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Headline: Large gas reserve found off the Odisha coast

ओडिशा तट पर मिला गैस का बड़ा भंडार

■ ओएनजीसी को 1,441 से 1,452 मीटर की गहराई पर गैस मिली
आज समाज नेटवर्क

नई दिल्ली। ओडिशा के कोणार्क तट से महज 43 किलोमीटर दूर महानदी बेसिन के गहरे समुद्र में ऑयल एंड नेचुरल गैस कॉर्पोरेशन (ONGC) को नेचुरल गैस का बड़ा भंडार मिला है। सरकार के महत्वाकांक्षी 'समुद्र मंथन' डीपवॉटर एक्सप्लोरेशन कैम्पेन के तहत खोदे गए पहले ही गहरे कुएं में करीब 1,450 मीटर की गहराई पर गैस का यह नया फ्लो मिला है, जो लगातार मजबूत प्रेशर बनाए हुए है। तट से काफी करीब होने के कारण इस नए गैस ब्लॉक से जल्द उत्पादन शुरू करना और गैस की सप्लाई आसान होगी। PNG रूल्स 2025 के तहत पहले से मौजूद इंप्रोस्ट्रक्चर का इस्तेमाल कर इस खोज को तेजी से

कमर्शियलाइज किया जा सकेगा, जिससे भारत की महंगे फ्यूल इंपोर्ट पर निर्भरता घटेगी और घरेलू ऊर्जा सुरक्षा को बड़ा बूस्ट मिलेगा। सरकारी तेल एवं गैस कंपनी ओएनजीसी ने सोमवार को कहा कि उसे ओडिशा तट के पास गहरे समुद्र में प्राकृतिक गैस का भंडार मिला है। व्यावसायिक रूप से व्यावहारिक पाए जाने पर इस खोज का तेजी से विकास और दोहन किया जा सकता है। ऑयल एंड नेचुरल गैस कॉर्पोरेशन (ओएनजीसी) ने बयान में कहा कि कंपनी ने गहरे समुद्री एक्सप्लोरेशन अभियान समुद्र मंथन के तहत कोणार्क से करीब 43 किलोमीटर दूर महानदी अपतटीय बेसिन के एमएन-डीडब्ल्यू18-1-एच-डी कुएं में 18 सितंबर को यह खोज की। कंपनी ने बताया कि महानदी बेसिन में अभियान के तहत खोदा गया यह उसका पहला कुआं है।



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Gas discovery at Mahanadi to unlock new opportunities

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The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has struck natural gas in a deep water exploration well in the Mahanadi Offshore Basin, about 43 km off Odisha's Konark coast, marking a significant development in the state's offshore energy exploration.

The discovery was made on September 18 at the MN-DW18-1-H-D well, the first well drilled by ONGC in the Mahanadi Basin under the Centre's

Samudra Manthan deep water exploration campaign. The well was drilled to a target depth of 1,623 metres using the drillship, Platinum Explorer.

Gas was encountered in the 1,441-1,452-metre interval. ONGC said the well has been flowing gas with encouraging flow rates and sustained reservoir pressure.

Petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the discovery, along with other finds in the area, could open up the potential for cluster development via shared facilities.

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Discovery of Gas in Mahanadi Basin Major Milestone: Odisha CM Majhi

Bhubaneswar: Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Tuesday described the discovery of natural gas in the Mahanadi offshore basin as a significant milestone in the country's journey toward energy security, and said it is a moment that connects the state's natural heritage with India's emerging energy

ambitions.

Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) made the discovery on September 18 at the MN-DW18-1-H-D well in the Mahanadi offshore basin, about 43 km off Konark, as part of its Samudra Manthan deepwater exploration campaign, the company said in a statement. —PTI

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ONGC finds natural gas off Odisha coast

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22
In a major breakthrough for India's energy security, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has struck gas in the deep waters of the Mahanadi Basin off the eastern coast in Odisha.

The ONGC said that MDW-28, the maiden well of the ONGC's current deepwater campaign in the Mahanadi Basin is flowing gas with encouraging rates and sustained reservoir pressure.

This is the first well that the ONGC has dug in the Mahanadi under the government's flagship 'Samundra Manthan' campaign. Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri launched the campaign on July 25 with the spudding of MDW-28 (MN-DW18-1-H-D) in the deep offshore Mahanadi Basin.

"The well was perforated on September 18, following evaluation of subsurface data. It is currently flowing with a good gas rate and healthy reservoir pressure. During operations, top ONGC officials visited the drillship to interact with the crew on board and encourage them. This finding, along with other discoveries in the area, can be a candidate for development through shared facilities enabled by the PNG Rules, 2025, bringing deepwater resources onstream," the ONGC said on Tuesday.

The 2025 rules allow use of shared infrastructure to develop and exploit deep-water resources.



The PSU has found gas in Mahanadi Basin waters. PHOTO: ONGC



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**BPCL PARTNERS TEAM INDIA
FOR ASIAN GAMES 2026**

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) is backing Team India as its Principal Partner at the 20th Asian Games, being held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from September 19 to October 4, 2026. Adding to the significance of the partnership, 13 BPCL-associated sportspersons are part of the Indian contingent at the Asian Games, representing the country across cricket, hockey, volleyball, badminton, archery, athletics, swimming and table tennis. The contingent comprises six BPCL-recruited sportspersons and seven athletes supported through the BPCL Scholarship Scheme.

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**Manoj Kumar Sharma is
New Dir (Projects), GAIL**



Manoj Kumar Sharma assumed the charge as Director (Projects) of GAIL (India) Limited. Earlier, Sharma served as Executive Director and Regional Head, Eastern Region Pipelines, at Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).

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OIL Outlines Growth Roadmap at 67th AGM



Oil India Limited (OIL), a Maharatna CPSE and one of India's leading integrated energy companies, held its 67th Annual General Meeting (AGM) under the chairmanship of Dr Ranjit Rath, Chairman & Managing Director.



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NEW DELHI

Reliance Industries Ltd-backed Jio-bp has capped diesel sales at 50 litres per customer per transaction, according to four people, including petroleum dealers, aware of the development, as the escalating West Asia war continues to disrupt supplies, keeping global oil prices elevated. The curbs could hurt long-haul trucks, buses and farm users that typically require larger fills.

Reliance's joint venture with British energy major bp has also capped the total daily diesel sales at 6,000 litres for each of its 2,000 fuel outlets across spanning 21 states and Union Territories.

Jio-bp, which accounts for a fifth of India's around 10,000 private fuel retail pumps, had earlier restricted diesel sales, and imposed a diesel procurement quota for its pumps in April. India has around 100,000 fuel pumps, with the state-run oil marketing companies (OMCs) owning 90% of them.

While these measures were gradually rolled back, the recent escalation in the war and supply chain disruptions with continuing blockades in the Strait of Hormuz and Bab al Mandab have led to these restrictions.

"A cap has been put in place at 50



Jio-bp has capped diesel sales at 50 litres per customer per transaction. REUTERS

litres per transaction. The nozzle automatically stops at that level. Also, we have been told to restrict sales at 6,000 litres per day," said a retailer based out of Punjab, one of the four people mentioned above. "We have, however, been able to surpass the daily limit whenever demand is there. But, sales have dropped significantly, as we used to sell around 11,000 litres in a day."

Another person said the company has directed retailers to restrict sales amid high global prices. State-owned Indian Oil Corp. Ltd, Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd and Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd have not

put such curbs. *Mint* could not ascertain if other private players Nayara Energy and Shell have any such curbs.

Benchmark Brent crude oil prices have hovered over \$100 a barrel for the past few weeks and hit a four-month high of \$110 on 14 September. At 7.15pm on Tuesday, the November contract of Brent on the Intercontinental Exchange was trading at \$98.15 per barrel, 1.49% lower than its previous close.

High global oil prices may lead to an increase in retail fuel prices in the country. This year, Jio-bp has not raised its fuel prices even as other pri-

vate players and state-run retailers did so. Another retailer based in Punjab, said: "Earlier, as part of marketing, it was said that pump employees need to ask to customers if they want to fill their tank. And now it's the reverse. If somebody asks for a full tank, we need to tell them to buy less..."

Jio-bp is among the private players that would offer competitive discounts on petrol and diesel before the war in a bid to garner a higher market share.

A Pune-based Jio-bp pump operator, on the condition of anonymity, said: "Sales are already down, and now there is no demand from fleet. Earlier, we used to get high demand from fleet. Now that's not there. We have told that it is better to halt services completely. However, as international oil prices today are down, we expect that these supply issues will be sorted."

Earlier, as the ongoing US-Iran war disrupted energy supplies from the Gulf region, India's state-run-fuel retailers clamped a string of curbs on sales.

These restrictions have now been relaxed.

Queries mailed to the petroleum and natural gas ministry spokesperson remained unanswered until press time. In response to *Mint*'s emailed queries, Jio-bp said its pumps are 'operational and adequately stocked'.

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6k litres
Cap on daily diesel sales from each Jio-bp outlet

2,000
The number of fuel outlets Jio-bp runs across the country

BPCL backs 13 athletes in Team India

SP News
MUMBAI

BPCL is backing Team India as Principal Partner at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, with 13 athletes associated with the public sector oil major also part of the Indian contingent. The partnership adds to Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited's long-running association with Indian sport and its initiatives to support athletes at different stages of their careers.

The 13-member BPCL-linked contingent includes six sportspersons recruited by

the company and seven athletes supported through its scholarship programme. They will represent India across cricket, hockey, volleyball, badminton, archery, athletics, swimming and table tennis, highlighting BPCL's involvement across multiple sporting disciplines.

Among the athletes recruited by BPCL are cricketers Shreyas Iyer, Sanju Samson and Shivam Dube, hockey player Shilanand Lakra and Indian men's volleyball captain Jerome Vinith Charles. RMV Guru Sai Dutt, who has been associated with the Indian badminton team in



a coaching capacity, is also part of the BPCL-supported group.

The company's scholarship programme, meanwhile, includes Thirumuru Ganesh Mani Ratnam in archery,

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Vishal T.K. in athletics, Tharun Manepalli in badminton, Rajinder Singh in hockey, Shrihari Natraj in swimming, and table tennis players Payas Jain and Syndrel Das.

BPCL said its association with Team India reflects values such as discipline, determination, resilience and excellence. The company also

pointed to its sportsperson recruitment and scholarship programmes as part of its efforts to identify and support sporting talent.

A BPCL spokesperson said the company was proud to stand alongside Indian athletes at one of Asia's biggest sporting platforms and wished the Indian contingent success at the Games.

The 20th Asian Games feature 503 Indian sportspersons, with BPCL's partnership giving the company a broader role in supporting the contingent while continuing its focus on developing sporting talent beyond established names.

Conservationist wins *businessline* Changemaker of the Year award

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In an inspiring ceremony charged with emotion, gripping stories of human achievement and a mellifluous classical fusion performance, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented *businessline*'s Changemaker of the Year award to grassroots conservationist Purnima Devi Barman for saving the endangered greater adjutant stork and empowering village women to become feisty protectors of the bird as well as self-reliant entrepreneurs.

Border Roads Organisation (BRO), which builds and maintains critical infrastructure in India's remote border areas, was crowned Iconic Changemaker as was 'pain doctor' M.R. Rajagopal, founder and chairman emeritus of Pallium India, who integrated palliative care in mainstream healthcare services.

Receiving the award, Ms. Purnima Devi said, "When women rise, magic happens and the *hargila* (stork) takes flight."

The eighth edition of the event saw awards being given in six categories – Digital Transformation, Social Transformation, Financial Transformation, Young Changemaker, Iconic Changemaker, and Changemaker of the Year. The Digital Transformation winner was Aparna Hegde,



Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister; Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor, *businessline*; and Nirmala Lakshman, Director and Publisher, The Hindu Group; pose with the awardees at the *businessline* Changemaker Awards ceremony in New Delhi on Tuesday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHKAR



founder of ARMMAN (Advancing Reduction In Mortality and Morbidity of Mother, Children and Neonates), a non-profit that uses technology to reach out to expectant mothers and guide them.

In the Social Transformation category, there were two winners - Project Sambandh, founded by Colonel Vembu Shankar (retired), which helps families of armed forces personnel who die while in service but not in combat, and Sankara Eye Foundation for scaling up free eye-care. Financial Transformation winner was

Gourmet Popcornica for building a fully-integrated farm-to-consumer value chain across several States and giving a pop to the popcorn economy. The Young Changemaker award went to Ariana Agarwal, a 16-year-old girl from Jaipur for giving visibility to invisible gig workers.

'Making a difference'

Acknowledging *businessline*'s role in bringing to the fore the work of changemakers, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said: "India is a vast country. Despite the States and Centre doing so much, it is the changemakers who are putting their heart and soul in their endeavours, who are making a difference on the ground."

Earlier, inaugurating the event, Nirmala Lakshman, Director, THG Publishing Private Ltd., said, "Every year, this evening gives us a chance to recognise the

power of an idea to create change...and the persistence to see this through."

Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor, *businessline*, described how 1,600 nominations were received, from which the winners were chosen – a really tough job for the jury. "It was like a *samudra manthan* (churning of the ocean)," he said.

The 2026 awards function was presented by SASTRA Deemed University and powered by City Union Bank. Associate partners were State Bank of India, Life Insurance Corporation, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation, Citizen Watches, Government of Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir Bank, NABARD, NTPC, Indian Bank, SAIL, GAIL (India) Limited, Essar Group, ICFAI Group, NMDC, and UCO Bank. The mobility partner was Kia Sorento.

Stork sister Purnima is *bl* Changemaker of Year; BRO, MR Rajagopal are Iconic Changemakers

THE CATALYSTS. FM Nirmala Sitharaman gave away the awards at the 8th edition of the event to honour those 'making a difference on the ground'



PROUD MOMENT. (from left) Nirmala Lakshman, Director, The Hindu Group; Dr RV Ramani, Founder and Managing Trustee, Sankara Eye Foundation India, winner of the Social Transformation Changemaker Award; Purnima Devi Barman, Changemaker of the Year 2026; Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister; Ariana Agarwal, Young Changemaker; Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor, *businessline*; Col Vembu Shankar of Project Sambandh, winner of the Social Transformation Changemaker award; Lt Gen Harpal Singh, Director-General, Border Roads Organisation, Iconic Changemaker of the Year; Gaurav Shah, CEO, ARMMAN, winner of the Digital Transformation Changemaker award; Poonam Bagai, Vice-Chairman of Pallium India and Founder-Chairman of CanKids (representing Dr MR Rajagopal, Iconic Changemaker); SBP Pattabhi Rama Rao, Managing Director, Gourmet Popcornica with his team, winner of the Financial Transformation Changemaker award BUOY GHOSH

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Changemaker of the Year 2026
Purnima Devi Barman

Conservationist Purnima Devi Barman's lifelong, passionate work helped bring the Greater Adjutant Stork back from the brink of extinction. She painstakingly put together the 'Hargila Army', a 30,000 woman movement in Assam, which helped in the conservation of the endangered bird. By bringing together conservation, cultural traditions, religious celebrations and local crafts, she won over hostile villagers, who then willingly evolved into protective guardians. Her effort moved the species' status on the IUCN Red List from 'Endangered' to 'Near Threatened' in 2023. Beyond wildlife protection, her movement turned rural women into self-reliant artisans and entrepreneurs, generating steady income through stork-themed traditional textiles and crafts. She aims to scale her conservation model to 5,000 storks by 2035 across India and Cambodia.



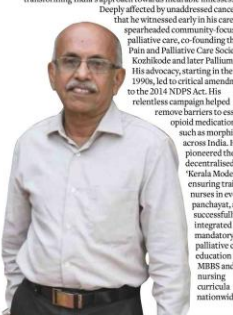
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ICONIC Changemaker
Dr MR Rajagopal

Palliative care pioneer Dr MR Rajagopal has dedicated himself for over four decades and more to easing human suffering and transforming India's approach towards incurable illnesses. Deeply affected by unaddressed cancer pain that he witnessed early in his career, he spearheaded community-focused palliative care, co-founding the Pain and Palliative Care Society in Kottelode and later Pallium India. His advocacy, starting in the early 1990s, led to critical amendments to the 2014 NDPS Act. His relentless campaign helped remove barriers to essential opioid medication, such as morphine, across India. He pioneered the decentralised 'Kenala Model', ensuring trained nurses in every panchayat, and successfully integrated mandatory palliative care education into MBBS and nursing curricula nationwide.



ICONIC Changemaker
Border Roads Organisation

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) was recognised for helping modernise strategic infrastructure across 15,000 km of sensitive borders. The BRO has built over 64,400 km of roads, 1,000 bridges, 22 airfields and key high-altitude tunnels in some of the toughest terrains. Currently led by Lt Gen Harpal Singh, the agency adopted AI-assisted review systems, LIDAR mapping and digital management tools to compress execution timelines. Beyond military readiness, its projects integrate remote border posts via initiatives like the 'Vibrant Villages Programme'. Additionally, BRO has broken gender barriers by appointing women officers like Col Spurni Kulkarni and Col Shikha Bhaduria to field task force commands. Despite modern weapons that can find almost anything on the surface with growing accuracy, the country's response should not be to stop building – as connectivity remains non-negotiable – but to build depth, redundancy and, where it matters most, protection underground.



Lt General Harpal Singh,
Director General, Border
Roads Organisation

YOUNG Changemaker
Ariana Agarwal

Sixteen-year-old Ariana Agarwal has shown exemplary empathy by helping her family driver create the Informal Economy Index (IEI) with an eye on empowering India's invisible gig and informal workforce. Starting at age 14, after realising that her family driver lacked basic documentation, she built a student-led volunteer framework to map worker vulnerabilities. The IEI collects grassroots data to assign workers a 'vulnerability score', connecting them directly to social security schemes, bank accounts and financial literacy training. Operating across 8-10 districts in eight states, her platform has reached over 14,000 informal workers. She collaborates with NGOs, financial institutions and district administration officials with a view to not just ensuring benefits become accessible but also to nudge policy for informal labour.



Changemaker FINANCIAL Transformation
Gourmet Popcornica

Gourmet Popcornica has helped revolutionise India's agricultural value chain through its unique farm-to-consumer model. Managing Director SSP Patrabhi Rama Rao expanded operations from 11 acres and two farmers in 2016 to more than 40,000 acres and 17,800 farmers today. The company is now Asia's largest popcorn maize producer. The company offers fixed pricing to farmers ahead of the season, guarantees procurement of 100 per cent of crops and supplies inputs such as seeds and fertilisers via interest-free credit. It has helped farmers escape the clutches of moneylenders, with their income rising about 40 per cent on average. Operating transparently with contracts in local languages and direct WhatsApp financial updates, Gourmet Popcornica has provided financial stability, interest-free financing and de-risking opportunities to smallholder farmers across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh.



SSP Patrabhi Rama Rao, Managing
Director, Gourmet Popcornica

Changemaker DIGITAL Transformation
ARMMAN

Founded by Dr Aparna Hegde, ARMMAN uses mobile technology, field networks and artificial intelligence to strengthen maternal and child healthcare across India. After identifying gaps in primary care, the organisation helped develop scalable mobile health solutions to ensure that relevant information reaches mothers and to equip auxiliary nurse midwives with real-time, clinically sound guidance. ARMMAN's tech-enabled interventions offer personalised health instruction, allowing for early identification of high-risk pregnancies and timely referrals. By training over 5.50,000 frontline health workers and reaching millions of pregnant women, ARMMAN's efforts help reduce maternal and infant mortality. Combining digital innovation with a 'tech plus touch' approach, the non-profit encouraged health-seeking behaviour and bridged crucial healthcare gaps in underserved communities that struggled with either lack of awareness or lack of access, or in the worst case, both.



Gaurav Shah, CEO,
ARMMAN

Changemaker SOCIAL Transformation
Project Sambandh

A brainchild of Colonel Vembu Shankar, Project Sambandh provides critical support to families of armed forces personnel who die under non-combat circumstances, such as illness or accidents. Survivors of battle casualties tend to receive institutionalised welfare and may even receive higher pension than personnel who die due to non-combat reasons. The latter case often leaves surviving kin facing bureaucratic hurdles and lack of awareness of benefits due to them. Project Sambandh maps these families, particularly young widows and children, and bridges connections with military authorities, regimental centres and government bodies. Having reached over 27,000 survivors, the initiative has helped them secure pending pensions, accessing educational grants and navigating welfare schemes.



Colonel Vembu
Shankar

Changemaker SOCIAL Transformation
Sankara Eye Foundation India

Established by Dr RV Ramani and Dr Radha Ramani in the 1970s, Sankara Eye Foundation is dedicated to eradicating preventable blindness through quality, accessible eyecare. Through its rural outreach initiatives, such as the 'Gift of Vision' programme, the organisation conducts door-to-door screening and brings patients to modern surgical facilities. Operating a nationwide network of eye hospitals, the Foundation follows a sustainable 80:20 cross-subsidy model, where revenue from paying patients help subsidise entirely free surgeries and treatment for the economically backward classes of society. Having screened millions and performed lakhs of surgeries with assembly-line precision, the Sankara Eye Foundation's approach has shown how compassionate healthcare can operate at scale without compromising on excellence.



Dr RV Ramani, Founder and
Managing Trustee, Sankara
Eye Foundation India

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Crude oil futures sink 3 pc as Iran's Hormuz proposal eases supply fears

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NEW DELHI, SEPT 22: Crude oil futures fell by 3 per cent to Rs 8,572 per barrel on Tuesday as a fresh diplomatic signal from Iran raised hopes of reopening the Strait of Hormuz and eased fears of prolonged disruptions to global energy supplies. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), crude oil futures for October delivery declined by Rs 264, or 3 per cent, to Rs 8,572 per barrel. The contract had lost Rs 903, or 9.3 per cent, in the past four sessions. Analysts said the latest selling came after reports that Iran has proposed reopening the Strait of Hormuz within seven days if the United States lifts its blockade on Iranian ports. The decline gathered pace in global markets, with Brent oil futures for the November delivery falling USD 2.53, or 2.52 per cent, to USD 97.81 per

barrel. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for the same-month contract also declined USD 2.94, or 3.18 per cent, to USD 89.43 per barrel in New York.

"Crude extended losses on Tuesday, with Brent slipping below USD 99 a barrel to the lowest level in two weeks, following a report that Iran has proposed reopening the Strait of Hormuz within seven days if the US lifts its blockade on Iranian ports," said Kaynat Chainwala, AVP Commodity Research, Kotak Securities. The report triggered fresh selling as traders read the proposal as a fresh de-escalation signal ahead of this week's UN General Assembly. Tehran is framing the proposal as the basis for talks with mediating nations at the UN, while Iran's Revolutionary Guard separately said it could negotiate an end to the conflict if national interest

required it, the reports said. Chainwala said the latest slide comes after Monday's sharp selloff, when Brent settled more than 3 per cent lower at USD 100.34 a barrel, and WTI tumbled nearly 5 per cent to close at USD 95.78. Both contracts hit two-week lows after reports that Washington had shelved strikes on Houthi targets and was open to renewed contact with Tehran.

US President Donald Trump is scheduled to address the UNGA later in the day and may meet Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on the sidelines. A summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping is also on the agenda. "Until a concrete outcome emerges from this week's meetings, crude's risk premium looks vulnerable to further unwinding, though stalled talks could just as quickly reverse the move," Chainwala added.

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Saudi Arabia restarts East-West oil pipeline

SAUDI ARABIA HAS restarted operations at its East-West Pipeline and could resume exports from the Red Sea port of Yanbu later on Tuesday, three sources briefed on the matter said, as signs mounted of an increase in Middle Eastern oil flows.

The resumption of supplies on Tuesday helped to drive selling on global oil markets. Global oil benchmark Brent crude fell by more than \$2 a barrel towards \$97, its lowest since September 8.

Drone attacks, which Saudi Arabia has blamed on Iraqi militia, forced the kingdom to shut the pipeline on September 11, halting crude loadings at the kingdom's Yanbu port.

Since the US-Israeli war on Iran disrupted oil flows from Saudi Arabia and its Gulf neighbours through the Strait of Hormuz, Riyadh has been using the pipeline to reroute around 4 million barrels per day — around 4% of global supply — to Yanbu.

State oil firm Saudi Aramco did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The pipeline was pumping at a low rate after its restart, two of the sources said.

Aramco was seeking to get the pumping rate back to 4 million bpd, one of the sources said. The pipeline has a capacity of 7 million bpd.

Reaching a rate of 40% of capacity will take a couple of days and a full restart will take 6 to 8 weeks, a security source said. A separate oil industry source said a return to full pumping rates would take up to six weeks. Three pumping stations serving the pipeline were damaged in the drone attack, according to satellite imagery and industry sources.

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Gadkari urges sugar mills to expand into ethanol, CBG

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ROAD TRANSPORT MINIS-TER Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday urged mills to move beyond dependence on sugar produc- tion and focus on developing value-added products includ-

ing ethanol and compressed biogas (CBG) to improve their economic viability and boost farmers' incomes.

The country's CBG poten- tial stands at 50,000 tonne a day while current production covers barely 2% of the capacity.

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India's Russian oil imports fell in Aug, data shows

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NEW DELHI: Russia's share in India's oil imports fell in August, while supplies from the Middle East (West Asia) increased as Abu Dhabi National Oil Co (ADNOC) sold oil from the region from outside the Strait of Hormuz, data from trade sources showed.

United Arab Emirates' state-run ADNOC has strengthened its shipping operations, shuttling oil from its fields inside the Strait of Hormuz for sale from storage and export terminals at Fujairah and Sohar.

In addition to its own crude, ADNOC is also buying oil from neighbouring producers such as Iraq for resale.

India's Russian oil imports fell 16.5% in August from the previous month to about 2.1 million barrels per day (bpd), the data showed. Russia remained India's top oil supplier, followed by the UAE and Venezuela.

The world's third-biggest oil importer's purchase of Iraqi oil surged by about a quarter to about 171,000 bpd, the data showed.

Imports from the UAE fell 5.4% from July to about 620,000 bpd, while those from Saudi Arabia, which offered crude oil from ports outside the Strait, rose 1.5% to 328,000 bpd.

INDIA'S RUSSIAN OIL IMPORTS FELL 16.5% IN AUGUST FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH TO ABOUT 2.1 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY (BPD)

India boosted purchases of Russian oil after US-Iran tensions led to a blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.

However, India's Russian oil imports are estimated to decline to 1.9 million bpd in September, according to preliminary data from Kpler.

Indian refiners are tapping spot markets for October and November supplies as they fear they may have to reduce purchases from Moscow to protect India's wider economic interests if U.S. President Donald Trump decides to impose up to a 100% tariff on countries buying Russian oil.

New Delhi, which is negotiating a trade deal with Washington, has said it remains "firmly committed" to ensuring energy security for its people and would continue to source supplies from diverse sellers based on market dynamics.

Overall, India's oil imports fell 8.8% in August to 4.44 million bpd, the data showed.

Oil slides as Iran says may reopen Hormuz in 7 days

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LONDON: Oil turned lower as Saudi Arabia sought to resume flows on a vital pipeline and there were growing signs of diplomatic efforts to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Brent briefly dipped below \$98 a barrel as the kingdom conducted tests on the conduit with a view to restarting it this week, according to a person familiar with the matter. Saudi Arabia also expects to resume loadings at the Red Sea port of Yanbu this week, the person said.

The East-West pipeline, with a capacity of up to 7 million barrels a day, has served as a key workaround to Hormuz before it was shut down following drone attacks earlier this month.

Prices had fallen earlier after Japan's Kyodo News Agency cited an unnamed senior Iranian official as saying Tehran proposed reopening Hormuz in seven days if a US blockade is lifted, as the basis for talks with mediating countries at the UN. Iran's Revolutionary Guard also said it must negotiate if it's in the national interest to do so.

President Donald Trump is set to address the UN General Assembly in New York later on Tuesday, and may meet with his Iranian counterpart, Masoud Pezeshkian, on the sidelines.

There have been multiple efforts to end the war that has roiled energy markets for over six months.

So far, all have proved to be fruitless, including an interim peace deal that was in effect for a short period over the summer. Since then, the US has been blockading Iranian ports, limiting vital energy export revenues.

In retaliation, Iran has been attacking ships in the Strait of Hormuz. While millions of barrels a day continue to cross the



Satellite imagery shows possible construction efforts on the East-West pipeline.

REUTERS

waterway, flows remain below pre-war levels.

Oil has rallied more than 60% this year as the Middle East conflict disrupted shipments through the world's most important energy choke-point. Gains have been even bigger in fuel markets, with Ukrainian attacks on Russian oil refineries also limiting global supplies.

The likelihood the US and Iran may eventually reach a deal is still far from certain. Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, the speaker of parliament and lead negotiator with the US in previous ceasefire talks, said President Trump cannot impose his power on Iran and that the country won't surrender.

In the meantime, Saudi Arabia appears to have pivoted exports back to the Persian Gulf through Hormuz.

Satellite data has shown observed loadings from the key Ras Tanura terminal jumped, with seven ships seen loading there at one point over the weekend.

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Saudi Arabia spent months trying to skip Hormuz. Now there's no way around it.

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Saudi Arabia spent months rerouting oil across the desert to circumvent the Strait of Hormuz. Now, with its Red Sea bypass route disrupted by attacks, the world's oil kingpin is having to return to the waterway it was trying to avoid in the first place.

Saudi Aramco, the country's state-controlled oil giant, is loading more oil onto tankers in the Persian Gulf and then taking its chances sending them through the Strait of Hormuz. The company has told several of its customers in Asia—its most important oil market—to pick up shipments just outside the strait off the coast of Oman, people familiar with the matter said.



Gulf producers from the United Arab Emirates to Iraq are racing to build alternative routes for their crude. REUTERS

The risky attempts to run the gantlet through the Strait show how the U.S. and its Gulf allies are struggling to keep critical oil routes clear when Iran and its allies can severely disrupt them with missiles and drones. The efforts are bringing the Saudis head-to-head with Iran,

which is attacking ships in the waterway in hopes of shutting it down.

On Monday, a tanker entering the strait was struck by a n unknown projectile, injuring two crew members, according to U.K. Maritime Trade Operations, or UKMTO, which is

affiliated with the Royal Navy. Another tanker was hit by debris, UKMTO said. Earlier this month, two supertankers carrying Saudi crude were struck by unknown projectiles within minutes of each other as they sailed out of Hormuz.

The stakes for the global economy and the Trump administration ahead of the November midterm elections are high. The disruptions to oil supplies have pushed up the cost of gasoline and diesel, heightening inflation fears and angering voters.

The U.S. military has managed to suppress Iranian attacks enough to get millions of barrels of oil through Hormuz each day. But attacks by the Iran-backed Houthi militants and from Iraq are cutting into the impact of that progress by shutting off other routes for supplies.

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"This is a reminder that bypass channels aren't infallible," said Rachel Ziemba, an adjunct senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, a Washington think tank. "All of the options have their issues and costs, with tanker rates and insurance rising along with physical risk."

Gulf producers from the United Arab Emirates to Iraq are racing to build alternative routes for their crude. Those workarounds are keeping Gulf barrels moving, but they are tying up tankers, driving freight rates higher and, in Saudi Arabia's case, not sustainably alleviating blockages that have left its oil production at a multi-decade low.

The cost of transporting crude from Saudi's Ras Tanura port inside the Persian Gulf to China's Ningbo port has surged from around \$4.5 million to nearly \$63 million a

trip, according to Michael Haigh, head of commodities research at French bank Société Générale.

Before the Iran war, Saudi Arabia sent most of its oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz and onward to customers in Asia. As Iranian attacks on ships choked off that waterway, the kingdom shifted millions of barrels through its East-West Pipeline to the port of Yanbu on the Red Sea.

When the Iran-backed Houthi militants stepped up attacks on Saudi-linked shipping around the Bab el-Mandeb in July, some Saudi cargoes were rerouted north through Egypt, using the Suez Canal and Sumed pipeline system instead.

The most recent scramble was triggered by drone attacks from Iraq earlier this month that shut the East-West pipeline.

Without it, Saudi Arabia is increasingly falling back on an elaborate system of loading



Saudi sent most oil exports through Hormuz before the war. AFP

crude at its Persian Gulf terminal of Ras Tanura, shuttling it to ships off the coast of Oman for distribution to its customers on global markets, then going back for more.

In the past two weeks, around 2.4 million barrels of Saudi crude and condensate a day were again flowing through the Strait of Hormuz, according to ship tracker

Kpler, a level last seen in early July before the Houthi militants announced a maritime blockade of Saudi Arabia and began attacking Saudi shipping in the Red Sea.

The four-week average daily Saudi crude oil loadings from inside the Persian Gulf rose to more than 2 million barrels last week, compared with virtually zero for most of June and fewer than 1 million

barrels a day in July, according to data provider Vortexa.

Meanwhile, loadings from Red Sea terminals have dropped to zero since the attacks on the East-West pipeline earlier in September. Saudi Arabia had already cut loadings from its Yanbu port in August after the Houthi mili-

tants declared a blockade of Saudi Arabian ports and ships in late July.

"We are definitely seeing Saudi loading more crude out of Ras Tanura and shuttling it through," said Richard Matthews, director of consulting and research at shipbroker E.A. Gibson. Saudi Arabia didn't do it before because it had options, he said, but those options don't exist now.

Matthews said that the demand for vessels to do shuttle runs has increased so much that some older 20-year-old

supertankers—including some that were part of the global shadow fleet of aging tankers that have crisscrossed the world smuggling oil for sanctioned sellers—are now joining the shuttle runs.

Saudi Aramco is preparing to lean heavily on those tankers for now, the people familiar with the matter said.

The company has been talking to customers in China, South Korea and Japan about picking up Saudi crude off the Omani port of Sohar. Buyers face higher shipping costs, but the kingdom is expected to offset at least some of that cost for customers by charging lower prices, the people said.

"Building a bypass does not necessarily solve the problem, it can simply create a new set of targets," said Danny Citrinowicz, a former Israeli military intelligence official and senior

researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv. "There is no silver bullet, and you can't beat geography."

The attacks on the Red Sea workarounds are complicating hopes that Gulf states can simply build their way out of dependence on Hormuz. U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said this month that new pipelines would make the strait a "worthless piece of water" within two years as oil moves overland instead.

But on Sunday, Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi, the energy minister of Qatar, which before the war exported its copious amounts of liquefied natural gas via Hormuz, pushed back on the idea.

"This is completely wrong," he said at the Qatar Economic Forum in New York. "This waterway carries trade in all products, not only oil and gas, to and from all its adjacent countries."

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Saudi Aramco has told several of its Asia customers to pick up shipments just outside the coast of Oman

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Oil slides as Iran proposal calms global supply fears



Crude oil suffered another heavy sell-off on Tuesday as tentative diplomacy between Washington and Tehran stripped geopolitical premium from energy markets, accelerating liquidation across domestic and international benchmarks. October crude on MCX plunged ₹264, or 3%, to ₹8,572 per barrel, extending its four-session erosion to ₹903, or 9.3%, as traders rapidly repriced disruption risk.

Hormuz catalyst

The trigger was Iran's reported proposal to reopen the Strait of

Hormuz within seven days if the United States lifts its blockade on Iranian ports. The initiative, reportedly conveyed through mediators on Sept 16, raised expectations that diplomacy around the UN General Assembly could unlock negotiations.

Any reopening would carry enormous significance for petroleum markets because Hormuz remains a critical conduit for global energy shipments. Even the prospect of normalised traffic has challenged scarcity assumptions previously embedded in crude valuations. Brent November crude sank \$2.53, or 2.52%, to \$97.81 per barrel after breaching \$98, putting the benchmark on course for a fifth consecutive decline. WTI surrendered \$2.94, or 3.18%, to \$89.43. The slide follows Monday's aggressive liquidation, when Brent lost more than 3% and WTI nearly 5%. —**Business Desk**

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Crude oil at 2-week low on improved supplies

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Crude oil prices fell to a two-week low as prospects for Gulf supplies improved, with Iran signalling it could re-open the Strait of Hormuz within seven days and Saudi Arabia set to resume exports from its Red Sea port of Yanbu.

The Brent crude futures November contract was down \$2.11 to \$98.23 a barrel at 1151 GMT. The WTI October contract, which expires on Tuesday, lost \$2.48 to \$93.30.

Brent November, WTI October and WTI November futures all touched their lowest levels since September 8.

Market focus is also on US President Donald Trump's meetings with world leaders at the UN General Assembly this week.

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ओएनजीसी ने 'समुद्र मंथन' के अपने अभियान के तहत प्राकृतिक गैस का एक बड़ा भंडार ढूँढ़ निकाला है, जो ओडिशा तट के पास है। यह ऊर्जा सुरक्षा को लेकर भारत की एक बड़ी कामयाबी है।

ओएनजीसी यानी कि ऑयल एंड नेचुरल गैस कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (ONGC) के हाथ एक बड़ी कामयाबी लगी है। इसने बीते 18 सितंबर को समंदर में गैस का बड़ा भंडार ढूँढ़ निकाला है। ओएनजीसी ने MN-DW18-1-H-D कुएं की खोज ओडिशा के कोणार्क तट से लगभग 43 किलोमीटर दूर 1,441 मीटर से 1,452 मीटर की गहराई में की है।

84,000 करोड़ की 'समुद्र मंथन' पहल का असर

ONGC ने सोमवार को जानकारी दी कि उसने 18 सितंबर को MN-DW18-1-H-D कुएं में यह खोज की है। इस कुएं की खुदाई 1,623 मीटर की तय गहराई तक की गई थी। यह 'राष्ट्रीय अपतटीय खोज मिशन' (National Offshore Exploration Mission - Samudra Manthan) के तहत महानदी बेसिन में मिली पहली बड़ी सफलता है, जो यह साबित करता है कि भारत के पूर्वी अपतटीय (Eastern Offshore) क्षेत्रों में अभी भी ऊर्जा के ऐसे विशाल भंडार मौजूद हैं, जिनकी खोज अभी तक नहीं की जा सकी है।

ONGC ने बताया कि कुएं की खुदाई के वक्त 1,441 मीटर और 1,452 मीटर की गहराई के बीच गैस मिली है। कुआं कोणार्क के तट से करीब 43 किमी दूर स्थित है। अगर आगे की जांच और मूल्यांकन में यह खोज व्यावसायिक रूप से फायदेमंद साबित होती है, तो इस स्थिति से जल्द कमाई शुरू करने में मदद मिल सकती है। जैसा कि पहले ही बताया जा चुका है कि कुआं तट के करीब है इसलिए गैस को पाइपलाइन और ऑनशोर प्रोसेसिंग प्लांट तक लाना आसान होगा और इसमें खर्च भी कम बैठेगा।

कंपनी का आगे क्या है प्लान?

ONGC ने एक बयान में कहा, "पिछले तीन दिनों से इस कुएं से अच्छे फ्लो और रिजर्वॉयर प्रेशर के साथ गैस निकल रही है। यह खोज ONGC के डीपवॉटर एक्सप्लोरेशन प्रोग्राम और भारत के अपने हाइड्रोकार्बन रिसोर्स बेस को बढ़ाने की कोशिशों को मजबूत करती है।

इस इलाके में हुई दूसरी खोजों के साथ-साथ यह खोज भी PNG रूल्स, 2025 के तहत साझा सुविधाओं के जरिए विकास के लिए एक विकल्प हो सकती है, जिससे डीपवॉटर रिसोर्स का उत्पादन शुरू हो सकेगा।" यानी कि PNG रूल्स, 2025 के आने से ONGC इन सभी अलग-अलग गैस के कुआं को एक ही नेटवर्क से जोड़कर उनका संचालन कर सकेगी।

यह गैस की खोज ऐसे समय में हुई है जब सरकार घरेलू स्तर पर खोज और उत्पादन को बढ़ाना चाहती है, खासकर ऑफशोर और डीपवॉटर इलाकों में। सरकार ने जुलाई में 84,000 करोड़ रुपये की 'समुद्र मंथन' पहल शुरू की थी ताकि ड्रिलिंग की लागत और खोज से जुड़े जोखिमों को कम करके भारत के ऑफशोर इलाकों में खोज को बढ़ावा दिया जा सके।

ये भी पढ़ें:

कहां जमा है मोदी के मंत्रियों की दौलत? आधी कैबिनेट को स्टॉक मार्केट नहीं है पसंद

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अरिजीता सेन

अरिजीता सेन एबीपी लाइव के बिजनेस डेस्क पर बतौर सीनियर कॉपी एडिटर के पद पर काम कर रही हैं। पत्रकारिता जगत में करीब आठ साल का अनुभव है। बिजनेस के साथ-साथ क्राइम, फीचर और राजनीति से जुड़ी खबरों में भी रुचि रखती हैं। एबीपी से पहले कई संस्थानों में अपनी सेवा दे चुकी हैं।

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State-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is struggling to realise the production potential of its Krishna-Godavari (KG) Basin assets, with output from its flagship deepwater KG-DWN-98/2 block falling after an initial ramp-up, underscoring the challenges of extracting hydrocarbons from complex offshore reservoirs.

Crude oil production from ONGCs KG-98/2 block has continued to slide after the initial ramp-up of commercial production in January 2024, falling to around 20,000 barrels per day (bpd) currently. Output from the deepwater block had averaged at about 35,000 bpd in 2024, before declining to around 30,000 bpd by the end of the June quarter of 2025-26. The sustained decline has raised questions over the pace at which ONGC can stabilise production and move towards its targeted peak output of 45,000 bpd.

Industry insiders attributed the decline in production primarily to the basins complex geology rather than technological constraints. The reservoirs are characterised by poorly connected pockets, which can limit the flow and drainage of hydrocarbons and make it difficult to sustain production from individual wells, said a former ONGC official closely involved in the projects operations.

The geology of the basin is the main issue. The pockets within the reservoirs are not well connected, which affects drainage and, in turn, production. ONGC is also examining the use of artificial gas lift as a way to improve output, the official said.

ONGC had expected its overall oil production to rise by around 11 per cent and gas output by 15 per cent by the end of 2024-25, on the assumption that the KG-98/2 block would reach its targeted peak production. The company had set a peak output target of 45,000 bpd of oil and 10 million standard cubic metres per day (mmscmd) of gas from the block. These estimates were themselves significantly lower than the projections made in 2017, when ONGC had envisaged peak production of 78,000 bpd of oil and 15.57 mmscmd of gas.

To address the shortfall, the company has brought in energy major BP to diagnose the root causes of the production constraints and identify well interventions that could help improve output.

Reliances KG-D6 offers a parallel

Reliance Industries Ltds (RIL) experience in the KG basin offers an important parallel to ONGCs current production challenges. Reliances KG-D6 block made a major gas discovery in 2002, with the company initially estimating that the block could produce around 40 mmscmd. The development plan was subsequently expanded, with the targeted production raised to 80 mmscmd.

However, when Reliance finally began production from the D1-D3 fields in April 2009, output declined sharply, with unanticipated water and sand ingress among the problems reported in the wells. Reliance and BP later invested about \$5 billion to develop three new deepwater projects, which helped revive production from near zero to about 20 mmscmd in 2022-23.

The newer fields lifted KG-D6 gas production to a peak of 30.6 mmscmd in 2025, but there, too, output has since declined. In FY2024-25, the block produced about 28 mmscmd of gas and 21,000 bpd of oil and condensate. By FY26, gas production had fallen further to nearly 26 mmscmd and oil production to about 18,000 bpd.

Why KG Basin fields can decline rapidly

Experts attribute the sharp production declines seen in some of the KG Basins deepwater fields to reservoir characteristics. The fields appear to follow a pattern of relatively strong initial output followed by a steep decline, suggesting that sustaining production over the longer term could be a challenge.

The nature of the Krishna-Godavari Basin appears to be such that reservoir pressure is not sustained over time. As pressure declines, the ability to maintain the initial level of gas production also diminishes. So, even if you apply the lessons from Reliances experience, operate cautiously and follow the right procedures, the natural decline profile of these fields appears to be much steeper than what we have seen in fields such as Bombay High, said Anish De, global head for Energy, Natural Resources and Chemicals (ENRC) at KPMG.

Nearly two decades from acquisition to production

ONGCs KG-DWN-98/2 journey has been a long one. After acquiring a 90 per cent participating interest and operatorship from Cairn in March 2005, the state-run explorer gradually took full control of the block, acquiring the remaining stake in September 2012. Nearly two decades later, the deepwater asset began producing crude, with oil production from the M field commencing on January 7, 2024.

Located about 35 km offshore Andhra Pradesh, the block spans water depths of around 300 metres to 3,200 metres and involves complex subsea infrastructure and a floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel. ONGC had counted on the project to provide a significant boost to its overall oil and gas production and help reverse a prolonged decline in domestic output.

The sharp fall in production since the initial ramp-up, however, has complicated that expectation. For ONGC, the performance of KG-DWN-98/2 now hinges on whether reservoir studies and well interventions can arrest the decline and enable the company to recover a larger share of the resource it has spent years developing.

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The maiden well of ONGC's current deepwater campaign in the Mahanadi Basin is flowing gas with encouraging rates and sustained reservoir pressure, says the energy major

State-run ONGC has struck gas in the deep waters of the Mahanadi Basin, marking the first gas discovery under the government's Samudra Manthan initiative. The find is being seen as a potential boost to India's efforts to reduce its dependence on imported natural gas.

But how much can one well actually change India's import dependence?

The answer will depend on the size of the discovery, how much of the resource can be converted into reserves, and, eventually, how much gas can be commercially produced.

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What has ONGC found?

The oil and gas explorer said its maiden well of the current deepwater campaign in the Mahanadi Basin, MDW-28, is flowing gas at an encouraging rate and with sustained reservoir pressure.

The energy major started drilling the well on July 25 and opened the gas-bearing section for testing on September 18, after evaluation of subsurface data. It said the well is currently flowing at a good gas rate and healthy reservoir pressure.

ONGC Director OP Sinha told NDTV Profit that the well has tested at close to 2.25 million standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD). He said testing is still underway.

The Mahanadi Basin has been considered highly prospective, Sinha said. The resources in the basin are estimated at around 600 million tonnes of oil equivalent (OE).

"This Mahanadi basin has been a very prospective basin. The resources in this basin are very large, around 600 million tonnes of OE. The exact volume will evolve as we go along in this campaign. I must say that this well is flowing at a very good rate and at very good pressure. The properties that we have seen so far are very satisfactory," he said.

He, however, stressed that this is a resource estimate, not the size of proven reserves.

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The campaign was launched on 25 July 2026 by Hon'ble Minister of pic.twitter.com/whAV8TubIK

Can it reduce gas Imports?

India currently imports almost 50% of its natural gas requirement.

That makes a domestic deepwater discovery significant, particularly if the well eventually moves into commercial production.

India consumed 22,958 million standard cubic metres (MMSCM) of natural gas between April and July 2026, according to data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC). Of this, 11,867 MMSCM, or 51.7%, came from imported LNG.

The Mahanadi well has tested at close to 2.25 million standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD). If that test flow is sustained and eventually translates into commercial production, it would be equivalent to roughly 1.2% of India's current daily gas consumption and around 2.3% of its daily LNG import requirement, based on the April-July consumption and import volumes.

"India imports almost 50% of its natural gas requirement from abroad. So finding this good volume naturally is very significant in terms of our import reduction," Sinha said.

The director also said that India is trying to increase the gas percentage in its consumption from around 6 to 7% to 15% by 2030. "So this find - and further work plan - will definitely help India achieve its target of increasing our gas portfolio in our energy mix to 15% by 2030. In that context, this gas find becomes very very significant," he added.

What Is Samudra Manthan?

Samudra Manthan is a national programme to search for oil and gas deep beneath the ocean floor. The Union Cabinet approved the initiative on July 31, 2026.

ONGC said the Mahanadi campaign is aligned with the initiative and that it will continue exploring deep and ultra-deepwater frontiers for hydrocarbons.

Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the discovery, along with other finds in the area, could open up the possibility of cluster development through shared facilities under the PNG Rules, 2025.

"A major milestone for India's offshore energy exploration! ONGC continues to unlock new domestic energy sources by exploring India's deep and ultra-deepwater frontiers as a part of the Samudra Manthan initiative," the oil minister said.

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O NGC Discovers Gas in Mahanadi Basin: सरकारी तेल एवं गैस कंपनी ओएनजीसी (ONGC) को महानदी बेसिन के गहरे समुद्री क्षेत्र में गैस की महत्वपूर्ण खोज

मिली है। कंपनी ने बताया कि उसके मौजूदा डीपवॉटर अभियान के पहले कुएं MDW-28 से उत्साहजनक दर से गैस का प्रवाह हो रहा है और रिजर्वॉयर प्रेशर भी स्थिर एवं मजबूत बना हुआ है।

यह डीपवॉटर अभियान 25 जुलाई 2026 को केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी द्वारा शुरू किया गया था। अभियान की शुरुआत महानदी बेसिन के गहरे अपतटीय क्षेत्र में MDW-28 (MN-DW18-1-H-D) कुएं की ड्रिलिंग के साथ हुई थी। यह पहल केंद्र सरकार के 'समुद्र मंथन' कार्यक्रम के तहत शुरू की गई थी।

ओएनजीसी के अनुसार, भू-वैज्ञानिक और उपसतही आंकड़ों के मूल्यांकन के बाद 18 सितंबर 2026 को कुएं में परफोरेशन का काम किया गया। इसके बाद परीक्षण के दौरान कुएं से अच्छी मात्रा में गैस का प्रवाह दर्ज किया गया और रिजर्वॉयर का दबाव भी स्वस्थ स्तर पर पाया गया, जो संभावित व्यावसायिक उत्पादन के लिए सकारात्मक संकेत माना जा रहा है।

ड्रिलिंग अभियान के दौरान ओएनजीसी के चेयरमैन अरुण कुमार सिंह, डायरेक्टर (टेक्नोलॉजी एंड फील्ड सर्विसेज) विक्रम सक्सेना और डायरेक्टर (एक्सप्लोरेशन) ओ.पी. सिन्हा ने ड्रिलशिप का दौरा कर टीम का उत्साहवर्धन भी किया। कंपनी का कहना है कि महानदी क्षेत्र में हुई अन्य खोजों के साथ इस गैस भंडार को भी PNG Rules 2025 के तहत साझा इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर और सुविधाओं के जरिए विकसित किया जा सकता है। इससे गहरे समुद्री संसाधनों को व्यावसायिक उत्पादन में तेजी से शामिल करने का रास्ता खुलेगा।

ओएनजीसी ने कहा कि वह भविष्य में भी डीप और अल्ट्रा-डीपवॉटर क्षेत्रों में हाइड्रोकार्बन की खोज जारी रखेगी। कंपनी के अनुसार यह खोज भारत की ऊर्जा आत्मनिर्भरता और ऊर्जा सुरक्षा को मजबूत करने की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम साबित हो सकती है और देश के ऊर्जा क्षेत्र में एक नए अध्याय की शुरुआत कर सकती है।

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O NGC Gas Discovery: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has struck gas in the deep waters of the Mahanadi Basin, marking a significant development in the state-run explorer's ongoing deepwater exploration campaign.

The discovery was made at MDW-28, the maiden well of ONGC's current deepwater campaign in the Mahanadi Basin. According to ONGC, the well is flowing gas at encouraging rates while maintaining sustained reservoir pressure, indicating a potentially promising reservoir.

The campaign was launched on July 25, 2026, with the spudding of MDW-28 (MN-DW18-1-H-D) in the deep offshore Mahanadi Basin. The campaign was launched by Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri under the government's Samudra Manthan initiative, which seeks to accelerate exploration and development of India's offshore hydrocarbon resources.

The well was perforated on September 18 after evaluation of subsurface data. ONGC said the well is currently flowing with a good gas rate and healthy reservoir pressure.

During the operations, ONGC Chairman Arun Kumar Singh, Director (Technology & Field Services) Vikram Singh, and Director (Exploration) O.P. Sinha visited the drillship and interacted with the crew.

ONGC said the latest find, along with other discoveries in the area, could potentially be developed through shared facilities enabled by the PNG Rules, 2025, helping bring deepwater resources into production.

The company said it will continue expanding exploration into deep and ultra-deepwater frontiers as it searches for additional hydrocarbon resources and contributes towards India's energy-security goals.

The Mahanadi Basin discovery comes as ONGC steps up its focus on India's offshore exploration potential, with deepwater resources forming an important part of the country's efforts to strengthen domestic hydrocarbon production.

Q1 Show Highlights

ONGC's consolidated net profit surged to Rs 17,034 crore in the first quarter of FY27 (Q1FY27), compared with Rs 6,650 crore in the preceding March quarter (Q4FY26). Revenue from operations rose 29.3% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) to Rs 46,460 crore from Rs 35,928 crore.

The Ebitda more than doubled to Rs 28,355 crore in Q1FY27, from Rs 12,666 crore in Q4FY26. Consequently, the Ebitda margin expanded sharply to 61% from 35.3%.

Other income, however, declined to Rs 1,861 crore in the June quarter from Rs 2,628 crore in the preceding three months.

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सरकारी मालकीच्या ऑइल अँड नॅचरल गॅस कॉर्पोरेशनने (ONGC) भारताच्या पूर्व किनाऱ्याजवळील खोल समुद्रात गॅसचा शोध लावला आहे. ही विहीर ओडिशातील कोणार्कपासून सुमारे ४३ किलोमीटर अंतरावर, महानदीच्या सागरी खोऱ्यात आहे.

कंपनीच्या म्हणण्यानुसार, सुमारे १,४५० मीटर खोलीवर गॅस सापडला आहे. ONGC च्या 'समुद्र मंथन' या खोल समुद्रातील शोध मोहिमेअंतर्गत खोदलेल्या MN-DW18-1-H-D या विहिरीत १८ सप्टेंबर रोजी हा शोध लागला.

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ONGC च्या म्हणण्यानुसार, या शोध विहिरीत १,४४१ ते १,४५२ मीटर दरम्यान गॅस सापडला आहे. ही विहीर १,६२३ मीटरच्या लक्षित खोलीपर्यंत खोदण्यात आली होती. 'समुद्र मंथन' मोहिमेअंतर्गत ONGC ने महानदीच्या खोऱ्यात खोदलेली ही पहिलीच विहीर आहे. कंपनीने २५ जुलै रोजी 'प्लॅटिनम एक्सप्लोरर' या ड्रिलशिपचा वापर करून या विहिरीचे खोदकाम सुरू केले.

तीन दिवसांपासून गॅसचा प्रवाह

ओएनजीसीने सांगितले की, गेल्या तीन दिवसांपासून या विहिरीतून गॅसचा प्रवाह होत आहे. कंपनीने "उत्साहवर्धक प्रवाह आणि रिजर्व्हायर प्रेशर" नोंदवला आहे. याला अद्याप व्यावसायिकदृष्ट्या व्यवहार्य गॅस साठ्याची पुष्टी मानले गेलेले नाही.

ओएनजीसी पुढील तपासणी करणार

गॅसचा शोध लागल्यानंतर, ओएनजीसी पुढील तपासणी आणि व्यावसायिक मूल्यांकन करेल. याचा उद्देश गॅस साठ्याचे प्रमाण आणि त्याची व्यावसायिक व्यवहार्यता निश्चित करणे हा असेल. कंपनी साठा आणि संसाधनांचे मूल्यांकन करेल. त्यानंतरच या शोधाच्या विकासाबाबत निर्णय घेतला जाईल.

हा शोध ओडिशाच्या किनारपट्टीपासून सुमारे ४३ किलोमीटर अंतरावर आहे. जर पुढील तपासणीत व्यावसायिकदृष्ट्या व्यवहार्य गॅस साठा असल्याचे उघड झाले, तर किनारपट्टीजवळील त्याचे स्थान विकासाला आणि बाजारपेठेपर्यंत वायू वाहिनीला मदत करू शकते. ओएनजीसीच्या मते, या शोधासह, या प्रदेशातील इतर शोधांमध्येही सामायिक पायाभूत सुविधा आणि साधनांद्वारे विकास करण्याची क्षमता आहे. यामुळे प्रत्येक शोधासाठी स्वतंत्र पायाभूत सुविधा विकसित करण्याची गरज कमी होऊ शकते. कंपनीने म्हटले आहे की, पेट्रोलियम आणि नैसर्गिक वायू नियम, २०२५ अंतर्गत सामायिक पायाभूत सुविधांद्वारे या प्रदेशातील खोल समुद्रातील संसाधने उत्पादनात आणण्यासही मदत केली जाऊ शकते.

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Union petroleum and natural gas minister Hardeep Singh Puri describes the discovery as a major milestone for India's offshore energy exploration: Reports

BHUBANESWAR: The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has struck natural gas in a deepwater exploration well in the Mahanadi Offshore Basin, about 43 km off Odisha's Konark coast, marking a significant development in the state's offshore energy exploration.

The discovery was made on September 18 at the MN-DW18-1-H-D well, the first well drilled by ONGC in the Mahanadi Basin under the Centre's Samudra Manthan deepwater exploration campaign. The well was drilled to a target depth of 1,623 metres using the drillship, Platinum Explorer

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Gas was encountered in the 1,441-1,452 metre interval. ONGC said the well has been flowing gas with encouraging flow rates and sustained reservoir pressure.

Union petroleum and natural gas minister Hardeep Singh Puri described the discovery as a major milestone for India's offshore energy exploration. In a post on X, he said the discovery, along with other finds in the area, could open up the potential for cluster development through shared facilities under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 2025.

UK Fraud Sentence: Indian-Origin Ex-Cop Jailed for Cash Scam

The discovery is significant for Odisha because of the well's proximity to the coast. ONGC has indicated that the location could offer potential for early monetisation, subject to further appraisal and commercial evaluation. The company has not yet disclosed the estimated volume of recoverable gas or expected production capacity.

The discovery does not, at this stage, establish the size of a commercially exploitable reserve. Further drilling, testing and appraisal will be required to determine the extent, quality and commercial viability of the gas-bearing reservoir.

It's A Proud Moment For Telugu Cinema, Says Raj Kandukuri

The possibility of developing the find along with other nearby offshore discoveries through shared infrastructure could potentially reduce development costs and facilitate faster monetisation, subject to regulatory and commercial clearances.

The well was spudded on July 25 as part of ONGC's deepwater exploration campaign in the Mahanadi Basin. The initiative is aimed at expanding exploration of India's deep and ultra-deepwater hydrocarbon resources and reducing dependence on imported energy.

Delhi Kalkaji Mandir Gangrape: 3 Arrested, 1 Shot in Leg

For Odisha, the discovery could assume greater economic significance if commercially recoverable quantities are established. It could potentially support the state's growing industrial and energy requirements and strengthen the coastal region's role in the energy sector.

The latest find adds to ONGC's exploration efforts in the Mahanadi Basin, including the Utkal and Konark offshore discoveries. Further appraisal will determine the scale and development potential of the latest gas discovery.

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ओएनजीसी को ओडिशा तट के पास मिला गैस भंडार

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ओएनजीसी ने ओडिशा तट के पास गहरे समुद्र में प्राकृतिक गैस का भंडार खोजा है। यह खोज 18 सितंबर को 'समुद्र मंथन' अभियान के अंतर्गत की गई थी, जो कोणार्क से 43 किलोमीटर दूर महानदी अपतटीय बेसिन में स्थित है। कंपनी ने इसे व्यावसायिक रूप से व्यावहारिक पाया है और इसके विकास की संभावना जताई है।

नई दिल्ली। ओएनजीसी ने सोमवार को कहा कि उसे ओडिशा तट के पास गहरे समुद्र में प्राकृतिक गैस का भंडार मिला है। व्यावसायिक रूप से व्यावहारिक पाए जाने पर इस खोज का तेजी से विकास और दोहन किया जा सकता है। कंपनी ने गहरे समुद्री अन्वेषण अभियान 'समुद्र मंथन' के तहत कोणार्क से करीब 43 किलोमीटर दूर महानदी अपतटीय बेसिन के 'एमएन-डीडब्ल्यू18-1-एच-डी' कुएं में 18 सितंबर को यह खोज की। कंपनी ने बताया कि महानदी बेसिन में अभियान के तहत खोदा गया यह उसका पहला कुआं है। इसे 1,623 मीटर की लक्षित गहराई तक खोदा गया और 1,441 से 1,452 मीटर की गहराई पर गैस मिली।

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ओडिशा के तट के पास गहरे समुद्र में ओएनजीसी को गैस मिली है। कंपनी ने महानदी ऑफशोर बेसिन में एक डीपवॉटर एक्सप्लोरेशन वेल में गैस की खोज की है। यह खोज 'समुद्र मंथन' डीपवॉटर एक्सप्लोरेशन अभियान के तहत की गई है।

सरकारी कंपनी ऑयल एंड नेचुरल गैस कॉर्पोरेशन (ONGC) ने भारत के पूर्वी तट के पास गहरे समुद्र में गैस की खोज की है। यह कुआं ओडिशा के कोणार्क से करीब 43 किलोमीटर दूर महानदी ऑफशोर बेसिन में स्थित है। कंपनी के मुताबिक, कुएं में करीब 1,450 मीटर की गहराई पर गैस मिली है। यह खोज 18 सितंबर को MN-DW18-1-H-D कुएं में हुई। इसे ONGC के 'समुद्र मंथन' डीपवॉटर एक्सप्लोरेशन अभियान के तहत ड्रिल किया गया था।

1,441 से 1,452 मीटर की गहराई में मिली गैस

ONGC के मुताबिक, एक्सप्लोरेशन वेल (कुएं) में 1,441 मीटर से 1,452 मीटर की गहराई के बीच गैस मिली है। इस कुएं को 1,623 मीटर की लक्षित गहराई तक ड्रिल किया गया था। महानदी बेसिन में 'समुद्र मंथन' अभियान के तहत ONGC की ओर से ड्रिल किया गया यह पहला कुआं है। कंपनी ने 25 जुलाई को 'Platinum Explorer' ड्रिलशिप की मदद से इस कुएं की ड्रिलिंग शुरू की थी।

तीन दिन से गैस का फ्लो

ONGC ने बताया कि इस कुएं से पिछले तीन दिनों से गैस का फ्लो हो रहा है। कंपनी ने यहां "उत्साहजनक फ्लो और रिजर्वार प्रेशर" दर्ज किए हैं। हालांकि, अभी इसे व्यावसायिक रूप से उपयोगी गैस भंडार की पुष्टि नहीं माना गया है।

अभी और जांच करेगी ONGC

गैस की खोज के बाद अब ONGC आगे की जांच और व्यावसायिक मूल्यांकन करेगी। इसका मकसद गैस भंडार के आकार और इसकी व्यावसायिक व्यवहार्यता का पता लगाना है। कंपनी रिजर्वार और वहां से निकाले जा सकने वाले संसाधनों का आकलन करेगी। इसके बाद ही इस खोज को विकसित करने को लेकर कोई फैसला लिया जाएगा।

ओडिशा के तट से नजदीकी का मिल सकता है फायदा

यह खोज ओडिशा के तट से करीब 43 किलोमीटर दूर है। अगर आगे की जांच में गैस का भंडार व्यावसायिक रूप से उपयोगी पाया जाता है तो तट से इसकी नजदीकी विकास और गैस को बाजार तक पहुंचाने की प्रक्रिया में मदद कर सकती है।

ONGC के मुताबिक, इस खोज के साथ क्षेत्र में हुई अन्य खोजों को साझा इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर और सुविधाओं के जरिए विकसित करने की संभावना भी है। इससे हर खोज के लिए अलग-अलग इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर तैयार करने की जरूरत कम हो सकती है। कंपनी ने कहा कि क्षेत्र के डीपवॉटर संसाधनों को साझा इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर के जरिए उत्पादन में लाने में पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस नियम, 2025 के तहत भी मदद मिल सकती है।

डीपवॉटर एक्सप्लोरेशन पर ONGC का जोर

महानदी बेसिन में यह खोज ONGC के भारत के समुद्री इलाकों में डीपवॉटर एक्सप्लोरेशन बढ़ाने के प्रयास का हिस्सा है। हालांकि, किसी खोज के बाद उसे व्यावसायिक उत्पादन तक पहुंचाने के लिए आगे की जांच, इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर और निवेश की जरूरत होती है। अब ONGC का फोकस इस गैस रिजर्वार का विस्तार पता लगाने, इससे निकाले जा सकने वाले संसाधनों का अनुमान लगाने और यह तय करने पर होगा कि इस खोज को व्यावसायिक रूप से विकसित किया जा सकता है या नहीं। आगे की जांच के नतीजों के आधार पर ही इस परियोजना का अगला चरण तय होगा।

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<https://www.indiatv.in/paisa/business/ongc-has-discovered-a-gas-reserve-in-the-deep-sea-off-the-odisha-coast-gas-has-been-flowing-steadily-with-good-pressure-for-three-days-2026-09-22-1244578>

पब्लिक सेक्टर की तेल और गैस कंपनी ONGC ने सोमवार को कहा कि उसे ओडिशा तट के पास गहरे समुद्र में प्राकृतिक गैस का भंडार मिला है। व्यावसायिक रूप से व्यावहारिक पाए जाने पर इस खोज का तेजी से विकास और दोहन किया जा सकता है। ऑयल एंड नेचुरल गैस कॉर्पोरेशन (ONGC) ने एक बयान में कहा कि कंपनी ने गहरे समुद्री खोज अभियान 'समुद्र मंथन' के तहत कोणार्क से करीब 43 किलोमीटर दूर महानदी अपतटीय बेसिन के 'MN-DW18-1-H-D' कुएं में 18 सितंबर को ये खोज की।

पिछले तीन दिनों से अच्छे फ्लो और प्रेशर के साथ निकल रही है गैस

सरकारी तेल और गैस कंपनी ने बताया कि महानदी बेसिन में अभियान के तहत खोदा गया ये उसका पहला कुआं है। इसे 1623 मीटर की लक्षित गहराई तक खोदा गया और 1441 से 1452 मीटर की गहराई पर गैस मिली। ओएनजीसी के अनुसार, कुएं से पिछले तीन दिनों से गैस निकल रही है और इसका फ्लो तथा प्रेशर उत्साहजनक बना हुआ है। हालांकि, ये खोज आगे के मूल्यांकन और व्यावसायिक आकलन के अधीन है।

तेजी से किया जा सकता है नई खोज का मौद्रिकरण

ऑयल एंड नेचुरल गैस कॉर्पोरेशन ने कहा कि ओडिशा तट से अपेक्षाकृत कम दूरी होने के कारण इस खोज का तेजी से मौद्रिकरण किया जा सकता है, बशर्ते ये व्यावसायिक रूप से व्यावहारिक साबित हो। बयान के मुताबिक, ऐसे विकास को पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस नियम, 2025 के तहत मदद मिल सकती है। इस नियम के तहत साझा बुनियादी ढांचे के जरिये क्षेत्र के गहरे समुद्री संसाधनों को उत्पादन में लाया जा सकता है।

केंद्रीय मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने इस साल 25 जुलाई को शुरू की थी कुएं की खुदाई

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने 25 जुलाई, 2026 को इस कुएं की खुदाई शुरू की थी। ये खोज ONGC के डीपवॉटर एक्सप्लोरेशन प्रोग्राम और भारत के अपने हाइड्रोकार्बन रिसोर्स बेस को बढ़ाने के प्रयासों को मजबूत करती है। इस इलाके में हुई दूसरी खोजों के साथ-साथ, ये खोज भी PNG रूल्स, 2025 के तहत साझा सुविधाओं के जरिए विकास के लिए एक विकल्प हो सकती है, जिससे डीपवॉटर रिसोर्स का उत्पादन शुरू किया जा सकेगा।

ये भी पढ़ें

सोना और चांदी की कीमतों में गिरावट, कच्चे तेल का भाव भी टूटा

Headline	ONGC strikes gas in Mahanadi deep waters off Odisha coast		
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ONGC strikes gas in Mahanadi deep waters off Odisha coast

<https://www.indiatoday.in/business/story/ongc-mahanadi-basin-odisha-gas-discovery-boosts-cluster-development-2999913-2026-09-22>

ONGC has struck gas in a deepwater well in the Mahanadi Basin, nearly 43 km off the Odisha coast. The discovery, made on September 18 at a depth of around 1,450 metres, could potentially aid India's quest to reduce its energy import bill.

The government-owned oil and gas explorer said gas had been flowing from the well for three days at encouraging rates and sustained pressure. However, it has not disclosed the flow rate or estimated reserves.

Headline	What is the Mahanadi Basin where ONGC has struck gas, and why is it big for India?		
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ONGC has struck natural gas in the deepwater MDW-28 well off the Odisha coast. The find could support India's domestic supply, but it needs further appraisal before commercial production is established.

The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has struck natural gas in a deepwater well in the Mahanadi Basin, around 43 km off the Odisha coast, in a discovery that could add to India's domestic energy resources.

in the MDW-28 well, drilled at a depth of around 1,450 metres.

ONGC said gas flowed from the well for three days at encouraging rates and sustained pressure. However, the company has not yet disclosed the flow rate or the estimated size of the gas accumulation.

strikes gas in the deep waters of Mahanadi Basin.

MDW-28, the maiden well of ONGC's current deepwater campaign in the Mahanadi Basin is flowing gas with encouraging rates and sustained reservoir pressure.

The campaign was launched on 25 July 2026 by Hon'ble Minister of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) (@ONGC_)

WHAT IS THE MAHANADI BASIN?

The Mahanadi Basin is a large sedimentary basin located along India's eastern coast, extending from the Mahanadi river delta into the Bay of Bengal.

Over millions of years, sediments carried by rivers accumulated in the region, creating geological formations capable of trapping hydrocarbons such as oil and natural gas.

A significant portion of the basin lies offshore, making exploration technically challenging and expensive. The latest discovery was made in waters around 770 metres deep, with the well reaching a depth of approximately 1,450 metres.

The MDW-28 well is located about 23 nautical miles from Konark and is the first of four wells planned by ONGC as part of its current exploration campaign in the basin.

The well was perforated on 18 September 2026 following evaluation of subsurface data. (Photo: ONGC)

WHY IS THE MAHANADI BASIN DISCOVERY IMPORTANT?

India imports a substantial share of its energy requirements, including natural gas. Any commercially viable domestic gas discovery could help increase domestic supply and potentially reduce dependence on imported energy.

Natural gas is used extensively for electricity generation, fertilisers, city gas distribution and several industrial processes. Increasing domestic production could therefore have implications beyond the energy sector.

However, the discovery does not immediately translate into commercial gas production.

ONGC will need to conduct further testing and appraisal drilling to determine the size of the reservoir, the quantity of gas that can actually be recovered and whether extracting it is economically viable.

The latest find also builds on ONGC's exploration activity in the basin. The company made the Utkal and Konark gas discoveries in the Mahanadi Basin in 2024.

ONGC has said it will continue exploring India's deep and ultra-deepwater frontiers for hydrocarbons. If further drilling confirms significant recoverable reserves, the Mahanadi Basin could become an important contributor to India's efforts to expand domestic energy production and reduce its reliance on imports.

Headline	गहरे पानी में 1.6 किलोमीटर नीचे, ओडिशा तट पर मिला गैस का कुआं; समुद्र मंथन स्कीम के तहत ONGC ने खोजा		
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<https://www.jagran.com/business/biz-ongc-finds-deepwater-gas-well-near-odisha-coast-check-all-details-40381101.html>

ओएनजीसी ने ओडिशा तट के पास महानदी ऑफशोर बेसिन में एक गहरे पानी वाले कुएं में गैस की खोज की है। यह खोज 'समुद्र मंथन' पहल के तहत हुई है।

ONGC ने 'समुद्र मंथन' पहल के तहत यह कुआं खोजा है।

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ओएनजीसी ने ओडिशा तट के पास गहरे पानी में गैस का कुआं खोजा।

यह खोज 'समुद्र मंथन' पहल के तहत की गई है।

इससे देश की ऊर्जा सुरक्षा और हाइड्रोकार्बन संसाधन बढ़ेंगे।

नई दिल्ली। देश की सबसे बड़ी ऑयल एक्सप्लोरेशन और महारत्न कंपनी, ओएनजीसी (ONGC) ने ओडिशा तट के पास महानदी ऑफशोर बेसिन में एक गहरे पानी वाले कुएं में गैस की खोज की है। ऑयल एंड नेचुरल गैस कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड (ONGC) ने 'समुद्र मंथन' पहल के तहत यह कुआं खोजा है।

MN-DW18-1-H-D कुएं में 1,441-1,452 मीटर की गहराई पर गैस मिली है। इस कुएं को 1,623 मीटर की तय गहराई तक खोदा गया था।

कहां स्थित है यह कुआं?

कोणार्क से लगभग 43 किलोमीटर दूर स्थित यह कुआं, इस अभियान के तहत ONGC द्वारा महानदी बेसिन में खोदा गया पहला कुआं है। समुद्र तट के पास होने के कारण, आगे की जाँच और कमर्शियल मूल्यांकन के आधार पर, इससे जल्द ही कमाई शुरू होने की संभावना है।

25 जुलाई को पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी के आदेश पर इस कुएं की खुदाई शुरू की गई थी। 27 अगस्त को ONGC के चेयरमैन और CEO अरुण कुमार सिंह ने ड्रिलशिप 'प्लेटिनम एक्सप्लोरर' का दौरा किया और ड्रिलिंग अभियान में लगी टीम से बातचीत की। ONGC ने कहा कि पिछले तीन दिनों से इस कुएं से अच्छे फ्लो और रिज़र्वोयर प्रेशर के साथ गैस निकल रही है।

क्या है समुद्र मंथन स्कीम?

हाल ही में केंद्र सरकार ने 'समुद्र मंथन स्कीम' को मंजूरी दी। इस योजना पर वित्त वर्ष 2030-31 तक 84,084 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किए जाएंगे। भारत सरकार का उद्देश्य कूड और गैस के आयात बिल को कम करना और विदेशी निर्भरता को घटाना है। इसके लिए केंद्र सरकार ने समुद्री तेल और गैस की खोज में तेजी दिखाई है। सरकार के मुताबिक, 'समुद्र मंथन' योजना से 60 करोड़ टन से ज्यादा तेल एवं गैस के नए भंडार मिलने की उम्मीद है।

ये भी पढ़ें - अनिल अग्रवाल की वेदांता बनी भारत की दूसरी सबसे बड़ी SEZ एक्सपोर्ट कंपनी, 60 देशों में बजा डंका! जेब में आए \$3.5 अरब

क्या फायदा होगा?

इस खोज से ONGC के डीपवॉटर एक्सप्लोरेशन प्रोग्राम और देश में ही हाइड्रोकार्बन रिसोर्स बेस को बढ़ाने की भारत की कोशिशों को मज़बूती मिलेगी। इस खोज और इलाके में हुई दूसरी खोजों को PNG नियम, 2025 के तहत मिली साझा सुविधाओं के ज़रिए विकसित किया जा सकता है, जिससे गहरे पानी (डीपवॉटर) वाले संसाधनों से उत्पादन शुरू हो सकेगा।

बिजनेस से जुड़ी हर जरूरी खबर, मार्केट अपडेट और पर्सनल फाइनेंस टिप्स के लिए फॉलो करें

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Asianet News Central With the state-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) striking gas in the deep waters of Mahanadi Basin, Petroleum

and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday termed it a major milestone for India's offshore energy exploration.

Major Milestone in Offshore Energy Exploration

In a post on X, Hardeep Puri said the discovery, along with other finds in the area, opens up the potential for cluster development through shared facilities. He said ONGC continues to unlock new domestic energy sources as a part of the Samudra Manthan initiative launched under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

A major milestone for India's offshore energy exploration! ONGC continues to unlock new domestic energy sources by exploring India's deep and ultra-deepwater frontiers as a part of the Samudra Manthan initiative launched under the visionary guidance of PM Sh @narendramodi Ji, Puri said, responding to a post by ONGC.

The Minister congratulated ONGC for the discovery. The discovery, along with other finds in the area, opens up the potential for cluster development through shared facilities under the PNG Rules, 2025, providing a pathway to bring deepwater resources into production more efficiently. Kudos to Team ONGC! he said.

ONGC's Deepwater Campaign Success

ONGC earlier announced that its current deepwater campaign in the Mahanadi Basin is flowing gas with encouraging rates. ONGC strikes gas in the deep waters of Mahanadi Basin. MDW-28, the maiden well of ONGC's current deepwater campaign in the Mahanadi Basin is flowing gas with encouraging rates and sustained reservoir pressure, it said in a post on X.

Samudra Manthan: Boosting India's Energy Security

The Union Cabinet last month approved Samudra Manthan' the National Offshore Exploration Scheme, a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas carrying an approved outlay of Rs 84,084 crore for implementation through FY 203031. It is India's most ambitious offshore exploration mission to date.

Officials said the approval marked the culmination of a series of transformative reforms undertaken under the leadership of PM Modi to strengthen India's hydrocarbon exploration and production sector.

They said the National Offshore Exploration Scheme, Samudra Manthan, builds upon these reforms by translating policy into action and opening a new chapter in India's journey towards energy security and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

India is the world's third-largest consumer of crude oil, with an annual import bill of nearly USD 144 billion (approximately Rs 13 lakh crore). The recent geopolitical developments have demonstrated, secure and uninterrupted access to energy resources is of strategic importance for a rapidly growing economy.

With India's energy demand expected to rise steadily in the coming decades, enhancing domestic oil and gas production is essential for reducing import dependence, strengthening energy resilience, and securing the nation's long-term economic growth. (ANI) (Except for the headline, this story has not been edited by Asianet Newsable English staff and is published from a syndicated feed.)

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aajtak.in ओएनजीसी ने ओडिशा के तट से लगभग 43 किलोमीटर दूर समुद्र में एक गहरे कुएं में गैस की बड़ी खोज की है. यह खोज महानदी बेसिन में 18 सितंबर

को लगभग 1450 मीटर की गहराई पर हुई. यह खोज भारत के लिए बेहद अहम मानी जा रही है क्योंकि इससे देश का तेल और गैस आयात बिल कम हो सकता है. कंपनी ने बताया कि इस कुएं से पिछले तीन दिनों से लगातार अच्छी रफ्तार और दबाव के साथ गैस निकल रही है. हालांकि अभी तक गैस की सही मात्रा या कुल भंडार की जानकारी सार्वजनिक नहीं की गई है.

अब आगे की जांच से यह पता चलेगा कि इस कुएं से कितनी गैस निकाली जा सकती है और क्या इसका व्यावसायिक उत्पादन फायदेमंद होगा. ओएनजीसी ने सोशल मीडिया पर लिखा कि कंपनी गहरे और अत्यंत गहरे समुद्री क्षेत्रों में तेल और गैस की खोज जारी रखेगी.

यह खोज ऐसे समय आई है जब ओएनजीसी ने दो साल पहले 2024 में महानदी बेसिन में ही उत्कल और कोणार्क नाम की गैस खोजें की थीं. जिस कुएं में अब गैस मिली है उसका नाम एमडीडब्ल्यू 28 है और यह कोणार्क से करीब 23 नॉटिकल मील दूर लगभग 770 मीटर गहरे पानी में स्थित है. यह ओएनजीसी के मौजूदा अभियान के तहत खोदे जाने वाले चार कुओं में से पहला कुआं है.

यह भी पढ़ें: होर्मुज क्राइसिस में उजागर हुई दुनिया की कमजोरी! और भयावह होगा अगला झटका?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने इस खोज को भारत के अपतटीय खोज कार्यक्रम के लिए बड़ी उपलब्धि बताया. उन्होंने कहा कि इस क्षेत्र में मिली अन्य खोजों के साथ मिलकर अब साझा सुविधाओं के जरिए विकास की संभावना बनती है, जिससे लागत और समय दोनों कम हो सकते हैं. उत्कल और कोणार्क खोजों के भंडार और व्यावसायिक फायदे की जानकारी अभी तक सामने नहीं आई है.

एमडीडब्ल्यू 28 कुएं की खुदाई 25 जुलाई को शुरू हुई थी. यह समुद्र मंथन पहल के तहत महानदी बेसिन के अनछुए गहरे समुद्री इलाकों की खोज का हिस्सा है. सरकार की एजेंसी के अनुसार इस बेसिन में जमीन पर करीब 45 मिलियन टन और उथले पानी में करीब 100 मिलियन टन संसाधन होने का अनुमान है, जबकि गहरे पानी के हिस्से का अभी आकलन नहीं हुआ है. केंद्र सरकार ने जुलाई में समुद्र मंथन को 84,084 करोड़ रुपये के बजट के साथ मंजूरी दी थी, जो 2030-31 तक चलेगा. सरकार को उम्मीद है कि इससे देश के हाइड्रोकार्बन भंडार में 600 मिलियन टन से ज्यादा की बढ़ोतरी होगी.

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Author: NDTV Profit Desk ONGC Gas Discovery: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has struck gas in the deep waters of the Mahanadi

Basin, marking a significant development in the state-run explorer's ongoing deepwater exploration campaign.

The discovery was made at MDW-28, the maiden well of ONGC's current deepwater campaign in the Mahanadi Basin. According to ONGC, the well is flowing gas at encouraging rates while maintaining sustained reservoir pressure, indicating a potentially promising reservoir.

The campaign was launched on July 25, 2026, with the spudding of MDW-28 (MN-DW18-1-H-D) in the deep offshore Mahanadi Basin. The campaign was launched by Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri under the government's Samudra Manthan initiative, which seeks to accelerate exploration and development of India's offshore hydrocarbon resources.

The well was perforated on September 18 after evaluation of subsurface data. ONGC said the well is currently flowing with a good gas rate and healthy reservoir pressure.

During the operations, ONGC Chairman Arun Kumar Singh, Director (Technology & Field Services) Vikram Singh, and Director (Exploration) O.P. Sinha visited the drillship and interacted with the crew.

ONGC said the latest find, along with other discoveries in the area, could potentially be developed through shared facilities enabled by the PNG Rules, 2025, helping bring deepwater resources into production.

The company said it will continue expanding exploration into deep and ultra-deepwater frontiers as it searches for additional hydrocarbon resources and contributes towards India's energy-security goals.

The Mahanadi Basin discovery comes as ONGC steps up its focus on India's offshore exploration potential, with deepwater resources forming an important part of the country's efforts to strengthen domestic hydrocarbon production.

Q1 Show Highlights

ONGC's consolidated net profit surged to Rs 17,034 crore in the first quarter of FY27 (Q1FY27), compared with Rs 6,650 crore in the preceding March quarter (Q4FY26). Revenue from operations rose 29.3% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) to Rs 46,460 crore from Rs 35,928 crore.

The Ebitda more than doubled to Rs 28,355 crore in Q1FY27, from Rs 12,666 crore in Q4FY26. Consequently, the Ebitda margin expanded sharply to 61% from 35.3%.

Other income, however, declined to Rs 1,861 crore in the June quarter from Rs 2,628 crore in the preceding three months.

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Ayan Das Gas found near Odisha Coast: পশ্চিমবঙ্গের অদূরেই ওড়িশা উপকূলের কাছে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাসের সন্ধান পেল ওএনজিসি (অয়েল অ্যান্ড ন্যাচারাল

গ্যাস কর্পোরেশন)। রাষ্ট্রায়ত্ত্ব অপরিশোধিত তেল ও প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস অনুসন্ধান ও উৎপাদনকারী সংস্থার তরফে জানানো হয়েছে, গত ১৮ সেপ্টেম্বর ওড়িশার কোনার্ক থেকে প্রায় ৪৩ কিলোমিটার দূরে মহানদী অফশোর বেসিনের MN-DW18-1-H-D কূপে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাসের সন্ধান মিলেছে। যেহেতু ওড়িশা উপকূলের কাছাকাছি সেই গ্যাস পাওয়া গিয়েছে, তাই সেটির বাণিজ্যিক গুণ বিচার করে দ্রুত পদক্ষেপ করা যাবে বলে ওএনজিসির তরফে জানানো হয়েছে।

কতটা গভীরে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাসের সন্ধান পাওয়া গিয়েছে?

আর ওএনজিসি যে মহানদী-সহ বঙ্গোপসাগর অঞ্চলে অপরিশোধিত তেল এবং প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাসের সন্ধান চালাচ্ছে, সেটা কেন্দ্রীয় সরকারের 'সমুদ্র মন্ডন' প্রকল্পের আওতায়। সেই প্রকল্পের আওতায় মহানদীর নীচে ১,৬২৩ মিটার পর্যন্ত ড্রিলিংয়ের পরিকল্পনা ছিল ওএনজিসির। তবে ১,৪১১ মিটার থেকে ১,৪৫২ মিটার গভীরতায় প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস পাওয়া গিয়েছে।

রাষ্ট্রায়ত্ত্ব সংস্থার তরফে বলা হয়েছে, গত তিনদিন ধরে সেখানে গ্যাস পাওয়া যাচ্ছে। গ্যাসের প্রবাহ এবং চাপও অত্যন্ত আশাপ্রদ বলে ওএনজিসির তরফে জানানো হয়েছে। 'প্ল্যাটিনাম এক্সপ্লোরার' ড্রিলশিপ ব্যবহার করে যে কূপ খননের কাজ শুরু হয়েছিল গত ২৫ জুলাই থেকে। মেরেকেটে দু'মাসের মধ্যেই যে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাসের সন্ধান পাওয়া গিয়েছে, তা উৎফুল্ল করে তুলেছে বিশেষজ্ঞদের।

আয়ের পথ প্রশস্ত হবে, কমবে নির্ভরযোগ্যতা

তাদের মতে, যদি বাণিজ্যিক মাপকাঠি পূরণ হয়, তাহলে আয়ের নয়া পথ উন্মোচিত হয়ে যাবে। কারণ যেখানে প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাসের সন্ধান পাওয়া গিয়েছে, তা ওড়িশা উপকূল থেকে বেশি দূরে নয়। ফলে দ্রুত পরিকাঠামো গড়ে তুলে আয়ের পথ প্রশস্ত করা যাবে। পাশাপাশি হাইড্রোকার্বন ক্ষেত্রে বিদেশের উপরে নির্ভরযোগ্যতা কমবে বলে জানিয়েছেন বিশেষজ্ঞরা।

আরও পড়ুন: Apple Pay India Launch: ভারতে আসছে অ্যাপল পে! আপনার কী কী সুবিধা হবে?

২০৩০-৩১ সাল পর্যন্ত ৮৪,০৮৪ কোটি টাকা বাজেট বরাদ্দ

সেই লক্ষ্যেই 'সমুদ্র মন্ডন' প্রকল্পে অনুমোদন দিয়েছে কেন্দ্রীয় সরকার। গত ৩১ জুলাই কেন্দ্রীয় মন্ত্রিসভার বৈঠকে তাতে সবুজ সংকেত দেওয়া হয়। কেন্দ্রীয় সরকারের তরফে জানানো হয়েছে, 'সমুদ্র মন্ডন' প্রকল্পের প্রথম দফায় ২০৩০-৩১ অর্থবর্ষ পর্যন্ত ৮৪,০৮৪ কোটি টাকা বাজেট বরাদ্দ ধরা হয়েছে। বর্তমানে অপরিশোধিত তেল ব্যবহারের নিরিখে বিশ্বে তৃতীয় স্থানে আছে ভারত। বছরে প্রায় ১৩ লাখ কোটি টাকা খরচ হয় অপরিশোধিত তেলের পিছনে। সেই পরিস্থিতিতে স্বাবলম্বী হতে তেল ও প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাসের সন্ধান চালাচ্ছে ভারত।

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ONGC strikes gas in Mahanadi deepwater well

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New Delhi: State-run Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) has discovered gas in a deepwater well off the Odisha coast, a find that could be brought into production relatively quickly if further appraisal establishes commercial viability.

The discovery was made on September 18 at the MN-DW18-1-H-D well in the Mahanadi Offshore Basin, about 43 km from Konark, under ONGCs Samudra Manthan deepwater exploration campaign.

The well, the first drilled by ONGC in the Mahanadi Basin under the campaign, encountered gas between depths of 1,441 and 1,452 metres. It was drilled to a target depth of 1,623 metres after being spudded on July 25 using the drillship Platinum Explorer.

ONGC said the well has been flowing gas for three days, reporting encouraging flow and reservoir pressure.

The company said the discovery remains subject to further appraisal and commercial evaluation. The next stages will include assessing the reservoir, estimating recoverable resources and determining whether the find can support commercial development. Its location close to the Odisha coast could help speed up monetisation if the discovery proves viable, ONGC said. The find could also potentially be developed along with other discoveries in the area using shared facilities.

Such an approach may be supported by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 2025, which allow deepwater resources in the region to be developed through shared infrastructure.

The discovery comes as ONGC expands exploration in Indias frontier offshore areas, where deepwater projects can require substantial investment in appraisal and infrastructure before production begins. It also forms part of efforts to raise domestic hydrocarbon output and reduce dependence on imports.

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ONGC Gas Discovery: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has struck gas in the deep waters of the Mahanadi Basin, marking a significant development in the state-run explorer's ongoing deepwater exploration campaign.

The discovery was made at MDW-28, the maiden well of ONGC's current deepwater campaign in the Mahanadi Basin. According to ONGC, the well is flowing gas at encouraging rates while maintaining sustained reservoir pressure, indicating a potentially promising reservoir.

The campaign was launched on July 25, 2026, with the spudding of MDW-28 (MN-DW18-1-H-D) in the deep offshore Mahanadi Basin. The campaign was launched by Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri under the government's Samudra Manthan initiative, which seeks to accelerate exploration and development of India's offshore hydrocarbon resources.

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The ONGC made the discovery on September 18 at the MN-DW18-1-H-D well in the Mahanadi Offshore Basin, about 43 km off Konark, as part of its Samudra Manthan deepwater exploration campaign, the company said in a statement.