



## NatGas Demand to Pick Up Soon

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**New Delhi:** State-run GAIL, whose natural gas sales have dropped 30% since the lockdown began, expects demand for the fuel to pick up soon as fertiliser plants increase production ahead of the sowing season and electricity generation expands to meet increasing air-conditioning needs with rising temperature, said a senior executive.

“Demand for gas will only ri-

se from hereon, although only gradually,” said an executive, who did not want to be identified. The demand expansion would happen despite an extension of lockdown, he said, explaining the demand recovery would come mainly from fertiliser and power plants, two biggest consumers of gas in the country.

GAIL and its customers are also seeking to cautiously manage their cash flows to avoid any future financial turbulence due to economic uncertainties induced by the lockdown.



# PEs remain at the vanguard of fight against pandemic

**Public enterprises are lending a helping hand to the government in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic by contributing to the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM CARES Fund), and also by providing equipment and logistics support**

**GAIL:** Lending a hand in India's fight against COVID-19 disease, GAIL (India) Limited and its employees have contributed Rs 53.8 crore to PM CARES Fund. Of this, Rs 50 crore was contributed by the company from its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund while GAIL employees chipped in with Rs 3.8 crore from their salaries. In this time of crisis, GAIL has been working round-the-clock and ensured the continued supply of natural gas to all its customers across the country - industries, factories, transport and domestic sectors - through its vast pipeline network.