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# लगातार तीसरे दिन बढ़े पेट्रोल के दाम

**नई दिल्ली।** पेट्रोल की कीमतों में लगातार तीसरे दिन वृद्धि हुई दिल्ली में पेट्रोल का मूल्य 16 पैसे बढ़कर 81.35 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर पहुंच गया जो 22 अक्टूबर 2018 के बाद का उच्चतम स्तर है। हालांकि, डीजल की कीमत लगातार 22वें दिन स्थिर रही।

## ट्रिब्यूनल ने ग्रीन ईंधन मुहिम के तहत बांस से एथनॉल बनाने की परियोजना को पर्यावरण मंजूरी के फैसले को सही ठहराया प्रदूषण को कम करने के लिए बांस से बनेगा ग्रीन ईंधन

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पेट्रोल और डीजल से होने वाले प्रदूषण के मद्देनजर सरकार लगातार बायो और ग्रीन ईंधन का विकल्प तलाशने में जुटी है। ऐसे में अब बांस से ग्रीन ईंधन बनाने का सपना साकार होता दिख रहा है।

नेशनल ग्रीन ट्रिब्यूनल ने बांस आधारित एथनॉल परियोजना को हरी झंडी दे दी है। ट्रिब्यूनल ने केंद्रीय वन एवं पर्यावरण और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय द्वारा असम के गोलाघाट में ग्रीन ईंधन मुहिम के

### पानी की खपत कम होगी

एनजीटी ने याचिकाकर्ता के उस दलील को भी सिरे से ठुकरा दिया जिसमें कहा गया था कि इससे वायु प्रदूषण बढ़ने के साथ ही पानी का ज्यादा खपत होगा। इससे भविष्य में लोगों को पानी की कमी होगी। पीठ ने विशेषज्ञ समिति की रिपोर्ट और पर्यावरण प्रभाव आंकलन रिपोर्ट का हवाला देते हुए फैसले में कहा है कि इससे वायु प्रदूषण नहीं होगा। साथ ही कहा है कि इससे पानी का अतिरिक्त खपत नहीं होगा। साथ ही कहा है कि मंत्रालय ने पर्यावरण मंजूरी देने वक्त इन पहलुओं को ध्यान में रखा है।



तहत बांस से एथनॉल बनाने की परियोजना को पर्यावरण मंजूरी (ईसी) देने के फैसले को सही

ठहराया है। एनजीटी प्रमुख जस्टिस ए.के. गोयल की अगुवाई वाली पीठ ने परियोजना को दी गई पर्यावरण

मंजूरी को चुनौती देने वाली याचिका को खारिज कर दिया। पीठ ने विशेषज्ञ समिति, सरकार और परियोजना लगाने वाली कंपनी की दलीलों को स्वीकार करते हुए अपने फैसले में कहा है कि इससे प्रदूषण नहीं फैलेगा। ट्रिब्यूनल ने कहा है कि यह परियोजना पेट्रोल डीजल के विकल्प के तौर पर ग्रीन ईंधन का उत्पादन करेगा, जो प्रदूषण को नियंत्रित करने में सहायक हो सकता है।

**सरकार से मंजूरी लेनी जरूरी:** ट्रिब्यूनल ने याचिकाकर्ता की उस मांग

को सिरे से ठुकरा दिया जिसमें कहा गया था कि इस परियोजना का निर्माण वर्ष 1996 में जारी अधिसूचना की अनदेखी कर 'नो डेवलप जोन' में किया जा रहा है और इससे बड़े पैमाने पर प्रदूषण फैलेगा।

पीठ ने फिलहाल इस मामले पर कहा है कि उक्त अधिसूचना में औद्योगिक विस्तार को पूरी तरह से प्रतिबंधित नहीं करता है। साथ ही कहा है कि अधिसूचना में सिर्फ सरकार से प्रदूषण नियंत्रण और यातायाज जाम की स्थिति को नियंत्रित करने के लिए सरकार से मंजूरी लेनी जरूरी है।

## OIL posts ₹249-cr loss

**OIL INDIA, THE** nation's second-largest state oil and gas producer, logged second quarterly loss in its history in April-June after crude oil prices slumped to lower than cost of production. OIL had a net loss of ₹248.61 crore in first quarter of 2020-21 fiscal as compared to a net profit of ₹624.80 crore in the same period of the previous financial year. "We had a quarterly loss in 2018-19 fiscal," OIL director-finance Harish Madhav said on Saturday. The loss was primarily due to price realised for oil the company produced dropped to \$30.43/barrel in the June quarter as compared to \$66.33 a barrel a year back, he said. —PTI

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# OMCs, sugar mills, banks to set up escrow account to pay for ethanol procurement

**NEW DELHI:** Sugar mills, oil marketing companies (OMCs) and banks are willing to enter into an agreement to create an escrow account for payment of ethanol procurement, a move that will enable sugar factories to avail soft loans for setting up distilleries, the food ministry said on Saturday.

Banks could now consider giving loans to even those sugar mills that have weak balance sheets for setting up new distilleries or expanding the existing facilities to manufacture ethanol.

A meeting co-chaired by Secretary (Food & Public Distribution), Secretary (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and Secretary (Department of Financial Services), was held on Friday with the representatives of leading banks, OMCs, Cane Commissioners of major

sugar-producing states and sugar industry bodies to discuss ways to boost ethanol supply.

“It was agreed that as producers of ethanol (sugar mills), buyers of ethanol (OMCs) and the lenders (banks) are willing to enter into a tripartite agreement about producing, buying and paying for the ethanol through an escrow account etc., the banks can consider giving loans to sugar mills even with weak balance sheets,” an official statement said.

This would facilitate mills to avail loans from banks to set up new distilleries or to expand the existing ones, it added.

The move would lead to enhancement of the overall distillation capacity in the country and also help in achieving the blending target of 10 per cent by 2022 under the Eth-

anol Blended with Petrol programme.

To achieve blending targets, the Centre is encouraging sugar mills and molasses-based standalone distilleries to enhance their ethanol distillation capacity.

Soft loans of about Rs 18,600 crore are being extended through banks to 362 projects of 600 crore litre capacity. An interest subvention of about Rs 4,045 crore for five years is being borne by the government.

“So far, loans have been sanctioned to 64 project proponents & completion of these projects would increase ethanol distillation capacity by 165 crore litre in another two years. Thus the ethanol distillation capacity in the country would increase from 426 crore ltrs per annum to about 590 crore ltrs

per annum by 2022,” the statement said.

During 2018-19 marketing year, about 189 crore litre of ethanol was supplied by sugar mills and grain based distilleries to OMCs, thus achieving 5 per cent blending target.

In the current 2019-20 marketing year, efforts are being made to supply 190-200 crore litre of ethanol for blending with petrol to achieve 5.6 per cent blending.

The Centre has set 10 per cent blending target for mixing ethanol with petrol by 2022 and 20 per cent blending target by 2030.

It was assured by the states and industry that efforts would be made to increase supply of ethanol in the current as well as in ensuing ethanol supply years, the statement said. PFI



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# Aramco continues to explore its India investment plan

**NEW DELHI:** World's largest oil company Aramco remains committed on its investment plan in India, including a \$15 billion deal with Reliance Industries, even though COVID-19 pandemic has made life difficult for oil companies with suppressed demand and falling oil prices and wide scale erosion in valuations.

Aramco said that it remains interested in all its Indian investment plan and will give appropriate updates soon. This would include proposed \$15 billion investment in RIL's refinery and chemicals business.

Doubts were raised about investment plan of Saudi



Aramco after the oil giant reported a 50 per cent fall in net income for the first half of its financial year, reflecting a devastating year for oil markets and the global economy at large as the world continues to battle the coronavirus pandemic.

"Aramco continues to explore potential growth opportunities in Asia including India," the company said in an e-mail

reply.

"We are still engaging in discussions with Reliance Industries and will make appropriate updates as and when necessary," it added.

Apart from the Reliance deal, Saudi Aramco has expressed its desire to participate in several other ventures in India, the world's third biggest oil consumer.

There have been government-to-government discussions for Aramco to pick up entire government's stake in state-run refiner Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. This would give the Saudi entity presence in vast Indian retail market

with huge potential for growth.

Indian government is also looking at Aramco's investment in \$60 billion oil refinery proposed in Maharashtra as well get its investment oil marketing and retailing in the country. The oil giant is also exploring options to put some of its oil in India's strategic oil reserve.

Despite the concerns for the oil market, analysts have said Aramco was better prepared to weather market volatility, owing to its size and scale, its low cost of production and solid free cash flow generation in a weak oil price environment. This is good news for its investment plan for Asia.

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The loss was primarily due to price realised for oil the company produced dropped to \$30.43 per barrel in the June quarter as compared to \$66.33 a barrel price realised a year back, he said. "Our cost of production is around \$32-33 per barrel and a drop in price was the primary reason for the loss in Q1," he said.

OIL produced 0.75 million tonnes of crude oil in April-June, down marginally from 0.81 million tonnes a year back. Natural gas output too was marginally lower at 0.68 billion cubic metres (bcm) from 0.71 bcm in Q1 2019-20.

He said natural gas price realisation during Q1 FY21 reduced to \$2.39 per metric million British thermal unit (mmBtu) from \$3.23 in the previous quarter.

OIL's cost of production for natural gas is around \$2.3 per mmBtu.

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