

Consumption of Natural Gas Falls 12.4% in May

Imports drop sharply despite price decline in global spot market

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New Delhi: India's natural gas consumption fell 12.4% from a year earlier in May, as imports sharply dropped despite a price decline in the international spot market over the last few months.

Total gas consumption in May was 5,066 million metric standard cubic meters (mmscm), according to oil ministry data. Consumption during the April-May period, the first two months of the fiscal year, was 3.4% lower than the same period last year.

Domestic production of gas was 2,909 mmscm in May, nearly unchanged from a year earlier. The output during April-May was 1.5% lower year-on-year.

Import of liquefied natural gas was 24% lower at 2,228 mmscm in May. The import of 4,743 mmscm in April-May was 5.4% lower year-on-year.

The drop in consumption as well as imports came as a surprise as prices have fallen in the international spot market and some of the long-term supplies that were disrupted last year have resumed, an industry executive said.

The Japan Korea Marker, the price benchmark for the North Asian LNG market, has dropped nearly two-thirds to \$11 per mmbtu since November. A former German unit of Russia's Gazprom, which



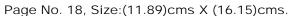
DROP IN IMPORTS

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had stopped shipping LNG to state-run GAIL, has now resumed its supplies under the long-term contract, increasing the availability of gas for domestic consumers.

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India's crude oil production fell 4% year-on-year in May to 2.5 million metric tonnes (MMT). Total crude oil processed during May was 22.7 MMT, 0.4 % higher than in the same month last year. Crude oil imports increased by 2% in May.





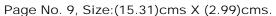
APPOINTMENT



Sanjay Kumar assumes charge as Director (Marketing), GAIL Sanjay Kumar has assumed charge as Director (Marketing) of GAIL (India) Limited. Prior to his new role, he the was Managing Director of Indraprastha

Gas Limited since April 2022. A Mechanical Engineer from IIT Kharagpur and an MBA, Kumar has a rich domain experience of over 35 years in the natural gas sector. He joined GAIL in 1988 and over the next three decades worked in various roles across domains including gas marketing, LNG sourcing/trading/shipping, business development, gas transmission, etc. In 2011, Kumar was tasked with setting up GAIL's overseas LNG trading subsidiary GAIL Global (Singapore) Pte. Limited in Singapore. Prior to his role as MD, IGL, he was also GAIL's nominee Director on the Boards of Maharashtra Natural Gas Ltd (MNGL), and GAIL Global (Singapore) Pte. Limited.







GAIL (India) Limited celebrates International Yoga Day



Yoga for "Vaudhav kutumbakam", which means earth is my home. Yoga not only promotes physical relaxation but also eases mental and emotional tension.GAIL employees joined exponents & practitioners of Yoga to celebrate the International Yoga Day in a global celebration of the ancient practice of fitness across various units of GAIL.





GAIL beat IOC to win the licence to build the gas pipeline from Gurdaspur to Jammu. REUTERS

GAIL wins Jammu-Punjab pipeline deal

AIL (India) Ltd beat Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) to win a licence to build a gas pipeline from Gurdaspur in Punjab to Jammu, oil regulator PNGRB said.

In a statement, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) said it had in January invited application cum bids for grant of authorization for the Gurdaspur-Jammu pipeline. "The last date for submission of bids for the Gurdaspur-Jammu natural gas pipeline was 17 May. Two bidders namely, GAIL (India) Ltd and Indian Oil Corporation have submitted their bids," it said.

Both bidders were found to be technically qualified and financial bids were opened on 21 June. "As per preliminary evaluation of the financial bids, it appears that GAIL (India) Ltd has the highest composite score and is the successful bidder for the Gurdaspur-Jammu natural gas pipeline," it added.

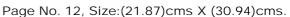


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नई दिल्ली, 22 जून (एजैंसी): देश की सबसे बड़ी गैस वितरक कंपनी गेल इंडिया लिमिटेड ने इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन (आई. ओ. सी.) को पछाड़कर पंजाब में गुरदासपुर से जम्मू तक गैस पाइपलाइन बिछाने का लाइसैंस

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