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पेट्रोल 51 व डीजल 61 पैसे महंगा



पेट्रोल

₹ 78.88

डीजल

₹ 78.37

नई दिल्ली। पेट्रोल 51 पैसे, डीजल 61 पैसे प्रति लीटर महंगा हो गया। दो हफ्ते में पेट्रोल 7.62 रुपये, डीजल 8.28 रुपये महंगा हो चका है।

डीजल का दाम रिकॉर्ड ऊंचाई पर

नई दिल्ली, पेट्र : लगातार 14 दिनों तक चढ़ने के बाद डीजल का दाम रिकॉर्ड ऊंचाई पर पहुंच गया है। शनिवार को 61 पैसे के इजाफे के साथ दिल्ली में यह 77.67 रुपये प्रति लीटर के हिसाब से बिका। वहीं लगातार दो सप्ताह की बढ़ोतरी के बाद पेट्रोल का भाव भी दो वर्षों के उच्च स्तर पर पहुंच गया है। शनिवार को पेट्रोल के दाम में 51 पैसे की तेजी दर्ज की गई। दिल्ली के पेट्रोल पंपों पर यह 78.88 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर बिका।

पिछले दो सप्ताह के दौरान डीजल के दाम में 8.28 और पेट्रोल में 7.62 रुपये का इजाफा हो चुका है। देश के सभी हिस्सों में पेट्रोल-डीजल के दाम एक साथ बढ़े हैं। लेकिन वैट जैसे स्वामीय करों के चलते अलग-अलग राज्यों में इनके भाव में अंतर है। गौरतलब है कि 82 दिनों तक पेट्रोल-डीजल के भाव की समीक्षा रुकने के बाद इसी महीने की सात तारीख से तेल कंपनियों ने प्रतिदिन के आधार पर कीमत निर्धारण शुरू किया था।

इससे पहले चार अक्टूबर, 2018 को दिल्ली में पेट्रोल 84 रुपये प्रति लीटर के हिसाब से बिका था। पिछली बार वर्ष 2018 में जब पेट्रोल-डीजल के दाम आसमान चढ़े थे, तब सरकार ने इस पर उत्पाद शुल्क में 1.50 रुपये प्रति लीटर की कटौती की गई थी।

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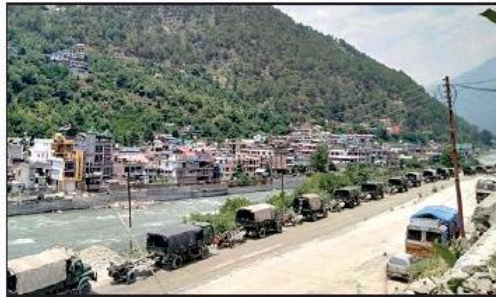
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New Delhi: State-run oil companies are rushing additional fuel supplies to Ladakh and have tanked up storage depots in the northern region to meet increased demand from the defence forces, deployed in large numbers as the border stand-off with China in the Galwan Valley and Pangong lake in the Union territory continues. The oil companies have also deployed aviation bowsers in several locations, essentially for easy refuelling of helicopters being used extensively by the forces. Jet fuel stocks have also been beefed up as the air force has moved fighter aircraft to forward locations.

Transporters said more than 100 tankers are leaving daily from IndianOil's Jammu, Jalandhar and Sangrur storage terminals carrying diesel, jet fuel, kerosene and petrol to Kargil, Leh and other forward areas. Tankers are also being sent from Hindustan Petroleum's refinery in Punjab's Bhatinda.



Army trucks on the Manali-Leh highway in Kullu on Saturday

The despatches are 10-12% more than the number of tankers loaded daily for the annual exercise of building stockpiles in Kargil and Leh, which began in April. These stockpiles keep life from freezing over in Ladakh during the long and harsh winters, lasting up to eight months, when walls of snow snap road links with the rest of the country.

As reported by TOI on April 7, the oil companies had a target of moving a total of 1,50,000 kilo litres of liquid fuels and 3,300 tonne of LPG this year for both ci-

villian consumption and defence forces. Oil company sources said because of the border situation they are trying to "maximise" tanker despatches before the onset of monsoon, which disrupts traffic on the main Jammu-Srinagar-Kargil-Leh and Manali-Leh routes used for sending supplies to Ladakh.

The sources said Leh and Kargil depot already had spillover stocks from last year. Muted civilian demand in the absence of tourist flow due to the coronavirus pandemic is also helping boost supplies for the forces.

Diesel prices hits record high, rates hiked for 14 th day in a row	Financial Express	16	PTI	Neutral
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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 20

DIESEL PRICE ON Saturday hit a record high after rates were hiked by 61 paise per litre while petrol price was up 51 paise, taking the cumulative increase in rates in two weeks to ₹8.28 and ₹7.62 respectively. Petrol price in Delhi was hiked to ₹78.88 per litre from ₹78.37, while diesel rates were increased to ₹77.67 a litre from ₹77.06, according to a price notification of state oil marketing companies.

Rates have been increased across the country and vary from state to state depending on the incidence of local sales tax or VAT. The 14th daily increase in rates since oil companies on June 7 restarted revising prices in line with costs after ending an 82-day hiatus in rate revision, has taken diesel prices to new high. Petrol price too is at a two-year high. Prior to the current rally, diesel rate had touched a peak of ₹75.69 per litre in Delhi on October 16, 2018. The highest-ever petrol price was on October 4, 2018, when rates soared to ₹84 a litre in Delhi.

When rates had peaked in October 2018, the government had cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by ₹1.50 per litre each. State-owned oil companies were asked to absorb another ₹1 a litre to help cut retail rates by ₹2.50 a litre.

Oil companies had quickly recouped the ₹1 and the government in July 2019 raised excise duty by ₹2 a litre.

The 82-day freeze in rates this year was imposed in mid-March soon after the government hiked excise duty on petrol and diesel to shore up additional finances. The government on March 14 hiked excise duty on petrol and diesel by ₹3 per litre each and then again on May 5 by a record ₹10 per litre in case of petrol and ₹13 on diesel.

Assam pollution board tells OIL to shutter ops at Baghjan

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GUWAHATI, JUNE 20

ASSAM'S POLLUTION watchdog has told Oil India Ltd (OIL) to shut down production and drilling at all installations in Upper Assam's Baghjan oilfield after discovering that the company had allegedly started operations "without obtaining prior consent to establish/consent to operate" from it. OIL's set-up in Baghjan, where a well has been burning for days after a blowout, is said to have been functioning since 2003.

The closure notice, sent by Pollution Control Board, Assam (PBCA) to the CEO of OIL, also cited a number of alleged environmental transgressions by the PSU.

The ecological disaster at



The Baghjan fire. File

Baghjan in Tinsuika district was precipitated by the blowout at well number 5, reported on May 27. On June 9, the well—located close to the Dibru-Saikhowa national park—caught fire, leading to the deaths of two OIL firefighters.

Around 11,000 people from the surrounding villages are now

in relief camps.

Y Suryanarayana, PCBA Chairman, said: "We had (on June 10) issued a show cause notice to OIL. They had asked us for an extension of time to reply. But we issued the closure notice after a week. The notice applies to all wells in Baghjan, he said.

As per the closure notice from PCBA — issued on June 19 — OIL has been operating the Baghjan oil field installation "without obtaining prior consent to establish/consent to operate from Pollution Control Board Assam, which is a serious violation of the provisions of the Water Act, 1974, Air Act, 1981 as well as Environment Protection Act, 1986".

An official from OIL, requesting anonymity, said that it will seek legal recourse on the matter.

OPEC+cut boosts oil	Indian Express	11	Bureau	Neutral
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CRUDE WATCH

OPEC+ CUT BOOSTS OIL

New York: Oil prices rose Friday but pulled back sharply from early highs on concerns that continued spread of the novel coronavirus could stall the US' economic rebound. Brent crude settled up 68 cents a barrel at \$42.19. US crude settled at \$39.75, up 91 cents. **REUTERS**

Diesel hits record high

New Delhi: Diesel price on Saturday hit a record high after rates were hiked by 61 paise per litre, while petrol price was raised by 51 paise.

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Pradhan urges industry to use domestically produced steel	Millennium Post	8	Bureau	Positive
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MUMBAI: Union Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday urged all stakeholders of the sector to come together to ensure that industries use only domestically produced steel.

In the last few quarters, domestic demand for steel has declined due to the economic slowdown followed by the COVID-19 outbreak and resultant shutdowns.

"Unless all the stakeholders including the mining industry, the processing industry, the furnace associations, the secondary steel sector or the integrated steel plants, come together, it will be difficult to take steel to another level," Pradhan said.

He was addressing a virtual summit organised by Hyve India along with other steel industry associations.

The minister further said there are many sectors which still do not use domestically produced steel due to various reasons.

"Demand for steel in the domestic market is very low, and we will take up all the programmes that will boost the sector.

"Since Independence, during the last six years, a majority of the reforms have been undertaken by the government to make the raw materials available for the sector. We all should work towards fulfilling our needs with steel completely made in India," Pradhan added.

Last month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had urged the country to go 'vocal for local' and use the coronavirus crisis to make India self-reliant. **PII**

Over 7,600 MT crude output lost to Assam blockades: OIL

GUWAHATI: The state-owned Oil India Ltd (OIL) has lost production of over 7,627 MT of crude oil from 33 wells and around 10 MMSCMD of natural gas from five gas wells due to blockades by protesters in two districts of Assam, an OIL official said on Saturday.

The senior official said that as experts from the USA and Canada associated with Singapore-based M/S ALERT, firefighters, NDRF and engineers intensified efforts to douse the oil well fire in eastern Assam's Tinsukia district on the 12th day on Saturday, local people and various students organisations had forced OIL to stop its operations at many drilling locations and nine work-over locations in Tinsukia and Dibrugarh

districts.

The agitators are blocking roads and obstructed oil and gas production for the past many days to demand higher compensation for the affected and holding OIL responsible for the mishap. The OIL has so far provided Rs 30,000 to each of the affected families. Locals said the fire had left a trail of devastation in the adjoining areas, including a famous lake. Farms with standing crops as well as ponds and wetlands in the adjoining villages have also been affected.

Meanwhile, the Assam government on Friday extended the enforcement of the Essential Services Maintenance (Assam) Act, 1980 for another six months to prohibit strikes and agitations by employees, workers

and technical personnel in the oil and gas sectors.

"Any service in any oil field or refinery of any establishment or undertaking dealing with the production, supply of petroleum products including natural gas, would fall under the purview of the ESMA," an Assam government official said in Guwahati on Saturday. Meanwhile, an OIL official said that a detailed plan has been drawn up with the help of Indian and foreign experts to control the flow of gas from the burning well and to cap it.

"The plan is getting executed as per schedule and it is proposed to cap the well on July 7 after taking all necessary safety precautions," the official said while refusing to be identified. **IANS**