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KOCHI: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has announced that it has launched 19 EV fast-charging corridors along 15 highways in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. At nearly every 100 km on the corridors, one can find an EV fast-charging station, a top BPCL official said at an event here on Friday. "The fast-charging stations have been installed between 110 fuel stations." *PTI*

Iraq halts northern crude exports

BAGHDAD: Iraq halted 450,000 barrels per day (bpd) of crude exports from the semi-autonomous Kurdistan region and northern Kirkuk fields on Saturday, an oil official told *Reuters*, after the country won a longstanding arbitration case against Turkey.

In a case dating from 2014, Baghdad claimed that Turkey violated a joint agreement by allowing the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) to export oil through a pipeline to the Turkish port of Ceyhan. Baghdad deems KRG exports as illegal.

"Iraq was officially informed by the International Court of Arbitration final ruling on Thursday and it was in favour of Iraq," a senior oil



ministry official said.

Turkey informed Iraq that it will respect the arbitration ruling, a source said.

Turkish shipping officials told Iraqi employees at Turkey's Ceyhan oil export hub that no ship will be allowed to load Kurdish crude without the approval of the Iraqi government, according to a document seen by *Reuters*.

Turkey subsequently halted the pumping of Iraqi crude from the pipeline that

leads to Ceyhan, a separate document seen by *Reuters* showed. On Saturday, Iraq stopped pumping oil through its side of the pipeline which runs from its northern Kirkuk oil fields, one of the officials told *Reuters*.

Iraq had been pumping 370,000 barrels per day of KRG crude and 75,000 barrels per day of federal crude through the pipeline before it was halted, according to a source familiar with pipeline operations.

"A delegation from the oil ministry will travel to Turkey soon to meet energy officials to agree on new mechanism to export Iraq's northern crude oil in line with the arbitration ruling," a second oil ministry official said.

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PM hails Cabinet extension to Ujjwala scheme

New Delhi, March 25: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the extension of the Ujjwala scheme subsidy will greatly help beneficiaries and enhance the move towards cleaner cooking fuel.

The government on Friday extended the ₹200-per-LPG cylinder subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri

Ujjwala Yojana by one year in the wake of high prices of petroleum products in the international market.

The move will benefit 9.6 crore families.

Mr Modi tweeted, "The Cabinet decision pertaining to Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana will greatly help beneficiaries and enhance the movement towards

cleaner cooking fuel."

The Prime Minister also praised the hike in the minimum support price for jute, saying it will empower farmers further.

The government on Friday increased the minimum support price of raw jute by ₹300 to ₹5,050 per quintal for the 2023-24 season.

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