankan ships and aircraft, along with tug ALP Winger, successfully towed MT New Diamond more than 35 NM [nautical miles] away from Sri Lanka coast to safe waters. No oil spill has so far been reported," a Defence release said. *Reuters*

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# BPCL to offer stock options to employees

## OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NEW DELHI:** State-owned Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) has offered its employees stock options at one-third of the market price as the company looks to reward staff ahead of its privatisation.

The board of BPCL on Friday "approved the proposed Employee Stock Purchase Scheme (ESPS) to the specified employees through the trust mechanism, subject to the approval of the shareholders", the company said in a regulatory filing.

While BPCL did not give details, a source with direct knowledge of the development said 'BPCL Trust for Investment in Shares' holds around 9.33 per cent stake of the company's paid-up share capital.

Of this, 2 per cent will be offered to employees at one-third the price of BPCL scrip in the preceding six months, he said.

There will be no change in government's shareholding in the company.

The government is selling all of its 52.98 per cent stake in BPCL to a strategic investor. Expression of Interest (EoI) for the privatisation is due on September 30.



"The Trust formed for the purpose shall purchase the aforesaid shares from the 'BPCL Trust for Investment in Shares' by way of secondary acquisition through the stock exchanges as per the SEBI (Share Based Employee Benefits) Regulations, 2014 and other applicable laws," the company said in the regulatory filing.

The source said the number of shares to be offered under the ESPS will depend on the grade of the employee and even directors on the company board would be eligible for the offer.

There will be a one-year lock-in period for the shares that employees buy under ESPS, he added.

BPCL, he said, has not yet decided on what to do with the residual 7.33 per cent stake held by the Trust. 'BPCL Trust for Investment in Shares'

is an independent entity, of which the company BPCL is a beneficiary.

ESPS will be executed in strict compliance of the SEBI norms, the person said adding BPCL will seek shareholders' approval for the scheme at its upcoming annual general meeting (AGM) later this month. After shareholders approve, BPCL will make a former offer to employees.

BPCL closed at Rs 403.40 per share on the BSE on Friday.

Last month, it offered a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) to some of its employees as part of the planned privatisation.

About 1,200 employees are likely to be given VRS, the source said.

BPCL stake sale is crucial to meeting government's record Rs 2.1 lakh crore divestment target for the current fiscal.

## Tanker fire under control



Tug boats and ships battle the fire on MT New Diamond in the Indian Ocean, on Saturday. The fire on the large oil tanker off Sri Lankas coast has been brought under control but is still not extinguished, the navy said on Saturday. The tanker, carrying nearly 2 million barrels of crude oil, was drifting about 20 nautical miles (37 kilometers) from Sri Lankas eastern coast and on Friday evening a tug boat towed it to the deep sea away from land, said navy spokesman Capt. Indika de Silva.

— AP

# Diesel prices now falling, petrol steady



NEW DELHI, 5 SEPTEMBER

The auto fuel seems to have switched sides over revision in rates with diesel prices now beginning to fall while petrol holding steady. The oil marketing companies (OMCs) on Saturday reduced the pump price of diesel across the country, the second such downward revision this week. In the national capital, diesel prices have fallen by 13 paise per litre on Saturday, bringing down the transport fuel price to Rs 73.27 a litre. The price of diesel also fell on Thursday by 16 paise per litre. While diesel prices have fallen, OMCs have kept the petrol prices steady.

The fuel prices have remained at the same level so far this month. But petrol prices have been rising regularly since August 16, when it stood at Rs 80.57 a litre in Delhi.

The price of fuel may remain steady or fall in coming days as global crude prices have shown some indication of softening over expectation of a prolonged demand squeeze over Covid-19 disruptions.

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# Pradhan asks Odisha CM to expedite tourism project

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Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan requested CM Naveen Patnaik to intervene and expedite submission of a proposal for development of Mahendragiri hills in Gajapati district of Odisha under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the central government.

Pradhan has all along refrained from criticising the BJD government in the state while permitting the state BJP to do so.

On his part, he continues to focus on developmental issues alone.

The ruling BJD in the state has also been countering the 'Odisha BJP' making a clear distinction between the BJP central leadership and its Odisha unit.

In his letter to the CM,

**Pradhan has all along refrained from criticising the BJD government in the state while permitting the state BJP to do so. On his part, he continues to focus on developmental issues alone.**

Pradhan said the Ministry of Tourism and Culture has identified various sites in Odisha for development of tourism facilities under the SDS and Mahendragiri is one such site under the Ramayan Circuit.

The other sites are Puri under the Krishna Circuit and the Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara as Coastal Circuit.

He noted that over Rs 70 crore had been sanctioned by

the centre for the Coastal Circuit in 2016-17.

The Union Tourism Ministry had requested the Odisha government to submit a proposal for the Ramayan Circuit and has not received the proposal as yet, he said.

Mahendragiri, part of the Eastern Ghats, has a huge potential as it is at an altitude of over 1500 meters and historic in the sense that it is linked to the epic Ramayan. The belief is that Parashuram stays there eternally and meditates. There are several temples said to have been built by the Pandavas.

Huge gatherings take place with devotees from within and outside the state during Shivaratri, stated Pradhan while requesting the CM to personally intervene in speeding up matters.