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ONGC: Gas likely to play dominant role in revenue mix

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State-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) expects natural gas to play a dominant role in its revenue generation amid a favourable pricing mechanism in the country, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Arun Kumar Singh said in an investor call on Wednesday.

ONGC, India's largest exploration and production (E&P) company, currently produces more natural gas than crude oil, said Singh.

In 2025-26 (FY26), new well gas, which is priced higher as it is produced from newly-drilled wells, constituted 17 per cent of production and 21 per cent of revenue from ONGC nomination gas portfolio, Singh further said.

During FY26, revenue from new well gas stood at ₹6,678 crore, delivering an additional ₹1,223 crore revenue compared to administered price mechanism (APM) gas price.

ONGC expects the contribution of new well gas to rise to 25 per cent of its total gas production in FY27, with the share projected to increase further in the coming years.

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ing new wells nearby to produce the same or more gas," said Singh.

New well gas is priced at 12 per cent of the monthly average of the Indian crude basket, unlike legacy APM gas, which is priced at 10 per cent.

"India is one of the highest paying market in the world (for new well gas)" said Singh.

ONGC said projects worth ₹33,075 crore are under progress in western offshore blocks, which is the highest in recent times.

On May 26, ONGC reported a 53 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) increase in consolidated net profit at ₹13,678 crore during the fourth quarter of FY26 (Q4FY26).

In FY26, ONGC's standalone crude oil production declined to 18.355 million tonnes (mt) from 18.558 mt in the previous year.

The company's standalone gas production also fell to 19.533 billion cubic metre (BCM) in FY26 from 19.654 BCM in the previous year.

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ओएनजीसी के राजस्व में गैस की होगी भूमिका

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनी तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस निगम (ओएनजीसी) को उम्मीद है कि कंपनी के राजस्व में प्राकृतिक गैस की प्रमुख भूमिका रहेगी। कंपनी के मुख्य कार्याधिकारी अरुण कुमार सिंह ने बुधवार को इन्वेस्टर कॉल में यह भी कहा कि कि देश की सबसे बड़ी अन्वेषण और उत्पादन (ईएंडपी) कंपनी ओएनजीसी इस समय कच्चे तेल से अधिक प्राकृतिक गैस का उत्पादन करती है। वित्त वर्ष 2026 में नए खोदे गए कुएँ से उत्पादित गैस की कीमत अधिक है, जिसकी कुल उत्पादन में हिस्सेदारी 17 प्रतिशत है और ओएनजीसी के गैस पोर्टफोलियो में इसकी कुल राजस्व में हिस्सेदारी 21 प्रतिशत है। पश्चिमी अपतटीय ब्लॉकों में 33,075 करोड़ रुपये की परियोजनाओं पर काम प्रगति पर हैं, जो हाल के समय में सबसे अधिक हैं। ओएनजीसी को वित्त वर्ष 2026 की चौथी तिमाही के दौरान 13,678 करोड़ रुपये का समेकित शुद्ध लाभ हुआ है, जो पिछले साल की समान अवधि से 53 प्रतिशत ज्यादा है।

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Green energy investments set to gain momentum in India: BII CEO

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Green energy investments in India are set to gain momentum and expand further, driven by heightened energy security concerns triggered by the West Asia war, said Leslie Maasdorp, chief executive officer (CEO) of British International Investment.

BII would explore partnerships with large domestic investors such as insurance and pension funds to jointly finance projects in energy transition, climate and infrastructure in

India, he said in an interview, describing the country as the development finance institution's (DFI) most important investment destination.

BII was a key initial investor in India's National Investment and Infrastructure Fund's (NIIF) green energy firm Ayana, which was later acquired by state-run ONGC and NTPC in a \$2.3 billion deal. With a \$2.5 billion India portfolio, Maasdorp said BII would seek to maintain India's share at around 25% of its overall investments, underscoring the country's position as the development finance institution's most strategically important



Leslie Maasdorp, CEO, British International Investment.

market. "From a financial perspective, when you invest in this market, there's ample opportunity for secondary sales

to take businesses to the IPO (initial public offering) market, to the public markets, so all the ingredients [to] have a more

well functioning financial and capital markets we have in India," Maasdorp said. "Because of the sheer size of the market, investors want to be here because you got hundreds of millions of consumers here, and it is one of the fastest growing economies in the world. It's a very sophisticated market. If you look at through an emerging market lens, it is the biggest and most consequential sort of industrial transition that is taking place here from fossil fuels. There's going to be a multi-decade transition."

Regarding its recently announced plan to invest £15 billion (about \$20 billion) in cli-

mate and related projects over the next five years, Maasdorp said BII would commit around £8 billion from its own capital, with the remainder to be mobilised from other investors and funds, including pension and insurance funds in India.

"India has got huge savings pools in the form of pension funds, insurance capital, even funds like NIIF (National Investment and Infrastructure Fund).

"We want to see those companies as strategic partners because in the long term, a lot of these institutions also want to move away from their very conservative investment and

strategic asset allocation models where they invest a lot in government securities, fixed income securities. We want to make it possible for them to invest in productive infrastructure. In energy, in climate, because that is good for the Indian economy into the medium time," Maasdorp said.

On 19 May, BII and Danish global fund manager Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners announced the launch of North Star, a \$300 million renewable energy platform, to support India's clean energy transition.

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ONGC BETS ON GAS-LED GROWTH

Pushes ₹33,000 crore offshore projects

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Singh said four wells under the Daman project had already been opened, with total gas production expected to rise progressively as additional wells come online. The public sector undertaking, he said, was executing projects worth about ₹33,000 crore in western offshore fields aimed at sustaining and increasing production. Western offshore assets account for around 60% of ONGC's oil production and 70% of gas output.

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‘ONGC’s new-well gas to spur profitability’

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Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) expects gas output n from new wells to continue rising and increasingly contribute to spur profitability, Arun Kumar Singh, Chairman of the state-owned utility told investors in an analyst call.

New-well gas constituted 17% of output volume and 21% in terms of revenue in ONGC’s nomination gas portfolio in FY 2026.

“Bigger story in our basket is new-well gas [in terms of volume] will be on the rise,” he said, adding, “It will be between 25% and 30% this year.” It will continue to rise thereafter.

Further, he informed there had been ‘a big jump’ in new-well gas output.

It had risen to over 9 million metric standard cubic metre (mmscm) since April 1 in FY27 with another 3 mmscm to be added via newer projects.

New-well gas effectively is priced at 12% of crude oil prices thus, making it more profitable. On profitability, Mr. Singh explained, “At crude price of \$90 [per barrel], we can get [new-well gas price] of \$10.8 [per MMBtu].”

Mr. Singh told analysts ONGC’s overall gas output is expected to climb 7-8% in the current fiscal year.

“Every year 7-8% increase you should expect in gas [output],” he stated, elaborating this was on the back of Daman Upside Development project, DSF block and completion of opening of KG 98/2 wells.

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It has recently expanded its partnership with BP plc for production enhancement projects across western offshore assets, after earlier assigning Mumbai High redevelopment work to the company.

Singh said production at the company's KG-98/2 block in the Bay of Bengal had faced geological challenges but added that it now had "full handle" on the issues and expected output stabilisation measures to improve performance.

ONGC also highlighted improving prospects at its overseas unit, ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL).

The company said production from Russia's Sakhalin project had recovered to near pre-Ukraine-war levels, while Mozambique LNG development was progressing rapidly, with first LNG targeted around 2028.

It also expects higher output from Venezuela operations under the current US administration, subject to licensing approvals.

Beyond hydrocarbons, ONGC said its renewable energy portfolio was nearing 3 gigawatts through acquisitions and ongoing expansion under ONGC Green Ltd.

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Adequate availability of petrol, diesel & LPG across West Bengal

KOLKATA, MAY 27/-- The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies-IndianOil, BPCL and HPCL assure all that the availability of Petrol, Diesel and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) remains stable and uninterrupted across all Petrol pumps and LPG Distributorships in the State of West Bengal.

The entire fuel supply chain, from terminals, bottling plants and depots to retail outlets & LPG Distributorships, are operating without disruption. The Oil Industry's vast network of petrol pumps and LPG distributors across the State is being continuously monitored through real-time supply chain systems, with inter-company coordination ensuring that any localized demand surge is promptly addressed. Additional tank trucks and bulk LPG transport vehicles have been deployed wherever required to ensure last-mile availability.

The Oil Marketing Companies further reassure all that there is no cause for concern regarding availability of fuel despite the current geopolitical scenario and request consumers to refrain from panic buying. The public is also advised to rely solely on official communications from the Oil Marketing Companies for authentic and verified information on fuel availability. (EOIC)

Petrol pumps to set up infra for various blended fuels soon

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NEW DELHI: Fuel stations may soon offer a supermarket-style choice of petrol, with multiple ethanol-blended variants that customers can choose depending on their vehicle compatibility, two people aware of the development said.

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The initiative, which expands India's E20 blending mandate, comes amid crude price volatility triggered by the West Asia war. The move comes as India grapples with a crude supply squeeze, especially due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz,

through which 20% of the world's oil supply passes.

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Queries emailed to the ministries of consumer affairs and petroleum, as well as fuel retailers, went unanswered.

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Mulund dump clean-up delayed for fourth time



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MUMBAI: With the previous 44-day extension for scientific remediation of old, overflowing landfills at the Mulund dumping ground expiring on Thursday, the contractor, Bio Mining India Private Limited, has sought yet another extension from the Brihamumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) citing severe shortage of diesel linked to the war in west Asia. In a letter dated May 12 to the civic body, the company sought more time to complete processing of the remaining nearly nine lakh metric tonne legacy waste, saying "acute shortage of diesel and commercial LPG have created operational hurdles that remain entirely beyond our control".

The original deadline for bio-mining work at the dumping ground was October 2024, and this is the fourth time the contractor has sought an extension.

The Mulund dumping ground, spread over 60 acres, was officially shut for fresh garbage dumping in January 2018, with surveys indicating nearly 7 million metric tonnes of legacy waste had accumulated at the site. The BMC subsequently appointed Bio Mining India to excavate, segregate and scientifically process the waste while reclaiming land, at a cost of about ₹558 crore.

Out of the contractual target of 7 million metric tonnes, processing of 800,000 metric tonnes waste is pending, officials said.

Dattatray Warshe, project manager of the bio-mining facility at the dumping ground, said the site requires 13,000-14,000 litres of diesel per day to run at full capacity, but current procurement was limited to 4,000-5,000 litres due to severe shortage, reducing operational capacity to nearly one-third.

Under an arrangement with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), fuel is supplied through tankers directly to around 150 dumpers, 45 excavators and other machines at the dumping ground as it does not have any storage facility.

As on Wednesday, nearly 800,000 metric tonnes of waste remained to be processed, which would require 180 working days, Warshe said.

Kiran Dighavkar, deputy municipal commissioner (solid waste management) said a decision would be taken on the plea after a meeting with the municipal commissioner. Operations have been allowed to continue in the interim, he noted.

A senior civic official said considering the present situation, the contractor would have to be granted one more extension to complete the pending work.

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State-run, private oil marketers told to work on E20, E22, E25, E30 fuel-dispensing systems

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The Centre has said blending has

helped India save ₹1.7 trillion between November 2014 and February 2026. Over this period, India slashed carbon emissions by 87 million tonnes (mt), equivalent to planting about 350 million trees. In the ethanol supply year 2024-25, India saved over ₹40,000 crore by substituting imported crude with ethanol. India, the world's third-largest oil consumer, imported \$123.1 billion worth of crude oil in FY26, down from \$137 billion in FY25.

"It would not be a massive infrastructure change. The cost of tankages and dispensers is borne by the oil (marketing) company," said K.P. Murali, president of the Tamil Nadu Petroleum Dealers' Association, representing around 7,000 petrol pumps. Tankages refer to the underground storage facility for fuel at petrol pumps.

"Even now, they sell different variants of petrol; so, similar demarcations are there in the tankages which usually hold around 15,000 litres. The company will have to amend and renew their PESO licence to bring the changes in terms of tankages," Murali said. PESO stands for the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization under the petroleum ministry, which authorizes licences for commercial undertakings involving petroleum, explosives, and hazardous materials.

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Savings on fuel imports between Nov '14 and Feb '26

87mt
Carbon emissions India has cut over Nov '14 to Feb '26

OGEL, HWT join hands to develop bioenergy infrastructure in India

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NEW DELHI

Oil India Ltd's wholly owned subsidiary OIL Green Energy Ltd (OGEL) has signed a joint venture agreement with Hindustan Waste Treatment Pvt Ltd (HWT) to develop bioenergy and sustainable waste management projects in India, according to a stock exchange filing by the company.

"OGEL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Oil India Limited (OIL)... and Hindustan Waste Treatment Pvt. Ltd. (HWT)... have signed a

Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) to collaborate in the development of integrated bioenergy and sustainable waste management projects in India," the company said.

The partnership envisages the formation of a 50:50 joint venture company to pursue opportunities in compressed biogas (CBG), waste-to-energy and allied sustainable infrastructure projects aligned with India's clean energy transition and circular economy objectives, Oil India said in its release.

Oil India said OGEL was estab-



Oil India Limited

lished to drive the company's strategic initiatives in renewable and green energy sectors, including CBG and other emerging clean energy opportunities.

The proposed joint venture will explore opportunities in CBG, integrated waste-to-energy and sustainable resource recovery projects across suitable geographies in India, the release stated.

Hindustan Waste Treatment Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of SFC Environmental Technologies Ltd, is a technology-driven company in the biogas sector with

expertise in design, engineering, construction, commissioning, operations and maintenance of municipal solid waste-based bio-energy projects.

According to the release, the company has deployed and operated advanced global technologies in India, including a municipal solid waste-based biogas plant in North Goa that has been operational for more than a decade.

"Representatives from both organisations expressed confidence that the collaboration would contribute towards India's vision of

Crude decline supports fuel retailers

Global brokerage **JP Morgan** said falling crude oil prices, combined with retail fuel price hikes and excise duty cuts, have reduced pressure on state-run oil marketing companies.

The brokerage said Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited remains the most affected among the three major fuel retailers.

It added that earnings for FY27 may remain under pressure due to stress in the June quarter and possible inventory losses. JPMorgan continues to prefer Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Indian Oil Corporation within the sector.

Managements of oil companies said June quarter earnings will be impacted by under-recoveries on retail fuel products. Hindustan Petroleum expects losses during the quarter, while Bharat Petroleum said the issue is temporary and expressed hope for government support.

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Maharashtra, Bengaluru fuel supplies stable: OMCs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

State-owned oil-marketing companies denied reports of fuel shortages in Maharashtra and Bengaluru through social media announcements.

“BPCL would like to reassure customers fuel supplies across Maharashtra are stable and well managed with continuous replenishment and regular dispatches across the State,” said BPCL in a social media post.

Similarly, Hindustan Petroleum said “there is no overall product shortage situation at HPCL outlets.”

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Suresh Gopi chairs review of key BPCL projects and multi-product pipeline project in western Tamil Nadu

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Suresh Gopi, Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG), reviewed the progress of Bharat Petroleum Corporation's (BPCL) multi-product pipeline project, which will ensure better fuel supply across western Tamil Nadu and neighbouring regions.

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The Minister on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting in Coimbatore to review key energy infrastructure projects in Tamil Nadu being executed by BPCL.

The review meeting included the Irugur-Devan-



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agonthi multi-product pipeline project, which is being implemented at a revised project cost of about ₹1,732 crore with 82.6 per cent physical progress.

City gas distribution (CGD) projects of BPCL for the Erode and Nilgiris districts, costing around ₹3,685 crore and recording a physical progress of around 44.6

per cent, were also reviewed by Gopi.

The Irugur-Devanagonthi project, with a design capacity of 3.5 million tonnes per annum (mtpa), is an important project aimed at linking Tamil Nadu and Karnataka by laying a cross-country multi-product pipeline of around 355 km and establishing associated terminal

facilities. This will improve the efficiency and reliability of fuel supply across western Tamil Nadu and neighbouring regions by ensuring faster, safer and environmentally friendly transportation of petroleum products.

The project will also strengthen regional energy infrastructure and improve logistics efficiency, while creating significant jobs and promoting long-term industrial and economic growth in the region.

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STRUCTURAL SHIFT.
Gasification strategy repositions CIL from coal supplier to diversified cleaner energy and chemicals producer, says CMD B Sairam **p3**



‘Coal gasification push a structural shift for CIL’

ALL FIRED UP. With adequate coal available, the company is geared up to meet summer demand: Chairman and Managing Director B Sairam

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Mithun Dasgupta
Kolkata

Coal behemoth Coal India Ltd (CIL), in pursuit of coal gasification, is making a structural shift from being primarily a producer and supplier to a coal-to-chemicals and cleaner fuel integrated energy producer, says its Chairman and Managing Director B Sairam.

He said the company expects e-auction premiums to be between 40 and 45 per cent if the demand persists. The high prices of imported coal may contribute to increased premium this fiscal, he added.

Edited excerpts:

You emphasised that increased coal production and improved quality supplies are the company's core functional areas in meeting the energy demand of the country. What is Coal India's production and supply



We are strengthening our coal evacuation infra through first mile connectivity projects and a rail corridor

B SAIRAM
Chairman and Managing Director,
Coal India Ltd



target for this fiscal?

Yes, these twin commitments remain firm in our corporate ethos. After evaluating the anticipated demand from both the power and non-power sectors, the production target is pegged at 815 million tonnes (mt), while the supply target is set at 850mt. Supply or offtake lists high among our key priorities followed by the production.

Coal supplies are placed at the top because we began FY27 with around 130 mt of coal stock at our pitheads, which was 17 per cent of our entire output of 768 mt in FY26.

Liquidation of this inventory is our major operational

focus. Our effort is to progressively moderate the inventory levels towards more optimal levels of around 10 per cent of the total production, or around 70 mt.

Therefore, the emphasis is now on more efficient synchronisation between production and evacuation. We are consciously making efforts to place fresh coal into the market and move towards a more demand-aligned produce-and-sell approach, rather than prolonged stocking before sale.

With this change in approach, would the company need to realign its mining activity?

This approach does not entail any change in our mining operations. We will, to the extent possible, sell fresh coal in the market, so our approach of production will be in consonance with the offtake.

As per demand we will produce so that some threshold levels of stock will always be there. Because we have to be ready to make good of the pertinent demand. Sometimes logistic and mining disruptions occur in the supply chain. What we are doing is we are liquidating our stock in FY27 so that we will maintain stock to a certain threshold level to keep some buffer.

What role will CIL play to boost gasification to channel domestic coal into cleaner industrial uses?

For the company, the gasification push represents a structural shift from being primarily a coal producer and supplier to emerging as a coal-to-chemicals and cleaner fuel integrated energy producer.

The aim is to cut import dependence on industrial

feedstock and natural gas. In this, our company is synergising its coal gasification efforts with three major CPSUs — BHEL, GAIL and BPCL.

The centrepiece of this push is a coal gasification-based ammonium nitrate project of 6.6 lakh tonnes per annum capacity at Lakhanpur under our Odisha-based subsidiary,

Mahanadi Coalfields. This project, at around ₹25,000 crore, is being developed through Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Ltd, which is a joint venture between Coal India and BHEL. This is CIL's first commercial scale downstream coal gasification venture.

Alongside, CIL is pursuing two coal-to-synthetic natural gas (SNG) projects, each with 633 million normal cubic metres per annum capacity, aimed at supplying cleaner fuel to fertilizer units and industrial consumers.

One is being planned in Bardhaman, West Bengal, through JV with GAIL under Coal Gas India Ltd, at an estimated investment of ₹13,000 crore. The second SNG facility is being planned

at Chandrapur in Maharashtra with BPCL at a capital outlay of around ₹12,200 crore. When commissioned, the three mega facilities could anchor India's coal-to-chemicals ecosystem and reshape the country's vast coal reserves while supporting energy security and industrial growth.

The E-auction price of coal increased 51 per cent over the notified prices in April. However, the quantity allocated through the e-auction decreased

11.64 per cent on a month-on-month basis. What is the outlook going forward?

Last financial year was an aberration for coal demand. Moderated summer temperatures and heavy rainfall were the principal causes for lukewarm demand. This led to our e-auction premiums settling down at 38 per cent.

With the onset of summer demand, the power sector is consuming increased volumes of coal. So, going forward in the current financial year, we expect the e-auction premiums (add-ons

over notified price) to be between 40 and 45 per cent if the demand continues at the similar trend.

Imported coal prices, which are currently high, hold a sway over our e-auction premiums. This may contribute to increased premiums this year if the imported prices continue to hold at higher levels. E-auction volumes and premiums are driven by the market demand dynamics, and we shall offer adequate quantities through the auction window.

What are the company's plans to meet the peak summer season demand?

With adequate coal available, the company is geared up to meet the summer demand. Coal stock at domestic coal-based power plants is around 48 mt. Coal inventories at our pitheads are at around 113 mt.

Further, 50 mt of in-situ coal within mines is ready for extraction and supply if the demand necessitates. We are also strengthening our coal evacuation infra through first mile connectivity projects and a rail corridor.

Big relief package soon for 45-GW stalled RE projects

SAURAVANAND
New Delhi, May 27

THE CENTRE IS considering a one-time relief package for nearly 45 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy (RE) projects awaiting power purchase agreements (PPAs), with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) proposing transmission charge waivers, battery storage support, regulatory relaxations and flexible connectivity norms to revive the stalled green energy capacity.

One of the key proposals is a one-time 100% waiver of interstate transmission system (ISTS) charges for all pending projects if Power Supply Agreements (PSAs) or PPAs are signed within three months of the package's notification. A second option under consideration is waiving inter-state transmission charges as per regulations, plus an additional 25% waiver.

The package also mandates deemed Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) and Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) compliance for discoms from the date of signing of PPAs if agreements are executed within three months. To reduce regulatory delays, deemed tariff adoption will be facilitated within 45 days if state regulators take no action.

The move is aimed at salvaging these green energy projects for which Letters of Award (LoAs) have been issued but PPAs

REVIVING GREEN INITIATIVES

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■ Projects delayed due to non-readiness of transmission infra may continue to remain eligible for ISTS waiver benefits



are yet to be signed.

Power developers enter into PPAs with procurers, who in turn sign power supply agreements (PSAs) with electricity distribution companies (discoms).

The proposed package was prepared after a meeting with renewable energy developers held on May 6 under the chairmanship of the Adviser to the Prime Minister and attended by the Secretaries of the Ministries of Power and MNRE.

"Adviser to PM suggested that MNRE may prepare a one-time relief package specific to such stranded renewable energy projects," the ministry said in a note reviewed by FE.

The draft package groups

the proposed measures into two broad categories — "Demand-side facilitation measures aimed at making PSA execution more attractive to discoms and end-procurers" and "supply-side resolution options providing developers with clearly defined pathways to resolve their LoA status." "All measures are proposed without direct fiscal or subsidy support from the Central Government," the note stated.

The ministry also proposed that projects delayed because of non-readiness of transmission infrastructure may continue to remain eligible for ISTS waiver benefits based on the original scheduled commissioning date

(SCD). Another proposal allows projects tendered under ISTS-connected frameworks to connect to state transmission utility (STU) networks, where power is intended to be consumed within the same state.

To address discom concerns regarding grid balancing and non-solar hours supply, the package proposes allowing stand-alone solar projects to integrate two-hour Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) under Section 62 tariffs.

"Discoms' reluctance to sign PSAs stems from concerns about the ability of vanilla solar projects to fulfil their system requirements," the proposal noted. "Enabling 2 hours BESS with the Section 62 tariff can address such operational concerns without any change in the renewable energy project configuration or tariff."

"In several cases, discoms are reluctant to procure power through the ISTS route due to additional transmission charges and system costs," the proposal said, adding that STU connectivity could "reduce landed power cost, improve transmission utilisation efficiency, and make pending renewable energy procurement more commercially attractive for states."

"Regulatory delay/denial in SERC tariff approval is a frequently reported source of pendency in PSA execution," the note stated. "Deemed tariff adoption will directly reduce regulatory processing time."

CALLS FOR CRACKDOWN ON DIVERSION

India has ample supply of petrol, diesel: Centre

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, May 27

THE GOVERNMENT ON Wednesday said the country has "more than adequate" supplies of petrol and diesel to meet all domestic demand, asserting that no supply shortage exists even as it warned against diversion of subsidised retail fuel into industrial use.

India, the world's fourth-largest refining hub with 258.1 million tonne of annual capacity across 22 refineries, produced sufficient fuel to meet domestic consumption of 243.2 million tonne in FY26, while exporting 61.5 million tonne of petroleum products, the oil ministry said in a statement.

"Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has been in continuous coordination with public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), state governments and industry bodies to ensure uninterrupted supply," it said.

A review of the situation with chief secretaries of states and Union Territories, as well as industry bodies FICCI and CII, found "no scarcity of petro-



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh (second from right) chairs a meeting of the informal group of ministers set up to monitor the situation in West Asia, in New Delhi on Wednesday

leum products" on the ground, the ministry said, adding that any apparent tightness in pockets stems from "arbitrage", not supply constraints.

The government said state-run OMCs are absorbing losses of about ₹550 crore per day on petrol, diesel and domestic LPG to shield retail consumers from full international price pass-through amid volatility linked to West Asia tensions.

This subsidy buffer, it said, is intended for households, commuters and farmers using retail pumps. However, it warned that

industrial buyers diverting purchases from bulk channels to retail outlets are capturing this pricing cushion, distorting local availability and creating artificial pressure at fuel stations.

'Avoid panic buying'

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday urged the public to avoid panic buying petrol, diesel, and LPG, assuring them that the government is taking all necessary steps to maintain fuel supplies.

Singh, while chairing a high-level meeting of the

informal group of ministers (IGoM) set up to monitor the situation in West Asia, stressed that fertilisers and other essential agricultural inputs should remain adequately available to farmers to ensure that food prices in the country continue to remain stable, according to an official statement. The meeting was attended by Puri, Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister JP Nadda, Railways and Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Power Minister Manohar Lal, among others.

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ADNOC SENDS ANOTHER LNG CARGO THROUGH HORMUZ TO INDIA

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DUBAI/SEOUL: Another tanker carrying liquefied natural gas from Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. (Adnoc) has exited the Strait of Hormuz, adding to a recent uptick in energy flows through the vital waterway.

The Umm Al Ashtan, which is managed by Adnoc Logistics & Services, reappeared northwest of Muscat, Oman, loaded with a cargo and listing its destination as India, according to ship-tracking data compiled by Bloomberg.

The vessel stopped sending a signal around May 2, but at the time was empty and idling near the eastern entrance to Hormuz.

Satellite images show the ship appears to have loaded a cargo at Adnoc's Das Island export plant, which is in the Persian Gulf behind Hormuz, during the period it wasn't sending a signal. The pictures show that LNG tankers have been docking at Das Island, even though no vessels broadcast their positions near the plant.

The passage is part of a small flurry of energy flows transiting through Hormuz, with at least two non-Iranian oil supertankers exiting the Persian Gulf. The strait has remained virtually shut to LNG traffic since the war in Iran began in late February—choking about a fifth of global supply of the fuel.

Adnoc has exported three other shipments from the Persian Gulf on tankers that went dark when traversing the waterway. The last of those is currently docked in western India.

S Korean probe suggests Iran-made missiles hit ship

South Korea said an investigation into an attack earlier this month on a cargo vessel near the Strait of Hormuz found the projectiles were likely Iranian-made anti-ship missiles.

The debris indicated that the unidentified flying objects were likely Noor-series anti-ship missiles developed by Iran, South Korea's First Vice Foreign Minister Park Yoonjoo said in a briefing Wednesday.

The engine, warhead structure, explosive materials and light-blue paint matched characteristics associated with the Noor missile family, he said.

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Adnoc exports another LNG shipment to India via Hormuz

AFP



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CENTRE ramps up LPG production

MI News Service, New Delhi: Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri assured that there is no fuel supply issue and said the government has ramped up LPG production from 35,000-36,000 tonnes/day to 54,000 tonnes amid West Asia conflict.

Puri said there is no LPG supply issue and the country has 69 days of crude oil, LNG stock and 45 days of LPG stock.

"LPG production has been ramped up from 35,000-36,000 tonnes/day to 54,000 tonnes amid West Asia conflict," he said.

The Oil Minister said PM Narendra Modi's austerity appeal should be taken as a wake up call and urged to start thinking of "measures" to lessen fiscal strain from West Asia conflict.

"PM Narendra Modi's austerity appeal is a wake up call to start thinking of measures to lessen fiscal strain from West Asia conflict," Puri said at the summit.

Modi on Sunday called



for judicious use of fuel, postponement of gold purchases and foreign travel, among other measures, to strengthen the economy.

Addressing a rally organised by the Telangana BJP in Hyderabad, he suggested reducing petrol and diesel consumption, using metro rail services in cities, carpooling, increased use of electric vehicles (EVs), utilising railway services for parcel movement, and working from home to conserve foreign exchange amid the crisis in West Asia.

Stressing the need to conserve foreign exchange amid the crisis, Modi called for postponing gold purchases and foreign travel for one year.

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Brent crude oil prices plunge over 5%

FPJ News Service

NEW DELHI

Global oil prices on Wednesday (May 27) witnessed a sharp sell-off after reports from Iranian state television suggested that a potential agreement between Iran and the United States could reopen shipping through the strategically critical Strait of Hormuz, Financial Express reported.

The development rekindled hopes of a diplomatic breakthrough in ongoing US-Iran negotiations aimed at easing tensions and ending the conflict in the Middle East, triggering a major decline across global crude benchmarks. The international oil benchmark, Brent crude, dropped more than 5% to \$94.61 per barrel, while West Texas Intermediate, the main US crude contract, tumbled nearly 5.9% to \$88.31 per barrel.

Crude oil futures slide 3% on Iran peace hopes



Crude oil futures fell more than 3% on Wednesday as investors closely tracked diplomatic developments between the US and Iran despite recent military tensions in the Gulf region.

Hopes of easing geopolitical stress and possible reopening of the Strait of Hormuz weighed on oil prices in both domestic and international markets. On the MCX, crude oil for June delivery declined by ₹274, or 3.04%, to ₹8,740 per barrel in a turnover of 11,539 lots.

Brokerage firm Kotak Neo said investors were balancing tentative diplomatic progress with ongoing military tensions and unresolved geopolitical risks that continue to cloud the near-term outlook for crude oil markets.

In the global markets, Brent crude futures for August delivery slipped 2.31% to \$94.44 per barrel, while West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures fell 3% to \$91.14 per barrel. According to reports, the US and Iran are continuing

Diplomatic signals, Gulf tensions and weak global sentiment keep energy traders cautious over near-term market direction

indirect negotiations aimed at reopening the Strait of Hormuz and reducing tensions in the region despite recent US military strikes on Iranian targets.

The US military earlier defended the strikes, saying the operations were meant to protect American troops from threats posed by Iranian forces. Meanwhile, Iranian media reported explosions in Bandar Abbas and nearby coastal areas close to the Strait of Hormuz, keeping market participants cautious.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said any agreement between Washington and Tehran could still take several days to finalise. US President Donald Trump also said negotiations with Iran were "proceeding nicely". —PTI

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Oil firms absorbing ₹550 cr. daily losses amid disruptions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Public-sector oil-marketing companies (OMCs) are absorbing losses of nearly ₹550 crore from the sale of diesel, petrol and LPG, by not passing on the full impact of rising international crude prices to retail consumers, the government said on Wednesday.

The issue figured prominently during the sixth meeting of the Informal Group of Ministers (IGoM) on West Asia, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Kartavya Bhawan-2 in New Delhi.

The government said OMCs were absorbing losses to protect retail consumers from the volatility in global energy markets.

Further, authorities also flagged concerns over industrial users allegedly diverting purchases to retail outlets to take advantage of the protected fuel prices.

Officials noted instances of black marketing by some dealers, prompting intensified enforcement measures by the Ministry, oil companies and State Governments.

Further, according to the government, private OMCs have observed an approximately 38% decline in sale of diesel in the ongoing month - from both retail and bulk consumers - owing to their higher prices.

Thus, the demand has shifted to public-sector OMCs having comparatively lower prices.

Woodfield to export first India-made LNG marine loading arm

Avinash Nair
Ahmedabad

Woodfield Systems, a 103-year-old British engineering company known for manufacturing LNG marine loading arms, is set to ship its first India-made LNG marine loading arm from its facility near Mumbai, marking a significant shift in production of the critical liquefied natural gas (LNG) equipment from the UK to India.

The company, on Tuesday, said it has successfully manufactured India's first LNG marine loading arm at its Asangaon facility, using the

British firm's design expertise and intellectual property along with Indian manufacturing infrastructure.

The equipment, which was earlier manufactured only in the UK, will now be produced in India following the company's acquisition by an Indian promoter group in 2024.

The first India-manufactured LNG marine loading arm is being shipped to a leading oil and gas company in West Asia, while a second unit is scheduled for testing by June 10. Woodfield Systems said it expects the India-made LNG marine loading arm business to generate



revenues of \$20-30 million (₹193-290 crore) by FY27.

COST ADVANTAGE

Woodfield said manufacturing in India offers a 30-40 per cent cost advantage compared to the UK, depending on equipment size, making

the shift commercially significant for global competitiveness. LNG marine loading arms are considered highly-specialised critical equipment used for transferring LNG between shore terminals and LNG carriers. The systems have traditionally

been dominated by European manufacturers because of the engineering precision and safety standards involved.

Each LNG marine loading arm is estimated to cost \$1.2-1.5 million (₹11.6-14.5 crore). "Because of the costs involved in manufacturing in the UK, the kind of market share that we wanted was not doable. That is why the company decided that even the critical technologies and equipment must be moved to India to start manufacturing," Kartik Gala, CEO and one of the promoters of Woodfield Systems, told *businessline*.

Govt to act against diversion of cheap diesel to industries

Rishi Ranjan Kala
New Delhi

The government said on Wednesday that it is tracking the pattern where industrial users are buying cheaper fuel from retail outlets of PSU oil marketing companies (OMCs), which is earmarked for retail consumers such as common man and farmers.

To deal with the concerning situation, the Oil Ministry, OMCs and State governments have intensified field enforcement measures, and are engaging with industry associations to remind members of the conduct expected.

The development comes as reports emerged from Maharashtra on Tuesday indicating an unusual surge in fuel sales, with diesel sales skyrocketing by around 42 per cent and petrol by 21 per cent over the daily average across many districts.

The Informal GoM, headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on Wednesday took stock of the petrol, diesel, LPG and natural gas supply situation in the country and deliberated on the pattern of bulk diesel users unethically buying fuel earmarked for retail consumers.

RETAIL CONSUMPTION

During the IGoM meeting, it was noted that PSU OMCs refrained from passing the full international price into retail, absorbing around ₹550 crore per day as losses on sale of petrol, diesel and LPG.

This cushion is intended for retail consumption alone; industrial and commercial diesel tracks international prices as a matter of standing policy.

Separately, in a statement the Oil Ministry assured that there is no scarcity of any



petroleum product. There is, in pockets, a pattern of arbitrage that is creating the appearance of one.

Under the direction of the government, and as a deliberate act of consumer protection during the ongoing West Asia disruption, the OMCs have refrained from passing through the full international price into domestic retail sales. This cushion is intended for retail consumers: households, two-wheeler commuters, and farmers at the pump. It is not extended to industrial procurement, where pricing tracks international actuals as a matter of standing policy, it added.

Industrial consumers who divert their purchases from the industrial channel to the retail pump capture this cushion at the cost of the ordinary citizen. They also concentrate demand at the pump in a way that produces local shortages where none would otherwise exist, the Ministry noted.

HIGHER RATES

"It has been observed that private OMCs are experiencing a decline of approximately 38 per cent in diesel off-take during the current month, across both retail outlets and bulk customers due to higher rates fixed by them. Coupled with this, PSU bulk customer volumes have also recorded a decline of approximately 29 per cent, which is also migrating to retail outlets," it pointed out.

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Crude oil slides as traders weigh on Iran peace deal

Oil tumbled on optimism that the US and Iran will reach a peace deal, even as the two countries made conflicting statements on the progress of talks. Brent traded around \$96 a barrel. While Iranian state television said it obtained an unofficial draft of an interim pact to end the war, the White House called the reported memorandum of understanding "a complete fabrication". BLOOMBERG

Air India cuts June-July domestic flights by a fourth amid surge in jet fuel prices

Sukalp Sharma
New Delhi, May 27

AFTER CURTAILING its international flight schedule amid headwinds due to the West Asia crisis, Air India has decided to reduce its domestic flights as well at least for a couple of months. According to the latest available flight schedule data from aviation analytics company Cirium, the Tata group airline's scheduled domestic flights for the June-July period are down by over a fourth on a sequential basis.

As per the data, the airline is scheduled to operate 22,868 domestic flights in June-July, down 26.7% from 31,184 flights in April-May.

While Air India confirmed that it is temporarily rationalising domestic flight operations, it didn't comment on the extent of the curtailment. Airline schedule data is updated regularly, which means the current schedule could change further.

"In continuation of our previously announced adjustments to select international services between June and August 2026, we have temporarily rationalised operations on certain domestic routes during the same period, with a reduction in frequencies on select routes. These adjustments are driven by the sustained impact of high fuel prices on overall operations," an Air India spokesperson said.

"Air India will continue to monitor demand and operating conditions closely, with a view to restoring frequencies as conditions stabilise. Passengers impacted by these changes will be proactively assisted with re-accommodation on alternative flights, complimentary date changes, or full refunds, as applicable," the airline spokesperson added. On May 13, the loss-making carrier had announced substantial cuts to its international network, which had come under severe stress due to

the surge in global crude oil and jet fuel prices amid the crisis. Even before the war broke out in late February, Air India's global operations were already under stress due to the continued closure of Pakistan's airspace since late April last year, when tensions between India and Pakistan rose in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack.

Even before the war, jet fuel accounted for about 40% of Indian airlines' operating costs.

The conflict and its impact on fuel prices has led to a jump in the fuel's share in the carriers' cost structure. Notably, while only a fraction of the global jet fuel price hike has been passed on for domestic flights, Indian carriers have to cough up the full international prices — which have more than doubled since late February — for their international operations. That is a key reason why Air India significantly curtailed its international operations.

But the cuts to its international schedule have not been able to fully offset the impact of high jet fuel prices on its overall operations, which is a major reason why Air India has now decided to reduce domestic flying as well, according to sources in the know.

According to information provided by the airline and flight schedules filed by it, about 250 weekly international flights — outbound and inbound — have been cut for the June-August period. This reduction is on top of flights that have been cut in recent weeks amid the war.

As per Cirium data, Air India will be operating about 27% fewer international flights in June-August than it did in the corresponding period of last year. The airline's international schedule for June-August this year lists 10,427 international flights — inbound plus outbound — down from 14,195 in June-August 2025.

"The adjustments have been made in response to a combination of factors, including continued airspace restrictions over certain regions and record high jet fuel prices for international operations, which significantly impact the commercial viability of certain planned services," Air India had said on May 13, adding that despite the schedule curtailment, it will still be operating over 1,200 international flights a month.

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According to Probal Sen, Oil and Gas Analyst at ICICI Securities, the company's expanded partnership with the UK's BP and the ramp-up of key offshore projects could help boost production growth over the next two years.

Sen said ONGC's latest quarterly earnings, the January-March quarter of 2026 (Q4FY26), were weaker than expected because of higher operating costs, but added that the bigger focus should be on future production growth and stronger earnings visibility.

The Daman offshore project should ramp up steadily over the next year, Sen said. He added that most remaining hiccups related to the KG Basin development appear to have been resolved, which could start reflecting in production numbers going forward.

A key positive, according to Sen, is ONGC's decision to expand its technical services agreement with BP across the entire Western Offshore region. These offshore fields are among ONGC's oldest and largest producing assets, where output has been gradually declining for several years.

What we understand from the management is that at least on the Mumbai offshore assets, the decline has already been stemmed to a certain extent, Sen said.

He believes BP's involvement could help improve production efficiency and reduce decline rates in mature oil fields.

Sen also said the Indian government has started creating a more supportive environment for upstream oil and gas companies. Measures such as royalty reforms, incentives for deepwater exploration and initiatives like Samudra Manthan are aimed at encouraging fresh investments in exploration and production.

As per ICICI Securities' estimates, ONGC could see annual production growth of around 2-3% in 2026-27 (FY27) and 2027-28 (FY28) if these projects continue to scale up successfully.

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Apart from production growth, ONGC is also benefiting from stronger oil and gas realisations. Sen noted that there have been no government measures so far to cap earnings from higher prices, while royalty changes are also supporting profitability.

He cautioned investors against reading too much into one quarter's earnings because year-end adjustments, higher exploration spending and depreciation costs may have impacted reported numbers.

Watch the full conversation here

Sen also spoke about oil marketing companies (OMCs), saying recent fuel price hikes have significantly reduced losses for companies selling petrol and diesel.

These price increases have actually reduced the potential annualised losses by more than 1 trillion for petrol and diesel, he said.

However, he added that further fuel price hikes may depend on how the West Asia conflict evolves and whether crude oil prices cool in the coming weeks.

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State-run ONGC expects natural gas to play a dominant role in companys revenue generation amid favourable pricing mechanism in the country, said CEO Arun Kumar Singh in an investor call on Wednesday.

ONGC, the countrys largest exploration and production (E&P) company, currently produces more natural gas than crude oil, said Singh. In FY26, new well gas, which is priced higher as it is produced from newly drilled wells, constituted 17 per cent of production and 21 per cent of revenue in FY26 from ONGC nomination gas portfolio, he added.

During FY26, revenue from new well gas stood at 6,678 crore, delivering an additional 1,223 crore revenue compared to Administered Price Mechanism (APM) gas price.

ONGC expects the contribution of new well gas to rise to 25 per cent of its total gas production in the current fiscal year (FY27), with the share projected to increase further in the coming years. New well gas is rising because our old wells are dying and we are building new wells nearby to produce same or more gas, said Singh.

New well gas is priced at 12 per cent of the monthly average of the Indian crude basket, unlike legacy APM gas, which is priced at 10 per cent. India is one of the highest paying market in the world (for new well gas) said Singh.

ONGC said projects worth 33,075 crore are under progress in Western offshore blocks, which is the highest in recent times. On May 26, ONGC reported 53 per cent year-on-year (YoY) increase in consolidated net profit at 13,678 crore during the fourth quarter of FY26.

In FY26, ONGCs standalone crude oil production declined to 18.355 million tonnes from 18.558 million tonnes in the previous year. The companys standalone gas production also fell to 19.533 billion cubic metre (BCM) in FY26 from 19.654 BCM in the previous year.

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ONGC's management said that the Daman Upside project is expected to increase domestic gas production by 9% going forward.

Shares of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) will be in focus on Wednesday, May 27, after the state-run energy major reported a weak operational performance for the fourth quarter of FY26, impacted by lower production and higher exploration-related costs. As on May 26, 2026 3:55 PM

ONGC's standalone revenue rose 13.9% sequentially to 35,928 crore during the March quarter.

However, profitability remained under pressure, with EBITDA declining 17.1% quarter-on-quarter to 12,666 crore. Operating margin also narrowed sharply to 35.3% from 48.4% in the previous quarter.

Net profit for the quarter fell 20.6% sequentially to 6,650 crore compared to 8,372 crore in the December quarter.

Crude oil production declined 6% year-on-year and 3% sequentially to 4.95 million metric tonnes, while gas production fell 3% year-on-year and 4% quarter-on-quarter to 4.88 BCM.

CLSA retained its Buy' rating on ONGC with a target price of 405.

The brokerage said ONGC's Q4 EBITDA came in 6% below expectations mainly due to weaker gas sales, while higher exploration write-offs further impacted profitability.

CLSA also said that gains from the technical service contract with BP for the Mumbai High fields have already started reflecting in operations.

The brokerage highlighted ONGC management's commentary that the Daman Upside project is expected to increase domestic gas production by 9% going forward. ONGC also announced a final dividend of 1 per share.

Jefferies also maintained a Buy' rating on the stock with a price target of 360.

The brokerage said standalone EBITDA missed estimates due to higher operating expenditure and dry well write-offs, although consolidated earnings were supported by a strong performance from Hindustan Petroleum Corporation.

Of the 31 analysts that have coverage on ONGC, 20 of them have a 'Buy' rating, five recommends 'Hold', while six others have a 'Sell' recommendation on the stock.

ONGC shares ended 0.84% higher at 287.35 on Tuesday. The stock has gained more than 20% so far in 2026.

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India's largest oil producer, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), could finally be seeing a turnaround in its production outlook after years of slow growth and declining output from older fields.

According to Probal Sen, Oil and Gas Analyst at ICICI Securities, the company's expanded partnership with the UK's BP and the ramp-up of key offshore projects could help boost production growth over the next two years.

"The Daman offshore project should ramp up steadily over the next year," Sen said. He added that "most remaining hiccups" related to the KG Basin development appear to have been resolved, which could start reflecting in production numbers going forward.

A key positive, according to Sen, is ONGC's decision to expand its technical services agreement with BP across the entire Western Offshore region. These offshore fields are among ONGC's oldest and largest producing assets, where output has been gradually declining for several years.

"What we understand from the management is that at least on the Mumbai offshore assets, the decline has already been stemmed to a certain extent," Sen said.

He believes BP's involvement could help improve production efficiency and reduce decline rates in mature oil fields.

Sen also said the Indian government has started creating a more supportive environment for upstream oil and gas companies. Measures such as royalty reforms, incentives for deepwater exploration and initiatives like Samudra Manthan are aimed at encouraging fresh investments in exploration and production.

As per ICICI Securities' estimates, ONGC could see annual production growth of around 2-3% in 2026-27 (FY27) and 2027-28 (FY28) if these projects continue to scale up successfully.

Apart from production growth, ONGC is also benefiting from stronger oil and gas realisations. Sen noted that there have been no government measures so far to cap earnings from higher prices, while royalty changes are also supporting profitability.

He cautioned investors against reading too much into one quarter's earnings because year-end adjustments, higher exploration spending and depreciation costs may have impacted reported numbers.

Sen also spoke about oil marketing companies (OMCs), saying recent fuel price hikes have significantly reduced losses for companies selling petrol and diesel.

"These price increases... have actually reduced the potential annualised losses by more than ₹1 trillion for petrol and diesel," he said.

However, he added that further fuel price hikes may depend on how the West Asia conflict evolves and whether crude oil prices cool in the coming weeks.

Headline	ONGC Onboards Technical Services Provider For Western Offshore		
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India's exploration and production sector is critical to meeting the country's rising energy needs and ONGC plays a central role, accounting for

about 75 per cent of India's domestic crude oil and natural gas production. The Mumbai Offshore Basin is ONGC's most prolific hydrocarbon-producing basin and comprises 43 blocks, of which 28 blocks are under the nomination regime with the balance under OALP, NELP and DSF regimes. These blocks have contributed a substantial share of ONGC's crude oil and natural gas production and have remained under continuous development for four decades. While ONGC continues to unlock new hydrocarbon resources through greenfield projects, enhancing recovery in mature fields remains important. ONGC entered a technical services provider contract with BP Exploration Alpha Ltd for the Mumbai High field in early January 2025. Mumbai High contributes about 38 per cent of total western offshore oil and oil equivalent gas (O+OEG) production. Initial TSP implementation showed moderation of the earlier decline trajectory and stabilisation of output through focused well, reservoir and facility management.

Building on that experience, ONGC issued an international competitive bidding tender to engage a TSP for the entire Western Offshore excluding the Mumbai High field, inviting major international oil companies. After evaluation, M/s BP Exploration Services India Limited, a wholly owned step-down subsidiary of BP Plc, UK, has been selected. The company indicated a substantial potential increase of about 10.8 per cent in crude oil from a baseline of 46.25 million tonnes (mn t) to 51.26 mn t and about 31.5 per cent growth in gas from 82.68 billion cubic metres (bn m3) to 108.69 bn m3 over the 10-year contract period.

In terms of oil and oil equivalent gas, the projected uplift is about 24.1 per cent from 128.93 million tonnes of oil equivalent (mn toe) to 159.96 mn toe. The increase is expected to be visible from FY'27, with full-scale visibility from FY'30; the TSP will receive a fixed fee for the first two years and thereafter a service fee linked to revenue from net incremental hydrocarbon production after recovery of incremental costs.

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Ladakh will pursue clean energy after Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena approved a five-year extension of the memorandum of understanding with the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to develop India's first geothermal power project at Puga valley, at an altitude of over 14,000 feet in eastern Ladakh. The extension renews the agreement first signed on 6 February 2021 between the Ladakh administration, the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh (LAHDC) and the ONGC energy centre, which expired on 5 February 2026, and follows a request from ONGC citing delays caused by harsh weather and difficult terrain. Officials said the continuation was approved for strategic reasons related to regional energy security and sustainable development. Under the revised memorandum of understanding, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation will establish a one Megawatt (MW) pilot geothermal power plant in Puga valley and prepare a detailed project report for large-scale commercial exploitation of geothermal resources in Ladakh. The pilot will inform resource assessment and commercial planning for the detailed project report. ONGC Energy Centre will deepen the existing geothermal well to 1,000 metres during the 2026 working season and subsequently drill another well of similar depth in the next phase. Testing, evaluation and commissioning of the pilot plant are expected during the 2026-27 financial year.

The Puga valley and Chumathang lie within the Himalayan geothermal belt, where tectonic activity generates intense underground heat and prior drilling has tapped high-pressure steam and hot fluids. Officials reported that drilling in 2025 reached a depth of 405 metres and produced temperatures exceeding 200 degrees Celsius at around 400 metres. Geothermometric studies have indicated subsurface temperatures in excess of 240 degrees Celsius, considered suitable for power generation. These measurements will guide testing, evaluation and optimisation of the pilot plant before any commercial phase.

Authorities expect the geothermal initiative, alongside an expanding solar programme, to reduce reliance on conventional fuels, cut carbon emissions and boost the Union Territory's credentials as a renewable energy hub. Saxena characterised the project as strategically important and said it would strengthen energy security and contribute to a vision of making the region carbon neutral and environmentally sustainable.

Headline	ONGC Predicts a Strong Future for Natural Gas Amid Rising Domestic Demand		
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ONGC Predicts a Strong Future for Natural Gas Amid Rising Domestic Demand

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ONGC anticipates robust growth in its natural gas sector, driven by high-priced new gas well production and rising domestic demand. Chairman Arun Kumar Singh announced plans for significant expansions offshore and improvements in international projects while emphasizing a strategic pivot towards cleaner fuel sources.

India's premier oil and gas company, ONGC, projects significant growth in the natural gas sector. Chairman Arun Kumar Singh shared that the company now sees natural gas as central to its business model, with high-value new gas well production scaling and domestic demand surging.

Singh highlighted that the company is producing and selling more gas than oil. This shift is aided by favorable pricing reforms and reduced handling costs, enhancing profitability. He pointed out that new gas wells account for a significant portion of production volumes, with higher returns linked to crude oil prices.

Key projects such as the Daman field, DSF block development, and the KG-98/2 deepwater block are expected to fuel gas production growth annually by 7-8%. Today, ONGC is committed to substantial investments across western offshore fields, representing the bulk of its operations.

ONGC's international arm, ONGC Videsh, also shows promising recovery in Russia and anticipates progress in Mozambique's LNG development, with U.S. policy potentially unlocking further Venezuelan production. Domestically, recent expansions include renewable energy initiatives, signaling a strategic pivot to a more balanced energy portfolio.

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Projects like Daman and KG-98/2 are expected to boost gas output. ONGC is also expanding its renewable energy portfolio and seeking cost savings. The company is strategically shifting towards gas.

New Delhi: State-run oil and gas producer ONGC said it expects natural gas to become an increasingly dominant and profitable part of its business as new high-priced gas production ramps up and domestic demand continues to rise.

Speaking at an investor call, ONGC chairman and CEO Arun Kumar Singh said the company now produces and sells more gas than oil, with gas contributing higher earnings because of favourable pricing reforms and lower handling costs.

'New well gas' - production from newly drilled wells that receive pricing linked to 12 per cent of crude oil prices - accounted for roughly 20 per cent of gas volumes last year and is expected to rise to 25-30 per cent this year before climbing further over the next few years.

"At crude prices of around USD 90 a barrel, new well gas realises nearly USD 10.8 per million British thermal unit in the domestic market," he said, adding that India was among the highest-paying gas markets globally for such production.

The company said older gas fields priced at lower administered rates were gradually being replaced by higher-priced output from new wells, improving overall profitability.

ONGC expects gas production growth of 7-8 per cent annually, driven by projects including the Daman field development project, the DSF block and ramp-up at the KG-98/2 deepwater block.

Singh said four wells under the Daman project had already been opened, with total gas production expected to rise progressively as additional wells come online.

ONGC, he said, was executing projects worth about 33,000 crore in western offshore fields aimed at sustaining and increasing production. Western offshore assets account for around 60 per cent of ONGC's oil production and 70 per cent of gas output.

It has recently expanded its partnership with BP plc for production enhancement projects across western offshore assets, after earlier assigning Mumbai High redevelopment work to the company.

Singh said production at the company's KG-98/2 block in the Bay of Bengal had faced geological challenges but added that it now had "full handle" on the issues and expected output stabilisation measures to improve performance.

ONGC also highlighted improving prospects at its overseas unit, ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL). The company said production from Russia's Sakhalin project had recovered to near pre-Ukraine-war levels, while Mozambique LNG development was progressing rapidly, with first LNG targeted around 2028.

It also expects higher output from Venezuela operations under the current US administration, subject to licensing approvals.

Beyond hydrocarbons, ONGC said its renewable energy portfolio was nearing 3 gigawatts through acquisitions and ongoing expansion under ONGC Green Ltd.

The company is targeting an additional 3,000-4,000 crore in cost savings after already achieving about 4,000 crore in efficiencies under an internal optimisation programme.

ONGC also announced plans for a new port joint venture with the Gujarat Maritime Board to support logistics for petrochemicals and LPG operations, including its OPaL petrochemical business.

Singh said ONGC increasingly viewed itself as a "gas and oil company" rather than an "oil and gas company", reflecting the strategic shift toward cleaner fuels and stronger domestic gas demand in India.

ONGC said gas production from key offshore projects is expected to rise steadily over the next two years as new wells are commissioned and infrastructure bottlenecks ease, even as some projects face delays linked to geopolitical disruptions and technical complexities.

On engaging BP as technical service provider for raising output from Mumbai High fields, Singh said oil production at the field was running at 102 per cent of target levels, while gas output was at 108-109 per cent of baseline projections.

Current production from KG-98/2 stands at around 2.3 mmscmd of gas and roughly 25,000 barrels of oil per day, he said, adding that output was expected to gradually recover over the next year as additional wells are drilled.

He, however, declined to provide specific production guidance for FY27 and FY28, citing the inherent uncertainty in exploration and production operations, but maintained that gas output would continue to grow.

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<https://flipit.money/flips/ongc-shares-decline-4-despite-record-q4-profit-growth>

ONGC reported a 46% increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 10,820 crore for Q4FY26, driven by a 4% YoY increase in revenue to Rs 1,73,805 crore.

Despite a 4% decline in ONGC Videsh Limited's turnover, the company's PAT rose to Rs 1,152 crore. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited also reported improved financial performances.

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New Delhi [India, May 27 (ANI): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 13,678 crore during Q4FY26, marking

a growth of 53 per cent compared to the same quarter of the previous financial year.

According to a press release issued by the ONGC, the state-owned energy major registered a consolidated net profit of Rs 49,793 crore for the full financial year FY26, which represents an increase of 30 per cent over the previous fiscal.

According to an ONGC exchange filing, the company recorded a standalone net profit of Rs 6,650 crore during Q4FY26. For the entire financial year FY'26, the standalone net profit reached Rs 32,894 crore.

The company announced a total dividend for FY26 at Rs 13.25 per share, maintaining a payout ratio of approximately 51 per cent.

The financial document highlighted the performance of its corporate network, stating that 'subsidiaries HPCL, MRPL, OVL and OPaL have delivered remarkable improvement in performance'.

On the operational front, the energy major initiated significant structural and developmental changes across its production fields. The filing detailed that the 'Technical Service Provider (TSP-2) contract awarded to cover entire Western Offshore after encouraging results of TSP-1 in MH field'.

The company also expanded its supply capacity through rapid project execution. The exchange filing confirmed that 'Monetisation of Gas production begins in record time from Mega Offshore Gas Project - Daman Upside Development (DUDP) in Western Offshore'.

Infrastructure investments reached unprecedented levels during the fiscal year under review. The document noted that 'Projects worth Rs 33,075 crore under progress in Western Offshore, highest in recent times'.

The domestic exploration portfolio saw an increased contribution from newer infrastructure assets. The financial report established that 'In FY'26, new well gas constitutes 17% of production and 21% of revenue from ONGC nomination gas portfolio'.

Headline	Today's News » ONGC profit rises 3% to ₹66.50 bn in Q4		
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and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) on Tuesday reported a 3 per cent rise in March quarter profit to 66.49 billion as higher oil and gas prices helped negate a drop in output.

Net profit of 66.4997 billion in January-March -- the fourth quarter of 2025-26 fiscal year -- compared with 64.4828 billion earnings in the corresponding period of the previous year and 83.7185 billion in the preceding three months, according to a stock exchange filing by the company.

Revenue from operations rose marginally to 359.2818 billion during the quarter from 349.8223 billion in Q4 of FY25.

For the full fiscal year, ONGC reported a net profit of 328.9402 billion, down 7.6 per cent from 356.1032 billion of 2024-25 fiscal year.

ONGC wrote off 48.7675 billion in exploration well cost during the quarter under review after the wells drilled did not yield any commercial hydrocarbon discoveries. This compared with 41.7304 billion write-off in the corresponding quarter of the previous year

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Shares of state-run explorer Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) tumbled as much as 4% to the day's low of Rs 277 on the NSE on Wednesday despite reporting a consolidated net profit of Rs 10,820 crore for the March quarter, marking a 46% increase from Rs 7,431 crore recorded in the same period last year. Revenue from operations during Q4FY26 increased 4% YoY to Rs 1,73,805 crore compared with Rs 1,67,749 crore in the year-ago quarter. On a sequential basis, revenue rose nearly 4% from Rs 1,67,423 crore reported in the October-December quarter of FY26. On a standalone basis, ONGC posted a net profit of Rs 6,650 crore in Q4FY26, while FY26 standalone profit stood at Rs 32,894 crore. The company said subsidiaries including Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited, ONGC Videsh Limited and ONGC Petro additions Limited delivered remarkable improvements in performance. ONGC said projects worth Rs 33,075 crore are currently under execution in the Western Offshore region, marking the highest level of investment activity in recent years. The company also said that gas from new wells contributed 17% to production and accounted for 21% of revenue from ONGC's nomination gas portfolio in FY26. At ONGC Videsh Limited, turnover for FY26 stood at Rs 8,443 crore, compared with Rs 9,160 crore in FY25, excluding trading activities. The decline was mainly attributed to lower realised crude oil prices, which averaged \$60.09 per barrel in FY26 against \$70.23 per barrel in FY25. Despite the fall in turnover, the company reported a sharp rise in profitability, with PAT increasing to Rs 1,152 crore from Rs 428 crore in the previous year. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited reported a combined gross refining margin (GRM) of \$8.79 per barrel for FY26, compared with \$5.74 per barrel in the previous year. Revenue from operations rose 2.6% to Rs 4,78,543 crore from Rs 4,66,346 crore a year ago. Standalone PAT jumped to Rs 17,175 crore from Rs 7,365 crore in FY25. The company has proposed a final dividend of Rs 19.25 per share for FY26, in addition to an interim dividend of Rs 5 per share. Meanwhile, Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited posted a net profit of Rs 1,931 crore in FY26, compared with a PAT of Rs 51 crore in FY25. Revenue from operations came in at Rs 1,05,155 crore against Rs 1,09,280 crore in the previous financial year. Capacity utilisation for FY26 stood at 113%, compared with 121% in FY25. The company's GRM for FY26 improved to \$9.22 per barrel from \$4.45 per barrel in the previous year.

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Natural gas to play increasingly dominant role: ONGC

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Speaking during an investor call, ONGC chairman and CEO Arun Kumar Singh said the company is already producing and selling more natural gas than crude oil, with gas earnings improving due to pricing reforms and comparatively lower operational costs.

He noted that new well gas output from freshly drilled wells whose prices are linked to 12 per cent of international crude oil rates accounted for about 20 per cent of total gas volumes last year. This share is expected to rise to 2530 per cent in the current year and increase further over the medium term as new projects come online.

At prevailing crude oil prices of around USD 90 per barrel, ONGC said new well gas realises nearly USD 10.8 per million British thermal unit in the domestic market, making India one of the higher-priced gas markets globally for such output. The company added that older gas fields, which are sold at regulated administered prices, are gradually being replaced by higher-value production from new wells, thereby improving overall profitability and margins.

ONGC expects its gas output to grow at an annual rate of 78 per cent, supported by ongoing developments such as the Daman field project, DSF blocks and the ramp-up of the KG-98/2 deepwater asset in the Bay of Bengal. Singh said several wells under the Daman project have already been brought into production, with output expected to increase steadily as additional wells are drilled and commissioned.

The company is currently executing capital projects worth around Rs 33,000 crore in western offshore fields, which account for nearly 60 per cent of ONGC's oil production and about 70 per cent of its gas output. These investments are aimed at sustaining and enhancing long-term production levels. ONGC has also strengthened its collaboration with BP plc for production enhancement initiatives in western offshore assets, following earlier partnerships on the Mumbai High redevelopment project.

On the KG-98/2 block, Singh said the field had faced geological challenges, but the company now had a better understanding of the issues and expects stabilisation measures to gradually improve output performance. ONGC also highlighted improved prospects for its overseas arm, ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL). Production from Russia's Sakhalin project has recovered close to pre-Ukraine war levels, while the Mozambique LNG project is progressing, with first output targeted around 2028.

The company also expects potential upside from Venezuela operations, subject to regulatory approvals. In the renewable energy segment, ONGC said its clean energy portfolio is approaching 3 gigawatts, supported by acquisitions and expansion through ONGC Green Ltd.

The company is also targeting additional cost savings of Rs 3,0004,000 crore, over and above about Rs 4,000 crore already achieved through internal efficiency measures.

Headline	ONGC Starts Monetization from Daman Upside Development Project in Arabian Sea		
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ONGC begins monetization from the Daman Upside Development Project in Western Offshore, expected to progressively produce around 4.89 MMSCMD of natural gas.

Mumbai, May 2026: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has commenced monetization from the Daman Upside Development Project (DUDP) located in the Western Offshore basin of the Arabian Sea, marking another significant milestone in India's domestic hydrocarbon production journey.

The project is expected to progressively deliver approximately 4.89 million metric standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) of natural gas, strengthening ONGC's contribution toward enhancing the nation's energy security and reducing dependence on imported fuels.

Strengthening India's Domestic Gas Production

The DUDP project forms part of ONGC's broader strategy to optimize production from offshore assets and accelerate the development of untapped hydrocarbon reserves. Located in the prolific Western Offshore region, the project is expected to play a crucial role in augmenting domestic natural gas availability for key sectors including power, fertilizer, city gas distribution, and industrial consumers.

The phased ramp-up of production reflects ONGC's continued focus on operational excellence, offshore infrastructure expansion, and energy sustainability.

Strategic Significance for India's Energy Landscape

The commencement of monetization from DUDP reinforces ONGC's position as a key driver of India's upstream energy sector. The additional gas output is expected to support the country's vision of increasing the share of natural gas in the energy mix while contributing to cleaner and more efficient fuel adoption.

The development also highlights ONGC's ongoing investments in offshore exploration and production capabilities aimed at unlocking long-term value from India's hydrocarbon resources.

Headline	ONGC Highest Ever ₹33,075 Crore Western Offshore Project		
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ONGC Highest Ever ₹33,075 Crore Western Offshore Project

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ONGC launches its highest-ever 33,075 crore project in Western Offshore (Arabian Sea). This mega investment will boost India's oil & gas production and energy security.

Mumbai, May 27, 2026: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has started its highest-ever single project in the Western Offshore (Arabian Sea) with an investment of 33,075 crore

This major project focuses on developing new platforms, pipelines, and enhanced oil & gas recovery from the region. It is expected to significantly boost domestic hydrocarbon production and strengthen India's energy security.

The initiative aligns with the Government's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision and will generate substantial employment opportunities.

ONGC continues to lead India's energy sector with strong commitment and performance.

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ONGC has appointed Satyan Kumar as Director (Strategy & Corporate Affairs), strengthening its leadership team to drive energy transition, renewable expansion, and corporate strategy initiatives. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), India's largest upstream oil and gas company, has announced the appointment of Shri Satyan Kumar as Director (Strategy & Corporate Affairs), effective May 27, 2026. The appointment has been approved by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, through an official communication dated May 27, 2026, and has been formally cleared by the company's Board of Directors in accordance with SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. Shri Kumar will serve in the role until his superannuation on November 30, 2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

ONGC stated that Shri Kumar is not debarred from holding the office of director by any regulatory authority or SEBI order. A detailed profile of the appointee has been submitted to stock exchanges as per regulatory requirements.

Extensive Industry Experience

Shri Satyan Kumar brings over 36 years of experience across the oil and gas value chain, including upstream operations, midstream infrastructure, petrochemicals, corporate strategy, and renewable energy initiatives.

An Electrical Engineering graduate from Dayalbagh Educational Institution, Agra, he also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from MDI Gurgaon and has received advanced leadership training from ESCP-EAP, France. He has additionally been part of the Government of India's flagship CPSE leadership development initiative, DAKSH.

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Leadership Roles and Strategic Contributions

Prior to this appointment, Shri Kumar served in key leadership positions within ONGC, including Executive Director Chief Corporate Strategy. In this role, he played a significant part in shaping ONGC's long-term strategic roadmap, including diversification into LNG, petrochemicals, and renewable energy.

He has also held board positions in multiple group companies, including ONGC Tripura Power Company, ONGC NTPC Green Private Limited, OGL One Ltd., and Ayana Renewable Power Pvt. Ltd., where he has contributed to investments in solar, wind, and biofuel projects.

Key Infrastructure and Energy Projects

During his career, Shri Kumar has led several major infrastructure and business development projects, including captive power plants at Uran, OPaL, and Hazira, as well as the 103-km HaziraDahej naphtha pipeline.

He also played a key role in the development and commissioning of ONGC's first 15 MW utility-scale solar power project and has been instrumental in expanding the company's footprint in renewable energy, particularly in Gujarat and Rajasthan.

Strategic Vision for ONGC

ONGC highlighted that Shri Kumar's appointment aligns with the company's long-term strategy of becoming an integrated energy major. His expertise in digital transformation, capital discipline, and energy transition is expected to support ONGC's evolving role in India's energy security and sustainability goals.

The company emphasized that his leadership will further strengthen ONGC's positioning in renewable energy, while maintaining focus on operational efficiency and traditional hydrocarbon assets.

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State-run oil and gas producer ONGC said it expects natural gas to become an increasingly dominant and profitable part of its business as new high-priced gas production ramps up and domestic demand continues to rise.

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Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited appointed Shri Satyan Kumar as Director (Strategy & Corporate Affairs) on May 27, 2026, based on a government directive. Kumar, a veteran with 36 years of experience, will serve until November 30, 2028, focusing on strategic growth and renewable energy expansion.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited has appointed Shri Satyan Kumar as Director (Strategy & Corporate Affairs) effective May 27, 2026, to bolster its strategic leadership and energy transition initiatives. The appointment, valid until November 30, 2028, or until further orders, was approved by the Board following a directive from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Kumar brings over 36 years of experience in the oil and gas value chain, including upstream operations and renewable energy.

The Board's decision aligns with the company's broader vision of expanding into sustainable energy sectors. In his new role, Kumar will oversee strategic initiatives and drive ONGC's growth in domains such as solar, wind, and biofuels. He is currently the Non-Executive Chairman of ONGC Tripura Power Company and serves on the boards of ONGC NTPC Green Private Limited, OGL One Ltd., and Ayana Renewable Power Pvt. Ltd.

Kumar's extensive career includes leadership positions in engineering, project management, and corporate strategy. Previously serving as Executive Director Chief Corporate Strategy, he played a key role in shaping ONGC's roadmap into petrochemicals, LNG, and green energy. He has also led critical infrastructure projects, including captive power plants and the HaziraDahej naphtha pipeline.

The appointment was disclosed in compliance with Regulation 30 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. Shri Kumar is not debarred from holding the office by any SEBI order or other authority. His profile and additional details were submitted as per SEBI circular requirements.

Headline	ONGC Q4FY26 consolidated net profit surges 53% to Rs 13,678 crore		
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Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 13,678 crore during Q4FY26, marking a growth of 53 per cent compared to the same quarter of the previous financial year.

According to a press release issued by the ONGC, the state-owned energy major registered a consolidated net profit of Rs 49,793 crore for the full financial year FY26, which represents an increase of 30 per cent over the previous fiscal.

According to an ONGC exchange filing, the company recorded a standalone net profit of Rs 6,650 crore during Q4FY26. For the entire financial year FY'26, the standalone net profit reached Rs 32,894 crore.

The company announced a total dividend for FY26 at Rs 13.25 per share, maintaining a payout ratio of approximately 51 per cent.

The financial document highlighted the performance of its corporate network, stating that 'subsidiaries HPCL, MRPL, OVL and OPaL have delivered remarkable improvement in performance'.

On the operational front, the energy major initiated significant structural and developmental changes across its production fields. The filing detailed that the 'Technical Service Provider (TSP-2) contract awarded to cover entire Western Offshore after encouraging results of TSP-1 in MH field'.

The company also expanded its supply capacity through rapid project execution. The exchange filing confirmed that 'Monetisation of Gas production begins in record time from Mega Offshore Gas Project - Daman Upside Development (DUDP) in Western Offshore'.

Infrastructure investments reached unprecedented levels during the fiscal year under review. The document noted that 'Projects worth Rs 33,075 crore under progress in Western Offshore, highest in recent times'.

The domestic exploration portfolio saw an increased contribution from newer infrastructure assets. The financial report established that 'In FY'26, new well gas constitutes 17% of production and 21% of revenue from ONGC nomination gas portfolio'.

Headline	ONGC sees new-well gas potential to spur profitability: Chairman		
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Gas from new-wells contributed 17% of production volumes in the company's nomination gas portfolio in FY 2026.

Oil and Natural Gas Company (ONGC) expects gas production from new wells to continue rising and increasingly contribute to spur profitability, Arun Kumar Singh, Chairman of the state-owned exploration and production company told investors in an analyst call Wednesday.

New-well gas constituted 17% of production volumes and 21% in terms of revenue in the company's nomination gas portfolio in FY 2026.

Bigger story in our basket is new-well gas [in terms of volume will be on the rise, he stated, adding, It will be anywhere between 25% and 30% this year.

He added that it would continue to increase thereafter.

Further, the ONGC chairman informed there has been a big jump in new-well gas production.

It has increased to 9 million standard cubic metre (MSCM) since April 1 in the ongoing financial year, with another 3 mscm set to be added with newer projects.

New-well gas effectively is priced at 12% of crude oil prices, thus, making it more profitable.

Elaborating on the aspect of profitability, Mr. Singh explained, At crude price of \$90 [per barrel, we can get [new-well gas price of \$10.8 [per MMBtu.

Overall, Mr. Singh told analysts that ONGC's overall gas production is expected to increase 7-8% in the current fiscal year.

Every year 7-8% increase you should expect in gas [production, he stated, elaborating this is on the back of Daman Upside Development project (DUDP), DSF block and completion of opening of the wells at KG 98/2.

Headline	ONGC Appoints BP Unit as Technical Services Partner for Western Offshore Fields		
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Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has appointed BP Exploration Services India Limited as Technical Services Provider (TSP) for enhancing hydrocarbon production from its Western Offshore oil and gas fields, excluding the Mumbai High field. The move forms part of ONGC's broader strategy to strengthen domestic crude oil and gas output by improving recovery from mature offshore fields through advanced technology, global expertise and operational optimisation.

India's Mumbai Offshore Basin remains ONGC's most productive hydrocarbon basin, accounting for a major share of the company's domestic production over the last four decades. The basin consists of 43 blocks, including fields operating under nomination as well as OALP, NELP and DSF regimes.

Earlier this year, ONGC had entered into a Technical Services Provider agreement with BP Exploration Alpha Ltd. for the Mumbai High field, which contributes nearly 38 percent of the western offshore production in oil and oil equivalent gas terms. According to ONGC, early results from the Mumbai High collaboration have shown moderation in production decline and improved operational stability through focused well, reservoir and facility management initiatives.

Encouraged by these developments, the company launched an international competitive bidding process to identify a technical partner for the remaining Western Offshore assets. Major global oil companies were invited to participate in the tender. Following the evaluation process, BP Exploration Services India Limited, a wholly owned step-down subsidiary of BP Plc UK, was selected for the assignment.

Under the agreement, the TSP will assess field performance and recommend measures for improving production efficiency across reservoirs, wells and offshore facilities. The engagement will focus on deploying global best practices, enhanced surveillance systems, production optimisation strategies and facility de-bottlenecking initiatives.

ONGC stated that the selected TSP has identified the potential for a significant increase in hydrocarbon output over the ten-year contract period. Crude oil production is projected to rise by around 10.8 percent from the baseline level of 46.25 million metric tonnes to 51.26 million metric tonnes. Natural gas production is expected to increase by nearly 31.5 percent, from 82.68 billion cubic metres to 108.69 billion cubic metres.

In oil and oil equivalent gas terms, the projected production enhancement is estimated at approximately 24.1 percent over the contract duration. The company said the impact of the programme is expected to become visible from FY27, with full-scale gains anticipated from FY30 onwards.

Under the commercial structure of the agreement, the TSP will receive a fixed fee during the first two years, followed by a revenue-linked service fee tied to incremental hydrocarbon production after recovery of additional operational costs. ONGC said the initiative aligns with its long-term objective of strengthening India's energy security while maximising recovery from mature offshore assets through advanced technologies and international collaboration. ONGC is India's leading exploration and production company. It plays a central role in the development of domestic oil and gas resources and undertakes strategic initiatives across the energy value chain to support national energy security.

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"At crude prices of around USD 90 a barrel, new well gas realises nearly USD 10.8 per million British thermal unit in the domestic market," he said, adding that India was among the highest-paying gas markets globally for such production.

The company said older gas fields priced at lower administered rates were gradually being replaced by higher-priced output from new wells, improving overall profitability.

ONGC expects gas production growth of 7-8 per cent annually, driven by projects including the Daman field development project, the DSF block and ramp-up at the KG-98/2 deepwater block.

Singh said four wells under the Daman project had already been opened, with total gas production expected to rise progressively as additional wells come online.

ONGC, he said, was executing projects worth about Rs 33,000 crore in western offshore fields aimed at sustaining and increasing production. Western offshore assets account for around 60 per cent of ONGC's oil production and 70 per cent of gas output.

It has recently expanded its partnership with BP plc for production enhancement projects across western offshore assets, after earlier assigning Mumbai High redevelopment work to the company.

Singh said production at the company's KG-98/2 block in the Bay of Bengal had faced geological challenges but added that it now had "full handle" on the issues and expected output stabilisation measures to improve performance.

ONGC also highlighted improving prospects at its overseas unit, ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL). The company said production from Russia's Sakhalin project had recovered to near pre-Ukraine-war levels, while Mozambique LNG development was progressing rapidly, with first LNG targeted around 2028.

It also expects higher output from Venezuela operations under the current US administration, subject to licensing approvals.

Beyond hydrocarbons, ONGC said its renewable energy portfolio was nearing 3 gigawatts through acquisitions and ongoing expansion under ONGC Green Ltd.

The company is targeting an additional Rs 3,000-4,000 crore in cost savings after already achieving about Rs 4,000 crore in efficiencies under an internal optimisation programme.

ONGC also announced plans for a new port joint venture with the Gujarat Maritime Board to support logistics for petrochemicals and LPG operations, including its OPaL petrochemical business.

Singh said ONGC increasingly viewed itself as a "gas and oil company" rather than an "oil and gas company", reflecting the strategic shift toward cleaner fuels and stronger domestic gas demand in India.

ONGC said gas production from key offshore projects is expected to rise steadily over the next two years as new wells are commissioned and infrastructure bottlenecks ease, even as some projects face delays linked to geopolitical disruptions and technical complexities.

On engaging BP as technical service provider for raising output from Mumbai High fields, Singh said oil production at the field was running at 102 per cent of target levels, while gas output was at 108-109 per cent of baseline projections.

Current production from KG-98/2 stands at around 2.3 mmscmd of gas and roughly 25,000 barrels of oil per day, he said, adding that output was expected to gradually recover over the next year as additional wells are drilled.

He, however, declined to provide specific production guidance for FY27 and FY28, citing the inherent uncertainty in exploration and production operations, but maintained that gas output would continue to grow.

Headline	ONGC Faces Challenges in Gas Transition Amid Margin and Execution Hurdles		
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ONGC is pushing to become a gas-focused company and capture premium pricing, but significant operational risks loom.

Challenges include complex deepwater projects, volatile international assets, and the high costs of infrastructure, which could hinder its transition despite short-term margin gains.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is actively promoting a transition from its traditional oil producer image to a leading natural gas company. By linking a larger portion of its output to 12% of crude oil prices, ONGC is achieving higher margins, which helps offset the fixed pricing of domestic gas. However, this revenue shift doesn't fully protect the company from the broader energy market's ups and downs. While the move to premium gas prices looks strong on paper, the substantial capital investment needed to maximize output from new fields could reduce returns if oil prices fall sharply.

Execution Hurdles in Strategic Projects

ONGC's strategic direction heavily relies on its offshore operations, a factor that sets it apart from some regional competitors. The company's major investment in the KG-98/2 block is a key test of its technical skill, but this project has faced delays and geological difficulties. Unlike private companies that can more easily sell off assets, ONGC, as a state-run firm, is committed to large, long-term investments in western offshore fields. While BP plc is involved to provide technical guidance, the history of cost overruns on such complex projects remains a concern for investors evaluating ONGC's future free cash flow.

Underlying Risks: Structure and Macro Factors

A closer look reveals that ONGC's strategy depends on stable geopolitical conditions, which are not guaranteed. Its international operations, particularly in Russia and Venezuela, carry risks related to regulations and sanctions that could disrupt output or prevent the repatriation of profits. Furthermore, ONGC's efforts to cut internal costs and expand into renewables through ONGC Green Ltd might dilute its focus. Managing high-risk hydrocarbon expansion while diversifying into green energy could lead to inefficient capital allocation. India's domestic fuel pricing policies are also subject to political changes, which could limit how much of the premium gas pricing can be passed on to consumers during times of high inflation.

Sustaining Growth and Future Operations

ONGC aims to increase its gas production by 7-8% annually. However, achieving this growth depends on stabilizing its deepwater operations and bringing the Mozambique LNG project online by 2028. Analysts remain cautious, citing ONGC's capital-intensive business model and inconsistent dividend payments as factors limiting its valuation. As ONGC continues its shift towards gas, investors will likely focus less on strategic announcements and more on whether the revenue from new gas wells can consistently cover the increasing costs of maintaining its older oil fields.

Headline	Govt reviews fuel, fertiliser supplies amid West Asia crisis; asks public to avoid panic buying
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The government on Wednesday reviewed the availability of fuel, fertilisers and other essential commodities amid the ongoing West Asia crisis, asserting that supplies across the country remain normal and urged citizens to avoid panic purchases of petrol, diesel and LPG. The review was carried out during the sixth meeting of the Informal Group of Ministers (IGoM) on West Asia, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, to assess India's preparedness and supply chain resilience amid the evolving geopolitical situation. Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers Jagat Prakash Nadda; Minister of Power Manohar Lal; Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Prahlad Joshi; Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting, Electronics & Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw; Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju; Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal; Minister of Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs & Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya; and Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh attended the meeting. In a post on X after the meeting, Rajnath Singh said, "The supply situation in the country today is normal," and urged citizens to "avoid panic purchases of petrol, diesel and LPG as the Government is leaving no stone unturned to ensure the availability of all essential items." According to the release, the IGoM reviewed the availability of essential commodities and took stock of the resilience of the country's supply chains amid the disruption caused by the crisis in West Asia.

The government said supplies of petrol and diesel across the country remain "fully adequate", noting that India has an installed refining capacity of 258.1 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) against domestic consumption of 243.2 million tonnes in the last financial year. India also exports around 61.5 million tonnes of petroleum products annually, and "there is no supply gap", the release said. The ministry further said Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not passed on the full rise in international fuel prices to consumers and are currently absorbing losses of around Rs 550 crore per day to protect retail buyers. However, the government flagged concerns over some industrial users allegedly shifting to retail fuel purchases to take advantage of lower protected prices, along with instances of black marketing by certain dealers. It said enforcement action has been intensified by the Ministry, OMCs and state governments. The meeting also reviewed fertiliser availability ahead of the Kharif sowing season. According to the release, the fertiliser requirement for Kharif 2026 has been estimated at 390.54 lakh metric tonnes (LMT), while current availability stands at around 200.47 LMT, or over 51 per cent of the requirement. The government said approximately 122.4 LMT of fertilisers through imports and domestic production have been added to availability after the crisis. India has also secured around 15 LMT of DAP, including TSP, and 10 LMT of NPKs, including AS, expected to arrive at Indian ports during May and June. Rajnath Singh directed officials to continue enhancing preparedness and stressed that "fertilisers and other essential agricultural inputs should remain adequately available to farmers to ensure that food prices in the country continue to remain stable." The release added that fertiliser input supplies are being reviewed regularly and subsidy dues to fertiliser companies are being cleared on a weekly basis to ensure uninterrupted availability.

Headline	Industrial consumers increasingly buying discounted retail fuel: IGoM		
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Industrial consumers increasingly buying discounted retail fuel: IGoM

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The Centre has flagged rising diversion of discounted retail fuel by industrial users even as public-sector oil firms absorb heavy losses to shield consumers

Amid India continuing to diversify the sourcing of its energy supplies, the Defence Minister directed officials to make continuous efforts to enhance the nation's preparedness in light of the evolving situation in West Asia | (Photo:PTI)

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At its meeting on Wednesday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh-led Informal Group of Ministers (IGoM) on West Asia noted that a pattern has emerged of industrial users substituting their entitled industrial procurement with retail purchases to capture the protected price, alongside instances of black marketing by certain dealers.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and the state governments have intensified field enforcement, and the industry associations are being engaged to remind members of the conduct expected, the government said in a press statement issued on the proceedings of the IGoM's meeting.

The meeting also noted that during the present disruption, public sector OMCs have refrained from passing the full international price into retail, absorbing approximately Rs 550 crore per day as losses. This cushion is intended for retail consumption alone, and industrial and commercial diesel tracks international prices as a matter of standing policy, the government said. Amid India continuing to diversify the sourcing of its energy supplies, the Defence Minister directed officials to make continuous efforts to enhance the nation's preparedness in light of the evolving situation in West Asia. Singh stressed that fertilisers and other essential agricultural inputs should remain adequately available to farmers to ensure that food prices in the country continue to remain stable.

In a post on X, Singh said that the supply situation in the country today is normal, adding that the citizens should avoid panic purchases of petrol, diesel and liquefied petroleum gas.

The IGoM was also informed that India's fertiliser stocks remain comfortable ahead of the kharif 2026 sowing season, with the government asserting that availability across key nutrients is well above the usual levels despite recent global supply disruptions.

According to the agriculture department, fertiliser requirement for kharif 2026 has been assessed at 39.05 million tonnes against which total stocks in hand stood at around 20.04 million tonnes, which is 51 per cent more than the seasonal requirement.

Officials said this is significantly higher than the normal stocking level of around 33 per cent for this period. Data shared by the Department of Fertilizers (DoF) showed that since the recent global supply crisis, domestic production and imports together have added around 12.24 million tonnes of fertilisers to the country's availability pool.

The government said that 10 meetings of the Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) have been held so far to review supply challenges and ensure uninterrupted fertiliser availability across the country.

Apart from Defence Minister Singh, other Union ministers who attended the sixth meeting of the IGoM included JP Nadda, Manohar Lal, Hardeep Singh Puri, Prahlad Joshi, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Kiren Rijiju and Sarbananda Sonowal.

Headline	Govt insists on adequate petrol, diesel supplies; warns against industrial diversion		
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Govt insists on adequate petrol, diesel supplies; warns against industrial diversion

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A high-level review involving chief secretaries of states and Union Territories, along with industry associations FICCI and CII, confirmed "no scarcity of petroleum products" on the ground.

New Delhi: The Centre on Wednesday said that the country has "more than adequate" stocks of petrol and diesel to meet all domestic demand, stressing there is no supply shortage despite localised tightness at some retail outlets.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said India's refining sector the world's fourth-largest with an annual capacity of 258.1 million tonnes across 22 refineries produced enough fuel to cover domestic consumption of 243.2 million tonnes in FY26 while exporting 61.5 million tonnes of petroleum products.

"Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has been in continuous coordination with public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), state governments and industry bodies to ensure uninterrupted supply," the ministry said in a statement.

A high-level review involving chief secretaries of states and Union Territories, along with industry associations FICCI and CII, confirmed "no scarcity of petroleum products" on the ground.

Any apparent shortages in certain pockets are due to "arbitrage" rather than actual supply constraints, it added.

The government noted that state-run OMCs are currently absorbing losses of around Rs 550 crore per day on petrol, diesel, and domestic LPG to protect retail consumers from the full impact of volatile international prices, particularly amid tensions in West Asia linked to the Iran war.

"This subsidy buffer is intended for households, commuters and farmers using retail pumps," the statement emphasised.

However, it warned that some industrial buyers are diverting purchases from bulk supply channels to retail outlets to exploit the lower subsidised prices, distorting availability and creating artificial pressure at fuel stations.

"There is no scarcity of any petroleum product. There is, in pockets, a pattern of arbitrage that is creating the appearance of one," the ministry said.

Market data cited in the statement showed a roughly 38 per cent decline in high-speed diesel sales by private fuel retailers this month, while bulk industrial offtake through PSU OMCs has dropped about 29 per cent, with volumes reportedly shifting to retail pumps.

To address the issue, the government has asked industry associations to sensitise members against such practices. It has also urged states and Union Territories to deploy special enforcement squads to curb hoarding, black marketing, unauthorised storage, and diversion of petroleum products under the Essential Commodities Act and related control orders.

The ministry reaffirmed that India's robust refining capacity, coordinated operations of public sector retailers, and Centre-state-industry cooperation form a "working architecture of energy security."

"It appealed to citizens to rely on official communications and avoid spreading rumours that confuse arbitrage-driven distortions with genuine fuel shortages. Petrol and diesel prices have risen by about Rs 7.5 per litre and CNG by Rs 6 per litre recently as part of the pass-through of higher international energy costs triggered by the Iran conflict.

Headline	India Ensures Ample Fuel Supply Amid Crackdown on Misuse		
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India Ensures Ample Fuel Supply Amid Crackdown on Misuse

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India confirms sufficient petrol and diesel supply, addressing concerns about artificial shortages due to mismatched fuel usage and warns against industrial misuse. The government is promoting official communication to prevent misinformation and deploys enforcement squads to control malpractices.

India has affirmed its ample supply of petrol and diesel, stressing there is enough to meet domestic demands. The Indian Government highlighted that any perceived shortages arise from misuse, such as subsidised retail supplies being diverted for industrial usage.

Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has been closely working with oil companies, state administrations, and industry leaders to ensure continued supply. Recent reviews involving state and union officials revealed no genuine fuel shortages, attributing any localised tightness to pricing manipulation. The ministry condemned industries purchasing from retail outlets to capitalise on consumer subsidies, urging stringent measures against such practices.

The government assures energy security through a robust refining capacity, coordinated public sector operations, and collaborative efforts between Centre and states. States and territories are urged to strengthen enforcement against black marketing and unauthorised practices, thus stabilising the situation. Fuel price increases result from international energy market fluctuations, not supply deficits.

Headline	Govt says India has ample petrol, diesel supply, calls for crackdown on diversion		
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Instances of regional shortages are owing to the misallocation of subsidised fuel for industrial activities, not due to an overall lack, it said. The government on Wednesday said the country has "more than adequate" supplies of petrol and diesel to meet all domestic demand, asserting that no supply shortage exists even as it warned against diversion of subsidised retail fuel into industrial use. India, the world's fourth-largest refining hub with 258.1 million tonnes of annual capacity across 22 refineries, produced sufficient fuel to meet domestic consumption of 243.2 million tonnes in FY26, while exporting 61.5 million tonnes of petroleum products, the oil ministry said in a statement. "Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has been in continuous coordination with public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), state governments and industry bodies to ensure uninterrupted supply," it said.

A review of the situation with chief secretaries of states and Union Territories, as well as industry bodies FICCI and CII, found "no scarcity of petroleum products" on the ground, the ministry said, adding that any apparent tightness in pockets stems from "arbitrage", not supply constraints.

The government said state-run OMCs are absorbing losses of about 550 crore per day on petrol, diesel and domestic LPG to shield retail consumers from full international price pass-through amid volatility linked to West Asia tensions. This subsidy buffer, it said, is intended for households, commuters and farmers using retail pumps.

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"The government remains fully seized of the international situation. India's refining strength, the disciplined operation of the Public Sector OMCs and the active coordination across Centre, states and industry constitute the working architecture of energy security during this period," the statement added. Petrol and diesel prices have risen about 7.5 per litre and CNG by 6 a litre as a part of the increased cost of energy caused by the Iran war is passed on to consumers.

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Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday urged the public to avoid panic buying petrol, diesel, and LPG, assuring them that the government is taking all necessary steps to maintain fuel supplies.

Singh, while chairing a high-level meeting of the Informal Group of Ministers (IGoM) set-up to monitor the situation in West Asia, directed concerned officials

to make continuous efforts to enhance the nation's preparedness to deal with the evolving scenario.

He stressed that fertilisers and other essential agricultural inputs should remain adequately available to farmers to ensure that food prices in the country continue to remain stable, according to an official statement.

The meeting was attended by Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Railways and Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Power Minister Manohar Lal and Ports and Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, among others.

The supply situation in the country today is normal. The citizens should avoid panic purchase of petrol, diesel and LPG as the government is pulling out all stops to ensure the availability of all essential items, Singh said on X'.

He said the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been doing excellent work since the conflict in West Asia broke out. The IGoM was apprised that supplies of petrol and diesel across the country remain fully adequate.

During the present disruption, the public sector oil marketing companies have refrained from passing the full international price into retail, absorbing approximately Rs 550 crore per day as losses, the defence ministry said in the statement.

It said this cushion is intended for retail consumption alone, adding industrial and commercial diesel tracks international prices as a matter of standing policy. A pattern has emerged of industrial users substituting their entitled industrial procurement with retail purchases to capture the protected price, alongside instances of black marketing by certain dealers, the ministry said.

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Amid escalating tensions in West Asia and concerns over global energy disruptions, the Centre on Wednesday asserted that there was no supply gap in

petroleum products in India and urged citizens not to indulge in panic buying of fuel or LPG.

Reviewing the evolving regional situation at the sixth meeting of the Informal Group of Ministers (IGoM) on West Asia, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the government said India's energy and fertiliser supplies remained stable despite continuing disruptions linked to the conflict.

Officials informed the ministerial group that supplies of petrol and diesel across the country were fully adequate, underlining that India, as the world's fourth-largest refiner, possessed an installed refining capacity of 258.1 million tonnes per annum against domestic consumption of 243.2 million tonnes in the last financial year.

India also exports nearly 61.5 million tonnes of petroleum products annually, the meeting was told, reinforcing the government's position that there was no immediate threat to domestic fuel availability.

The supply situation in the country today is normal, Rajnath Singh said in a post on X after the meeting, while appealing to citizens to avoid panic purchases of petrol, diesel and LPG.

The high-level meeting was attended by several senior ministers, including Hardeep Singh Puri, J P Nadda, Manohar Lal, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Prahlad Joshi and Kiren Rijiju.

The government also disclosed that public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) were currently absorbing losses of nearly Rs 550 crore per day by not fully passing on rising international crude prices to retail consumers during the ongoing crisis.

However, officials flagged concerns over industrial consumers allegedly diverting purchases to retail outlets to exploit protected prices, alongside incidents of black marketing by some dealers. The Centre said enforcement measures had been intensified in coordination with state governments and industry bodies.

The IGoM also reviewed fertiliser availability ahead of the Kharif sowing season and was informed that stock levels remained comfortable.

Against an estimated Kharif requirement of 390.54 lakh metric tonnes, the country currently holds about 200.47 lakh metric tonnes more than 51 per cent of projected demand, significantly higher than normal levels for this time of the year.

The government said improved planning, advance stocking and logistics management had helped maintain robust supplies. India has additionally secured substantial imports of DAP, NPK and other fertilisers expected to arrive during May and June.

Rajnath Singh directed officials to continue strengthening preparedness amid the evolving geopolitical situation and stressed that fertilisers and other agricultural inputs must remain adequately available to ensure food prices remain stable.

The IGoM also noted that MSMEs had appreciated the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0, which was helping businesses manage working capital stress during the current uncertainty.