



GAIL hosts cyclothon in Bengaluru



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GAIL (India) Limited organised a Cyclothon at Sahakar Nagar playground as part of its Saksham 2024-25 initiative, reinforcing its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility.

The event, themed "Cleaner Environment through Green and Clean Energy," encouraged eco-friendly practices and highlighted the importance of clean energy solutions.

Around 100 participants, including GAIL employees and their families, took part in the Cyclothon, reflecting the company's dedication to promoting both environmental consciousness and personal wellness. The event aimed to raise awareness about the role of green energy in mitigating climate change.

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नई दिल्ली। गेल व कमिंस ने आईईडब्ल्यू के बीच स्वच्छ ऊर्जा को बढ़ावा देने के लिए समझौता है। भारत में टिकाऊ और हरित ऊर्जा समाधान विकसित करने के उद्देश्य से किया गया है। समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर भारत ऊर्जा सप्ताह 2025 के दौरान किए गए। इस साझेदारी के तहत, हाइड्रोजन उत्पादन, सम्मिश्रण, परिवहन और भंडारण जैसे क्षेत्रों में अवसरों की पहचान की जाएगी। यह सहयोग गेल के प्राकृतिक गैस बुनियादी ढांचे और एक्सेलेरा की विशेषज्ञता का लाभ उठाकर ऊर्जा संक्रमण को गति देगा। गेल ने अपने नेट जीरो लक्ष्यों को 2040 से घटाकर 2035 कर दिया है। गेल पहले ही मध्य प्रदेश के गुना जिले में 10 मेगावाट की ग्रीन हाइड्रोजन इकाई स्थापित कर चुका है और अगले कुछ वर्षों में कई और परियोजनाओं की योजना बना रहा है। इसी तरह, कंपनी सीबीजी, इथेनॉल और सिंथेटिक प्राकृतिक गैस उत्पादन में भी विस्तार कर रही है। यह समझौता विभिन्न उद्योगों में हाइड्रोजन ईंधन के उपयोग को बढ़ावा देगा, जिससे भारत के हरित ऊर्जा लक्ष्यों को बल मिलेगा।

Natural gas import bill jumps 17% to \$12.9 bn in Apr-Jan

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INDIA'S NATURAL GAS import bill surged 17.2% to \$12.9 billion during April-January of the current fiscal, compared to \$11.0 billion in the same period last year, driven by rising consumption, according to data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC). In January alone, the import bill increased by 8.3% on year to \$1.3 billion.

The country imported 31,347 million standard cubic meters (mmscm) of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the first ten months of FY25, marking a 21% increase over the same period in FY24. Analysts attributed this growth to rising demand and stabilized global natural gas prices, which had surged to record highs in FY23.

India's natural gas consumption rose 10% to 61,282 mmscm, driven by higher demand from the city gas distribution (CGD), fertiliser and power sectors. This increased the country's reliance on imported gas to 51.2%, up from 46.5% in the same period last fiscal.

Despite the surge in imports, domestic natural gas production saw only a marginal 2.6% increase during April-January. State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) produced 15,763 mmscm of natural gas during this period, down from 16,189 mmscm last year. Production remained below targets, widening the gap between demand and

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domestic supply.

India's LNG imports are expected to moderate in 2025, with growth projected to slow to 10%, down from 21% in 2024, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA). The slowdown is attributed to tempered demand growth and continued global competition for LNG cargoes.

The IEA forecasts an 8% increase in India's natural gas demand in 2025 (equivalent to an additional 6 billion cubic meters), supported by expanding energy needs and rapid economic growth.

In 2024, India became the world's fourth-largest LNG importer, accounting for 7% of global LNG imports. This growth was primarily driven by the industrial and oil refining sectors, followed by residential, commercial, and transport sectors.

India's LNG imports increased throughout 2024, supported by lower prices. According to the agency, LNG cargoes tendered for delivery in India (including supplier offers and user invitations) rose 70% year-on-year.

The IEA expects a shift in global LNG market dynamics in 2025 as new liquefaction projects ramp up and pipeline supply risks in Europe drive renewed LNG import growth in the region.

Meanwhile, several Indian oil and gas majors are securing more crude oil and LNG from the US. Reports suggest Indian Oil, the country's largest oil marketing company, is in talks with Cheniere Energy for a long-term LNG supply pact, while GAIL India has revived plans to acquire a stake in a US liquefaction facility.

