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29th ETM Inaugurated in Goa, Highlights India's Energy Security Priorities

The 29th Energy Technology Meet (ETM 2026) was inaugurated at the ONGC Advanced Training Institute in Goa by Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri. The three-day event brought together policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, technology providers and energy experts to discuss innovations shaping India's energy future. The theme of the conclave was "Accelerating Energy Innovation: From Research to Commercialisation".



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MURUGAPPA HOCKEY | FINAL

Indian Navy to take on BPCL

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, OCT. 31

Indian Navy edged past Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) 4-2 in a shootout after the teams were locked 2-2 at the end of regulation time in the first semi-final of the 97th All India MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament here on Saturday.

In an evenly contested encounter, Indian Navy took the lead through Yogesh Singh who converted a penalty corner in the 27th minute. RSPB fought back and restored parity through a penalty corner conversion by Pratap Lakra in the 39th minute. RSPB then went ahead in the 55th minute when Atul Deep scored a field goal. However, Indian Navy didn't give up and drew level just two minutes later, with K Selvaraj finding the target in the 57th minute to take the contest into a shootout.

Indian Navy held its nerve in the tiebreaker, converting four attempts through Pawan Rajbhar, Sanjit Toppo, Yogesh Singh and Kuldeep. Ashis Topno was the only Indian Navy player to miss. For RSPB, Yogember Rawat and Simranjot Singh converted their attempts, while Sheshe Gowda, Rajbeer Singh and Darshan Gawkar failed to score. The victory earned Indian Navy a place in the final, while RSPB was left to rue its missed opportunities in the shootout.

RESULTS

Indian Navy 2 (Yogesh Singh 27th PC; K Selvaraj 57th minute, FG); drew Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) 2 (Pratap Lakra 39th minute, PC; Atul Deep 55th, minute FG). Indian Army 1 (Akshay Dubey 27th PC); drew Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) 1 (Anmol Ekka 35th minute, PC).



Sudeep Chirmako of BPCL scores against Indian Navy during the semifinal of the Murugappa hockey.

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BPCL Appoints Dr Shalini Verma as New CVO



Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), a Fortune Global 500 company and a Maharatna PSU, appointed Dr Shalini Verma, IRS (Income Tax), as its Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO). She assumed charge on October 26, 2026.

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GAIL gets board's approval to list GAIL Gas Ltd



ANI NEWS

New Delhi , October 31

GAIL (India) Ltd has given in-principle approval to list its wholly owned subsidiary GAIL Gas Ltd on Indian stock exchanges through an IPO, with a proposal to dilute up to 25 per cent of its equity in the company.

In an exchange filing on Friday, GAIL said its board had approved the listing of GAIL Gas shares through the IPO route.

The proposal marks a step towards bringing the subsidiary to the public markets.

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EQUITY

GAIL gets board nod to list GAIL Gas, proposes up to 25% stake

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NEW DELHI

State-owned GAIL (India) Ltd has given in-principle approval to list its wholly owned subsidiary GAIL Gas Ltd on Indian stock exchanges through an initial public offering (IPO), with a proposal to dilute up to 25 per cent of its equity in the company.

In an exchange filing on Friday, GAIL said its board had approved the listing of GAIL Gas shares through the IPO route. The proposal marks a step towards bringing the subsidiary to the public markets, although the final structure and extent of the stake sale are yet to be decided. The filing said the IPO would involve "diluting GAIL's equity in GGL upto 25%". It added that GAIL Gas would submit a final proposal based on recommendations from the Book Running Lead Managers (BRLMs), covering valuation, price band, the mode of the offering and other terms and conditions.

The final extent of dilution, along with the IPO structure and other terms, will require approval from the GAIL board. The company said the details would be communicated to the stock exchanges after they are finalised.

The development comes as GAIL reported revenue from operations of Rs 45,924 crore in the second quarter of FY27, compared to Rs 38,981 crore in the first quarter. Profit before tax (PBT) stood at Rs 5,838 crore, against Rs 5,773 crore in the preceding quarter, while profit after tax (PAT) increased to Rs 4,650 crore from Rs 4,292 crore.

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Crude oil prices very volatile in Q2: IOCL

Saptaparno Ghosh
NEW DELHI

Crude oil prices stayed highly volatile in Q2 with procurement carried out varyingly at discounts and premiums, Anuj Jain, director (finance) at Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) told investors in a call.

Mr. Jain explained broadly crude procured during Q2 held both discounts and premiums at varying periods. This entailed a discount of $5/barrel to the then benchmark prices to a premium of $12/barrel. This ranged from no discount/premium to a premium of $18/barrel in Q1. He also informed under-recoveries on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) stood at ₹184/cylinder in September and rose to ₹229 in October. Also, he projected the under-recoveries could rise to ₹309/cylinder in November and ₹370 per cylinder in December.

Further, Russian crude accounted for around 55% of IOCL's crude basket during H1, Middle East 24%, Africa – including Angola and Nigeria – about 10%, Brazil about 7% with U.S. and Venezuela making up the remainder 2-5% and 3-4%, respectively.

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In Dec, LPG under-recovery may rise to ₹370/cylinder, says IOC's Anuj Jain

Rishi Ranjan Kala
New Delhi

The under-recovery on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is expected to rise by roughly 13 per cent on a monthly basis to ₹370 per 14.2 kg domestic cylinder in December.

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) Director (Finance) Anuj Jain, in a post-results analyst call on Saturday, said the under-recovery on LPG is around ₹309 per domestic cylinder in November and is likely to hit ₹370 in December.

"The Saudi CP has gone up to $756 per tonne. So as far as my under-recovery is concerned, in September it was ₹184 per cylinder, which went up to ₹229 in October and going forward in the month of November, we see that it would be somewhere in the range of ₹309 per cylinder.

In December, it may go to ₹370 per cylinder," he added. As of September 30, IOC's cumulative under-recovery on LPG was ₹32,505.69 crore.



Anuj Jain, Director (Finance)

UNDER-RECOVERIES

The other two PSU oil marketing companies, Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL), reported under-recoveries of ₹17,334.40 crore and ₹18,048.82 crore, respectively.

The OMCs are saddled with huge under-recoveries on account of selling the cooking fuel, used by more than 33 crore households, at below the prevailing market rates.

IOC's September quarter (FY27) net profit more than doubled to around ₹22,503 crore as lower crude oil prices and higher refining margins helped off-set losses from selling petrol, diesel and LPG below market rates.

The country's largest fuel retailer said that Q2 FY27 profitability was largely driven by temporary decline in crude oil prices from mid-June to mid-August and robust margins from petrochemicals and gas.

"However, profitability in the upcoming quarters may be impacted by inventory losses due to potential fall in crude oil prices with normalisation of the situation in West Asia," it has warned.

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GAIL reports ₹45,924 crore revenue from operations, PAT of ₹4,650 crore for Q2 FY2026-27

GAIL (India) Limited on 30th October 2026 announced its financial results for the second quarter of financial year 2026-27.GAIL (India) Limited reported Revenue from Operations of ₹ 84,905 crore for the period April – September 2026 as compared to ₹69,824 crore in corresponding period of Financial Year 2025-26. Profit Before Tax (PBT) for H1 FY27 stood at ₹11,611 crore as compared to ₹5,357 crore for the corresponding period in previous year. Profit After Tax (PAT) stood at ₹8,943 crore in H1 FY27 as compared to ₹4,104 crore in corresponding period of previous year.Revenue from Operations was reported at ₹45,924 crore in Q2 FY27 as against ₹ 38,981 crore in Q1 FY27. PBT stood at ₹5,838 crore in Q2 FY27 as against ₹5,773 crore during Q1 FY27. PAT stood at ₹4,650 crore in Q2 FY27 as against ₹4,292 crore in Q1 FY27.The quarter reflected resilience in transmission and Natural Gas marketing performance. Despite geopolitical headwinds, the Company saw robust volumes across all major segments. On consolidated basis, for H1 FY27, Revenue from Operations stood at ₹88,651 crore, compared to ₹71,086 crore in H1 FY26.

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Indian Oil Marks Vigilance Awareness Week 2026



Arvind Kumar, Director (Refineries), Indian Oil, inaugurated Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) 2026 at Refineries Headquarters on October 26, 2026, in the presence of senior officials. The programme commenced with Mr Kumar administering the Integrity Pledge to IOCians, reaffirming collective commitment to ethical conduct. Messages from the Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Vice President, Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Central Vigilance Commission were read out by senior officials.In his message, Mr Kumar underscored the measures taken in Refineries Division towards probity and good governance.

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OIL observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2026



Under the aegis of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) 2026 is being observed in Oil India Limited (OIL) from 26th October 2026 to 1st November, 2026 with the theme "Probity for Prosperity" across all the spheres and offices of the Company. As part of VAW 2026, the inaugural programme was held on 26 October 2026 at OIL's Corporate Office, New Delhi. During the event, the Integrity Pledge was administered by Dr. Ranjit Rath, CMD, OIL, and Shalabh Tyagi, CVO, OIL, in the presence of Functional Directors and other officials of the Company.

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Headline: Hardeep Puri filed his nomination for the Rajya Sabha by-election

हरदीप पुरी ने राज्यसभा उपचुनाव के लिए भरा पर्चा

भोपाल। केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने शनिवार को मध्य प्रदेश में राज्यसभा उपचुनाव के लिए भाजपा उम्मीदवार के तौर पर नामांकन दाखिल किया। इस दौरान विरोध प्रदर्शन की आशंका में पुलिस ने युवा कांग्रेस के कई नेताओं को हिरासत में लिया। पुरी मुख्यमंत्री मोहन यादव और भाजपा प्रदेश अध्यक्ष हेमंत खंडेलवाल के साथ विधानसभा पहुंचे। भाजपा की केंद्रीय चुनाव समिति ने 28 अक्टूबर को उन्हें उम्मीदवार घोषित किया था। ब्यूरो

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PACT

INDIAN RAILWAYS TO REPLACE LPG, DIESEL WITH PNG AT 22 SITES

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NEW DELHI



Northern Railway will replace around 500 kg of LPG and 2,500 litres of diesel consumed daily across 22 railway establishments with piped natural gas (PNG), following a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL).

The initial PNG consumption under the agreement is estimated at 3,000 Standard Cubic Metres per Day (SCMD), with demand expected to increase to 8,000-10,000 SCMD in the coming years as infrastructure and connectivity expand, IGL said in a statement on Saturday.

The agreement covers railway establishments across Delhi, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar and is aimed at accelerating the adoption of natural gas among institutional and commercial consumers under the government's National PNG Drive 3.0.

Under the first phase, PNG will be supplied to 22 designated locations, including departmental mechanised laundries at Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Old Delhi, Anand Vihar Terminal, Hazrat Nizamuddin and New Delhi, where the fuel will be used for boiler operations.

The agreement also covers officers' rest houses, base kitchens, running rooms, subordinate rest houses and guard and Travelling Ticket Examiner (TTE) lobbies.

The partnership is expected to expand with the development of PNG infrastructure across IGL's authorised geographical areas, including Ajmer, Banda, Rewari and Muzaffarnagar.

Speaking on the occasion, Pushpesh Raman Tripathi, Divisional Railway Manager, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, said the agreement would help Indian Railways reduce substantial energy costs. He added that the railway administration plans to extend PNG connectivity to railway hospitals and residential colonies in the future.

Subhankar Sen, Chairman of IGL, said the collaboration would facilitate the substitution of a substantial quantity of LPG with natural gas, helping reduce import dependence and the associated subsidy burden.

He added that the initiative could pave the way for a wider transition from LPG to PNG across the Indian Railways network.

Kumar Shanker, Managing Director of IGL, described the partnership as a pioneering model of collaboration between Indian Railways and city gas distribution companies.

The MoU was signed in the presence of senior officials from both organisations, including Mohit Bhatia, Director (Commercial), IGL.

The initiative is expected to simplify fuel handling, improve supply reliability and support the transition towards cleaner energy sources across railway establishments.

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FUEL SUPPLIES

Oil jumps 2%, settles at 6-month highs on fears of escalation in Iran

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Oil prices jumped more than 2% on Friday and settled at their highest levels since the end of April, as traders braced for a potential escalation in the Iran war after the US midterm elections, with an attack on a tanker in the Strait of Hormuz highlighting supply risks.

Brent crude futures for December , which expired on Friday, settled up $2.76, or 2.4%, at $117.64 a barrel, after touching a high of $118. The more active January contract gained $2.63 to $113.43. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures settled $2.12, or 2.08%, higher at $104.12.

For the month, Brent finished 13.6% higher, while WTI rose 15.2%.

"Traders will remain focused on oil flows out of the Middle East and the likely escalation by US and allied forces," said Dennis Kissler, senior vice president of trading at BOK Financial. On Friday, a tanker in the Strait of Hormuz was hit by explosive devices attached by a small boat, said the UKMTO, the British maritime security service. It was not immediately clear who was behind the attack in the strait, the key sea outlet for Gulf crude and fuel supplies.

It was the first known successful strike in the waterway using limpet mines, explosives that are attached to a ship's hull from a small boat, since the US-Israeli war with Iran began in February, maritime sources said.

The US ordered non-emergency government employees and their family members to leave Saudi Arabia effective October 23 due to safety risks, the US embassy in Riyadh said on Friday, citing Houthi attacks on civilian airports and other critical infrastructure.

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OPPORTUNITY AS WORLD GRAPPLES WITH OIL TENSIONS

Expanded Fuel Exports to New Territory amid W Asia Crisis: RIL

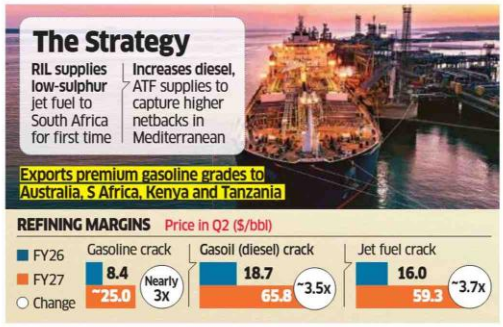
Co says O2C grew in Q2 as it shipped more to African and Mediterranean nations, Oz and Europe

Kalpana Pathak

Mumbai: Reliance Industries (RIL) redirected fuel exports to East and South Africa, the Mediterranean and other European markets to capitalise on market opportunities caused by supply disruptions due to the West Asia conflict. This helped the private refiner boost its market share in these markets by about 50%, showed the company's September quarter financial presentation.

RIL also tapped opportunities in Australia, Kenya and Tanzania for premium gasoline grades, while enhancing diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) supplies to the Mediterranean.

"In the case of diesel and jet fuel, we found opportunities in the Mediterranean market because of the loss of supply," said Srinivasan Tuttagunta, chief operating officer, supply and trading at RIL, per the presentation.



RIL's oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business emerged as the biggest driver of its fiscal second quarter earnings, reporting a 68% surge in Ebitda to a record ₹25,203 crore. O2C revenue grew 44% to ₹231,601 crore, led by high energy prices. The West Asia conflict has disrupted energy supply chains, resulting in a 41% year-on-year rise in crude oil prices and a 50-78% jump in transportation fuel prices.

RIL said it also supplied low-sulphur ATF to South Africa for the first time, opening up potential new export opportunities.

The company's export strategy comes amid a sharp rise in global refining margins as geopolitical disruptions, refinery outages and declining fuel inventories tighten product supplies.

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Refining capacity in Russia and West Asia has been affected due to ongoing conflicts, lifting prices of gasoline, diesel and aviation fuel.

Gasoline cracks, which measure the difference between refined product and crude oil prices, spiralled to nearly $25 a barrel in the September quarter from $8.4 a barrel a year earlier. Gasoil cracks increased to $65.8 a barrel from $18.7, while aviation fuel cracks climbed to $59.3 from $16.

"RIL's ability to redirect shipments towards markets offering better returns has helped it navigate disruptions to traditional trade flows, including those caused by tensions around the Strait of Hormuz," said a sectoral analyst, requesting anonymity.

On crude sourcing, RIL revised its import basket between the Americas, Gulf and other regions last quarter to take advantage of available supplies and pricing opportunities. This flexibility helped it maintain record crude processing levels despite shipping disruptions.

Crude procurement has however turned pricier due to elevated physical crude premiums, freight and insurance costs. Brent crude fluctuated between $70 and $130 a barrel during the quarter, reflecting volatility in global oil markets.

RIL said it had deployed more than 20 vessels, with the total number of crude and product vessels approaching 25, to mitigate the impact of sharply higher freight rates.

The company also increased normal LPG production nearly twofold to meet domestic demand, curtailing output of other products, including alkylate and some petrol components.

Domestic fuel demand remained strong, with India's gasoline consumption growing 8.5% year-on-year during the quarter and diesel demand rising 7.5%. However, RIL's margins faced pressure from a special additional excise duty levy and the inability to fully pass on higher international fuel prices to local consumers.

Looking ahead, RIL said it expects global product supplies to remain tight in the near term as refinery outages, curbs on Russian fuel exports and uncertainty over Chinese exports constrain availability. Lower-than-average gasoline and diesel inventories are also supporting refining margins.

RIL said its priorities would remain high asset utilisation, margin maximisation and end-to-end optimisation of its refining and marketing operations to capture opportunities arising from volatile global markets.

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CNG price rises by ₹1

Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) has increased the price of compressed natural gas (CNG) by ₹1 per kg in Mumbai and adjoining areas, taking the revised rate to ₹90 per kg. The new prices came into effect on Saturday midnight.

MGL attributed the hike to rising gas procurement costs amid the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, reduced domestic gas allocation and increased dependence on expensive imported gas.

The latest revision marks the sixth increase in CNG prices this year. Rates were raised by ₹1 per kg on April 12, ₹2 on May 14, ₹2 on May 30, ₹2 on September 1, ₹1 on October 1 and ₹1 on October 31.

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CNG HIKE LIKELY TO SQUEEZE EARNINGS OF TAXIS, AUTOS

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MUMBAI

The latest Re1 per kg hike in Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) prices has raised concerns among Mumbai's auto-rickshaw and taxi drivers, with transport unions warning that rising operating costs could eventually trigger demands for a fare revision.

Thampi Kurien, president of an auto-rickshaw union, said the latest increase has added around 16 paise per kilometre to operating costs, against an earlier calculation of 66 paise per kilometre. "With the increase in CNG prices, there is an estimated impact of around Rs4 on fares," Kurien said.

He added that the union may seek a fare revision within six months if further hikes push overall operating costs up by 25%, subject to certain conditions.

KK Tiwari, President of the BJP Taxi Union, said the Rs1 hike would increase drivers' daily expenses by Rs10-12. Claiming that CNG prices had risen nearly nine times this year, he demanded that fuel prices be revised only once annually, with corresponding changes in auto-rickshaw fares.

Tiwari said drivers were already struggling with RTO and police fines, parking shortages and administrative pressures. In Mumbai, inadequate parking facilities force drivers to travel two to three kilometres to find paid parking, further increasing expenses.

Mumbai CNG price: ₹9/kg increase since April

April 12	+₹1/kg
May 14	+₹2/kg
May 30	+₹2/kg
September 1	+₹2/kg
October 1	+₹1/kg
October 31	+₹1/kg

Rajesh Pal, an auto-rickshaw driver from Kandivali, said unpredictable fuel expenses were making it difficult to estimate daily earnings.

"When CNG prices increase, our expenses go up immediately, but our earnings remain the same. Many passengers negotiate over even a small fare difference, so we cannot simply ask them to pay more," he said.

Pal added that drivers sometimes work an extra hour or two to recover additional fuel expenses, leaving little money for their families. The repeated increases also affect commuters, as CNG is widely used by auto-rickshaws, taxis and commercial vehicles across Mumbai and adjoining areas.

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Hardeep Puri files papers for M.P. Rajya Sabha bypoll

Press Trust of India
BHOPAL

Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, the BJP's nominee for the November 12 Rajya Sabha byelection in Madhya Pradesh, filed his nomination papers on Saturday in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and BJP state president Hemant Khandelwal.

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Petrol export duty cut to nil, diesel levy raised by ₹3 a litre

The government slashed export duty on petrol to nil while hiking that on export of diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) by ₹3/litre and 50 paise/litre each for the next 15 days. There was no change in existing excise duty rates for petrol and diesel for local use. Diesel exports would now draw a levy of ₹11.5/litre against ₹8.5/ litre it in the previous fortnight. ATF would be subject to an export levy of ₹11/litre against ₹10.5/litre as mandated for the previous fortnight.

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What do the new E100 vehicle rules mean?

What has changed? Should existing vehicles switch to E85 or E100? What are the concerns over ethanol blending?

Jagriti Chandra

The story so far:

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has amended the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, to permit the use of ethanol-based fuels containing up to 100% ethanol (E100) in vehicles. The move paves the way for flex-fuel (flexible fuel) vehicles, which can run on petrol, ethanol blends of varying proportions, or pure ethanol.

While petrol is refined from crude oil extracted from the earth, ethanol is a type of alcohol that can be produced by fermenting plant biomass (such as sugarcane, maize, or broken rice). The two fuels can be mixed.

What has the government changed?

One of the key changes is the inclusion of E100, or fuel comprising 100% ethanol, alongside E85 in several tables under Rule 115, which deals with emission standards and related requirements for motor vehicles. E85 is a fuel containing up to 85% ethanol, while E100 consists entirely of ethanol, subject to applicable fuel specifications. The amendments include an explanatory note stating that E85 or E100 may be used only in flex-fuel vehicles designed by original equipment manufacturers.

Should existing vehicles switch to E85 or E100?

No. In a press statement, the Ministry clarified that a vehicle's compatibility with E20 or E20 does not establish its suitability for E85. The notification does not require owners of existing vehicles to switch to E85 or modify their vehicles, either now or later. Motorists should check the fuel-compatibility sticker on their vehicle and follow the manufacturer's guidance in the owner's manual when choosing fuel at a filling station, the Ministry's statement added.

The notification does not require owners of existing vehicles to switch to E85 or modify their vehicles, either now or later

How will the amendments support the roll-out of E100 vehicles?

The amendments are expected to facilitate homologation, the official certification process through which authorised agencies, such as the Automotive Research Association of India, verify that vehicles and components comply with technical, safety, and environmental standards before they can be approved for sale or use on public roads. This will help secure type approvals for E100-powered vehicles, supporting their roll-out and wider consumer adoption. Corrections have also been incorporated into fuel classifications, including a reference to gasoline blended with 20% ethanol, or E20, in place of an earlier notation referring to E10.

What is the status of the Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme now?

India achieved its 20% ethanol-blending (E20) target in 2025, five years ahead of the original 2030 deadline set under the National Policy on Biofuels, 2018. From April 2026, all Bharat Stage-VI (BS-VI) vehicles are required to fully meet E20 emission standards, and all petrol sold across India is mandated to contain 20% ethanol (E20). The policy focus is now widening beyond E20: the government has enabled the regulatory pathway for E85 and E100 vehicles, though these will require compatible flex-fuel vehicles and dedicated dispensing infrastructure.

What are consumers' concerns?

The main concern is vehicle compatibility. Owners of older or non-E20-compliant vehicles question whether E20 could damage components, raise maintenance costs, or leave them without access to lower-ethanol petrol.

Consumers also question E20's effect on fuel economy. Ethanol has a lower energy density than petrol; while the government estimates a 5% decline in mileage, some consumers say the loss is greater. Dealers, meanwhile, warn that ethanol's affinity for water could raise contamination risks during the monsoon, strengthening the case for separate storage and dispensing systems for higher blends.

Users have also questioned why blending of ethanol has not reduced retail fuel prices. The government has responded by saying that procurement of raw materials such as maize at ₹71.86 per litre is higher than $70 per barrel of crude oil (or ₹37 to ₹40 per litre).

Experts argue that the focus on ethanol blending risks distracting from electrification, which they say offers a clearer long-term path to deep emissions cuts. "The future is electric. Other technologies are interim solutions. Electrification is cleaner, avoids the lifecycle emissions associated with ethanol production, and offers public health and climate benefits," said Amit Bhatt, managing director, International Council on Clean Transportation.

There are also concerns about the land and water required for large-scale ethanol production, the choice of crops used as feedstock, and the potential competition between fuel and food production.

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Govt hikes windfall tax on diesel, ATF exports

Press Trust of India
New Delhi

The government on Saturday hiked the windfall gains tax on export of diesel and ATF and slashed the levy to zero on petrol for the fortnight beginning October 31.

For ATF exports, the duty has been hiked marginally to ₹11/litre, from ₹10.5/litre for the fortnight.

The rate of special additional excise duty (SAED), along with road and infrastructure cess on export of diesel, will now be ₹11.5 a litre, up from ₹8.5 a litre.

The duty on petrol exports has been slashed to nil, from ₹2.5 per litre, for the next fortnight.

The Finance Ministry, in a notification, said the duty changes will be effective from October 31.

Amid escalating tensions in West Asia, the government imposed an export duty on diesel and ATF on March 27 and revised the rate every fortnight. Beginning May 16, the levy was imposed on petrol exports.

The Ministry also said there is no change in the existing duty rates on petrol and diesel cleared for domestic consumption.

The windfall tax was levied to increase domestic availability of the fuel amid the war in West Asia. It was also aimed at preventing exporters from taking undue advantage due to price differences as global crude oil prices had risen since the war began.

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Hardeep Puri files nomination for MP Rajya Sabha bypoll

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
Bhopal



Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday filed his nomination papers as the BJP candidate for the upcoming Rajya Sabha by-election in Madhya Pradesh, even as police detained several Congress leaders ahead of planned protests against his candidature.

The 74-year-old leader reached the State Assembly building shortly after 11 am, along with Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and BJP state president Hemant Khandelwal under tight security.

Before submitting his papers, the Union Petroleum Minister paid obeisance at a gurudwara and visited Karuna Dham Ashram to seek the blessings of Sant Sudesh Shandilya Maharaj. MP Minister Krishna Gaur was among the proposers for his candidature. The BJP's Central Election Committee had announced Puri as its nominee on October 28 for the seat vacated by the resignation of Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs L Murugan, whose term was due to end in April 2030. In the 230-member Madhya Pradesh Assembly, the effective strength for the November 12 bypoll stands at 229 after Congress legislator Mukesh Malhotra was disqualified following a court ruling.

Madhya Pradesh has 11 Rajya Sabha seats, of which the BJP holds seven and the Congress three, with one currently vacant. Anticipating protests against Puri's candidature, Bhopal police detained several Congress leaders ahead of the nomination filing. Youth Congress district president Amit Khatri was taken to Ashbagh police station, while State vice-president Abhishek Parmar and district president Ankit Dubey were detained at Habibganj police station.The detentions triggered protests by Youth Congress workers.

"The BJP is throttling dissent. We will continue protesting against Puri," MP Congress media cell co-ordinator Abhinav Barolia said, adding that party workers had also burnt effigies of the Union Minister across Bhopal on Friday.The Congress's opposition stems from references to Puri in documents linked to convicted US sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Attention is also on Bina MLA Nirmala Sapre, who maintains she is with the Congress but has been seen attending BJP events. Her voting position remains uncertain amid a pending anti-defection matter, making it difficult to assess the effective strength of the two parties.

Hours before Puri arrived in Bhopal on Friday evening, state Congress president Jitu Patwari questioned the BJP's decision to field him, alleging that a Dalit leader (Murugan) was asked to resign to accommodate the Union Minister.

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ONGC expands technology focus

- ONGC presented clean-energy, compressed-biogas and drilling initiatives at the Energy Technology Meet in Goa.

- The company used the event to emphasize indigenous technology and a more resilient energy system.

- The showcase broadens the strategic backdrop for investors ahead of upcoming operating updates.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) used the 29th Energy Technology Meet in Goa to showcase clean-energy, compressed-biogas and drilling technologies. The event began on October 27, 2026, and ran through October 29, with Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurating the ONGC pavilion, according to Indian Masterminds.

Three areas shape the showcase

The pavilion featured ONGC Green Limited, a compressed-biogas initiative and the Institute of Drilling and Well Engineering. Together, the exhibits linked alternative energy development with resource efficiency and technical capabilities in exploration and production.

The compressed-biogas display focused on converting waste into an energy resource. ONGC's green-energy presentation addressed cleaner solutions, while the drilling institute highlighted engineering expertise intended to support the changing requirements of the energy sector.

Strategic relevance for investors

The presentation does not by itself establish a financial contribution from the showcased initiatives. It does, however, illustrate ONGC's effort to combine its established oil and gas business with cleaner energy and technology-led projects. For investors, execution, commercialization and the effect on future production and cash flow remain the key issues to monitor.

The event was organized by the Centre for High Technology under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Its focus on domestic technology development and cooperation placed ONGC's initiatives within India's wider effort to strengthen energy security and resilience.

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Following failed bilateral negotiations, the top court has turned to formal mediation to resolve the long-standing energy basin dispute, appointing a former Supreme Court judge to spearhead talks. Find out what terms both parties are bringing to the negotiating table.

The Supreme Court on Friday (October 30) referred the Reliance Industries Limited Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin gas dispute for mediation after the parties failed to arrive at a viable settlement.

The apex court has requested Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai to act as mediator in the case.

The court noted that both sides had sought adjournments from time to time to explore possibility of a settlement but had been unable to arrive at a viable solution.

"The parties themselves have not been able to find a viable solution. We suggest, on their behalf, that former judge of this court Ranjana Prakash Desai be requested to act as mediator.

"We also request the learned mediator to have the assistance of two domain experts, as may be suggested by the parties, for the aforesaid purpose," the bench said.

Attorney General R Venkataramani, appearing for the Centre, assured full cooperation to the mediator.

The matter was heard by the Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Baghchi and Justice V Mohana.

The top court was hearing the appeals of RIL (Reliance Industries Ltd), BP Exploration (Alpha) Ltd and Niko (NECO) Ltd against a Delhi High Court verdict that set aside an arbitral award in their favour in the gas migration dispute with the Centre.

On May 20, the court declined a submission by RIL to put the hearing in the dispute on hold for the time being as the company and two other foreign firms sought mediation or conciliation with the Centre for an amicable resolution.

The dispute concerns allegations that RIL extracted natural gas that had migrated from an adjoining block operated by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) into its own block in the Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin.

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Moving beyond garments and conventional fabrics, Surat's technical textile research is finding potential applications in India's critical energy sector. ONGC's Hazira plant... SURAT: Moving beyond garments and conventional fabrics, Surat's technical textile research is finding potential applications in India's critical energy sector. ONGC's Hazira plant has approached scientists from the Man-Made Textile Research Association (MANTRA), Surat, to scientifically evaluate specialised filter materials used in natural gas purification, opening a new avenue for collaboration between the oil and gas industry and textile researchers. Dr Pankaj Gandhi, Director and Scientist, and Dr Hitesh Jariwala, Deputy Director and Scientist at MANTRA, visited the ONGC Hazira plant on October 30 following an invitation for a technical discussion on fibre-based filtration materials, particularly cellulose-based pre-coat filter aids. During the interaction, ONGC sought MANTRA's expertise in assessing the performance, quality and industrial suitability of these materials and requested laboratory testing for their scientific evaluation. The discussion focused on fibre properties, material structure, filtration efficiency, particle retention capacity, pressure drop and chemical compatibility under industrial operating conditions. Technical textiles enter the energy sector At ONGC Hazira, Methyl Diethanolamine (MDEA) solution is used to remove acidic gases, including hydrogen sulphide (HS) and carbon dioxide (CO), from natural gas. Suspended particles and contaminants in the solution can cause blockages, equipment fouling and increased operating pressure, affecting the efficiency of critical processing equipment. Pre-coat filter aids form a porous layer over the filtration surface, helping capture fine particles and prevent clogging. Their performance depends on fibre characteristics, particle size, chemical compatibility and operating conditions. The proposed laboratory evaluation by MANTRA will help assess important parameters such as filtration rate, pressure drop, particle retention and the operational suitability of the materials. New opportunities for Surat's research ecosystem The collaboration also highlights the growing importance of INDUTECH, a segment of technical textiles focused on industrial applications such as gas purification, chemical processing and liquid filtration. Unlike conventional textiles, industrial technical fabrics are engineered for specific performance requirements, including filtration efficiency, durability and resistance to demanding operating conditions. The interaction between ONGC and MANTRA could create opportunities for developing and evaluating specialised indigenous filtration materials for the oil, gas and chemical industries. For Surat's textile research ecosystem, the engagement represents an opportunity to extend its scientific expertise beyond the traditional textile sector into critical industrial applications, strengthening industry-research partnerships and India's technical textile capabilities.

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EVs, CNG and CBG: Why India's clean mobility transition also needs an agricultural lens

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India's mobility transition will be decided in the fields by what we do with the straw left behind after harvest India's clean-mobility debate is usually staged as a contest between machines: batteries against cylinders, electric against CNG. It is the wrong contest. The better question is what vehicle runs on, and where that energy comes from and the answer could lead to the paddy fields of Punjab and Haryana. Numbers are encouraging but incomplete. Electric vehicles make up about 11 per cent of all vehicle sales in 2026, and nearly 43 per cent of passenger three-wheelers sold in the first seven months of this year were electric. For short, stop-start city trips, the battery is winning. But electric buses were under 5 per cent of sales and heavy trucks just 0.4 per cent. An electric vehicle is also only as clean as the power that charges it. Coal and lignite supplied about two-thirds of India's electricity in the July to September quarter of FY 2026, and officials expect coal to provide about half of generation as late as 2035-36. The life-cycle reality This is why a recent TERI study on vehicular emission becomes important. It compared petrol, diesel, CNG, electricity and LNG across six vehicle categories over their full life cycles. Electric mobility offered favourable economics for two- and three-wheelers and certain urban uses, while CNG gave a competitive mix of affordability, life-cycle performance and practicality for cars, taxis, buses and several light commercial applications. The life-cycle record of EVs remains sensitive to electricity generation and battery manufacturing. The lesson is not one fuel, but the right fuel for each vehicle. That is where compressed biogas (CBG) fits in. It is produced by digesting crop residue, dung and organic waste in sealed tanks, making CBG interchangeable with CNG, which can run through the same pipelines and engines. TERI's earlier assessment found it can be carbon-negative: up to 1.141 kg of CO equivalent avoided per kilometre for a four-wheeler, the result of avoided methane leakage from unmanaged dung and of digestate replacing synthetic fertiliser. The study estimates that blending 20 % CBG into CNG could make the fuel carbon-neutral over its life cycle. Same fact was also highlighted by Niti Aayog in its Net Zero Report for the Transport Sector released in February 2026. In fact, an earlier NRI report states that a single CBG plant can eliminate 11,000-12,000 kilograms of PM emissions annually, which is equivalent to emission savings from 1.5-1.75 lac EVs or that achieved by removing 25000 older vehicles from the roads. The agricultural lens matters because of the feedstock issue. Punjab and Haryana together produce about 29 million tonnes of paddy straw, which are sometimes burnt because the window for sowing wheat after the paddy harvest is extremely short. While the official picture on emissions from stubble has improved, tens of millions of tonnes of residue need a permanent, paying destination, that fines and machines cannot supply. A prize not a penalty A CBG plant offers farmers a price for straw instead of a penalty for burning it, villages get a local employer and soil a nutrient-rich digestate. While policy has helped in building demandblending obligations is set at 1 per cent in 2025-26, 3 per cent in 2026-27, 4 per cent in 2027-28 and 5 per cent from 2028-29 yet existing plants are reported to run at only 20 to 60 per cent of capacity, The reason: feedstock is seasonal and collection is fragmented and year-round aggregation of biomass, long-term offtake contracts and simpler clearances would change that. None of this competes with the electric future. Electrons for two- and three-wheelers and urban fleets, increasingly green gas for heavier, high-mileage vehicles, and the farm as supplier of one and beneficiary of the other. The test is not which technology wins but whether every vehicle runs on the cleanest energy available to it. India's mobility transition will not only be decided in showrooms and power stations, but in the fields, by what we do with the straw left behind after harvest. The author is Nodal Officer, ETAC, MoPNG & Former CMD of ONGC