

BP eyes India amid energy mkt surge

Supermajor BP is looking to grow its business in India as it scouts for more opportunities in the world's fastest growing energy market, its top official said.

BP board, after more than a decade, held its meetings in India during a five-day visit starting 23 September and went charmed.

“They (BP board) know what we have done in India, the success we have had is what brings them here. Because they recognize the ability to create much more in India,” said Sashi Mukundan, outgoing India head of BP group.

The main reason for bringing the board to India was to showcase the opportunities the world's third-biggest oil importer and consuming nation presents.

BP and Reliance have created a retail, aviation fuels, and mobility alliance, Jio-bp, with nearly 1,900 retail sites and 5,000 charging points.

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BPCL unveils Bharat Hi-Star PNG Stove

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) on Sunday launched its high-efficiency Bharat Hi-Star PNG Stove. Set to be the world's most efficient PNG Stove, it will reduce PNG consumption up to 20-25 per cent in comparison to conventional stoves.

The stove will significantly reduce the import of natural gas thus saving forex. Further, it would contribute significantly to net-zero goals by reducing the CO2 emissions.

Bharat Hi-Star PNG Stove comes with high thermal efficiency of more than 74 per cent plus, making it 10-15 per cent higher in efficiency compared to stoves available in the market. The stove, designed for high thermal efficiency, uses cutting-



edge technology developed by BPCL's Corporate R&D Centre (CRDC), a premier research institution in the country, to enhance value for customers.

On the successful launch of the high-efficiency PNG Stove, Chandrashekhar N,

Head (R&D) said, "CRDC has continued to evolve new core competencies and demonstrated a history of developing top-notch products, improved processes and unique analytical tools. Keeping the legacy in line, CRDC has worked and

optimised the product design of all the crucial components, including the burner top, mixing tube and pan support. As a result, Bharat Hi-Star PNG Stove demonstrates an unprecedented efficiency of 74 per cent, forming yet another indigenous product from CRDC, BPCL."

The company has filed a patent application at Indian Patent Office for the stove. An average household consumes nearly 180 - 200 SCM of natural gas per annum.

A 15 per cent jump in the efficiency will save 30 SCM of gas per annum which translates to monetary savings of about Rs 1500 - 2000 / household and equivalent carbon emissions from combustion. The benefits will be more in case replacement of old stoves. MPOST

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ces frozen for almost two years since April 6, 2022. The central government had, however, reduced excise duty on petrol and diesel by ₹13 a litre and ₹16 a litre respectively in two tranches (November 2021 and May 2022) that was fully passed on to the consumer. Some state governments (mostly ruled by the BJP) also reduced state value-added tax (VAT) rates on the two fuels to provide relief to people.

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India's oil marketing companies (OMCs) are expected to increase the country's crude oil refining capacity by 35-40 million tonnes (MT) by the end of fiscal 2030, the Crisil Ratings said.

This will take the total installed capacity of the country for crude refining capacity to 295 MT by 2030, as per the rating agency.

This expansion will be driven by the projected growth in domestic oil consumption as India's existing refining capacity is already operating at optimal levels of 100-103 per cent utilisation.

The expansion will require a capital expenditure of approximately Rs 1.9-2.2 lakh crore, with most of the capacity additions being brownfield expansions, as per the rating agency. It further added that these investments are expected to carry low project risk, and steady returns from the refining business will help strengthen the credit profiles of OMCs. Over the past decade, India has seen a capacity increase of 42 MT, reaching 257 MT in fiscal 2024. This was primarily in response to growing domestic demand, as exports remained steady at 60-65 MT per year during this period.

Anuj Sethi, Senior Director, CRISIL Ratings, said, "We expect overall petroleum product consumption to slightly moderate and register 3% CAGR over the next six years, primarily due to slower growth of 2-3% in transport fuel consumption. This will be caused by improving fuel economy, rising share of vehicle sales with alternative cleaner fuels, and 20% ethanol blending target proposed by the Government of India."

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एजेंसी ■ लंदन

स्कॉटलैंड के एबरडीन में पला-बढ़ा, पाइपर अल्फा आपदा की छाया हमारे समुदाय पर छाई रही। वर्ष 1988 में ऑयल रिग प्लेटफॉर्म के दुखद विस्फोट ने 167 लोगों की जान ले ली थी। तब मैं उस आपदा के पारिस्थितिक प्रभावों से पूरी तरह अनजान था, लेकिन 670 टन तेल के रिसाव ने समुद्री जीवन पर कहर बरपाया और समुद्री पर्यावरण पर इसका स्थाई प्रभाव पड़ा, जिसका अन्वेषण करना मुझे पसंद है। हाल के दशकों में तेल रिसाव की घटनाएं और टैंकर, रिग, कुओं और अपतटीय जगहों से निकलने वाले तेल की मात्रा



में धीरे-धीरे कमी आई है। वैश्विक स्तर पर घटनाएं होती रहती हैं, लेकिन शुक्र है कि ब्रिटेन ने तब से पाइपर अल्फा जैसी किसी और भयावह आपदा का सामना नहीं किया है। क्या इसका मतलब यह है कि ब्रिटेन के तेल और गैस क्षेत्र ने अपना काम

ठीक कर लिया है? वे निश्चित रूप से चाहेंगे कि आप ऐसा ही सोचें। लेकिन महासागर प्रदूषण केवल पानी की सतह पर फैली तेल की बड़ी परत तक ही सीमित नहीं है। मैसिन कंजर्वेशन चैरिटी ओशियाना की नई रिपोर्ट सी स्लिक बताती है कि बार-

बार होने वाले छोटे पैमाने के तेल रिसाव की सीमा को अभी भी बहुत कम आंका जा रहा है, भले ही बड़े पैमाने पर तेल रिसाव की घटनाएं कम हो रही हैं।

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जिसके कारण तेल एवं गैस कम्पनियों को अपना काम स्वयं करने की छूट मिल जाती है। वर्तमान में तेल और गैस विकास के लिए नियमित परिचालन के भाग के रूप में एक निश्चित मात्रा में तेल प्रदूषण की अनुमति है। कंपनियां तेल छोड़ने के परमिट के लिए आवेदन कर सकती हैं, जो उन्हें समुद्र में एक निश्चित मात्रा में तेल या रसायन छोड़ने की अनुमति देता है। इस अपशिष्ट उत्पाद को प्रोड्यूसड वाटर कहा जाता है। प्रोड्यूसड वाटर तेल एवं गैस क्षेत्र का उपोत्पाद है, जो तेल और गैस उत्पादन के दौरान अपशिष्ट जल के रूप में समुद्र की सतह पर वापस आ जाता है। **द कन्वरसेशन**

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प्लांट बनाया है। अगले तीन महीने में यह निगम को सौंप दिया जाएगा। इस गोशाला में वर्तमान में 9,850 गायें हैं, और इसका पूरा प्रबंधन हरिद्वार से आए संत और निगम के अधिकारी कर रहे हैं। वर्तमान में इंदौर में भी एक बायो सीएनजी प्लांट है, लेकिन वहां पर गीले कचरे से गैस बनाई जा रही है।

गोवंश बढ़ा तो गोबर के प्रबंधन पर ध्यान बढ़ाया

गोशाला में जैसे-जैसे गोवंश बढ़ा, उसके मैनेजमेंट और गोबर के इस्तेमाल पर प्रबंधन ने ध्यान बढ़ा दिया। पहले गोबर से गो कास्ट का निर्माण शुरू हुआ। इन्हें मुक्तिधामों में पहुंचाया गया। यहां की गो कास्ट को देख प्रदेश के दूसरे शहरों में भी गो-कास्ट बनने लगी। फिर गणपति प्रतिमा, गाय के दूध की शहर में बिक्री, गोनाइल आदि प्रोडक्ट का निर्माण गोशाला में शुरू हुआ।



बायोगैस में 1,600 करोड़ रुपये निवेश की उम्मीद

भारतीय बायोगैस एसोसिएशन (आईबीए) को गुरुवार से शुरू हो रहे नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा भारत एक्सपो (आरईआई) 2024 के दौरान इस क्षेत्र में लगभग 1,600 करोड़ रुपये के निवेश की उम्मीद है। बायोगैस परिचालकों, विनिर्माताओं और संयंत्र योजनाकारों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाला देश का अग्रणी निकाय आईबीए के चेयरमैन गौरव केडिया ने कहा कि आरईआई-2024 में बायोगैस क्षेत्र में करीब 1,600 करोड़ रुपये के निवेश की घोषणा होने की उम्मीद है। आरईआई एक्सपो-2024 में पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में 20 प्रतिशत अधिक भागीदारी होने की उम्मीद है। केडिया ने बायोगैस क्षेत्र की विशाल गैर-प्रयुक्त क्षमता पर जोर दिया।

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