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Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), is organizing a roadshow on January 3, for promoting 10th City Gas Distribution (CGD) bidding round in Jaipur at Hotel Holiday Inn Jaipur City Centre. After the success of the recently concluded 9th CGD bidding round for 86 Geographical Areas (GAs) covering 174 districts in 21 states/ UTs which attracted great interest from investors across the sector, wherein total 406 bids were received from 38 organizations (including 8 new and 2 overseas investors). This round ensures remarkable minimum work commitment of 2.2 crore domestic PNG connections, 4600 CNG stations and 1.16 lakh inch-km of steel pipeline. The 10th CGD Bidding Round offering 50 (GAs) covering 124 districts in 14 states, was recently launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 22nd November, 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. This roadshow at Jaipur tomorrow is part of the series of roadshows planned by PNGRB across India over the next few weeks before the deadline for bid submissions end on 5th February 2019. Prior to this, a roadshow was held at Chandigarh which entailed great response from all the stakeholders.

<http://energyinfrapost.com/pngrb-hold-roadshow-10th-city-gas-distribution-cgd-bidding-round-jaipur/>

#### **Kolkata likely to get CNG stations by year-end**

The eastern metropolis is likely to get CNG by end of this year, which would facilitate vehicles running on greener fuel, an official said. As a part of the 'Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga' project, the Central government owned Gail (India) Limited was entrusted to develop city gas distribution (CGD) network in six cities - Patna, Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Kolkata. However, state owned Greater Calcutta Gas Supply Corporation (GCGSC) was earlier authorised for city gas distribution in Kolkata and surrounding areas. Subsequently, it was decided the CGD in the eastern metropolis would be developed jointly. A joint venture (JV) company, Bengal Gas

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Company Ltd, has been formed for developing the city gas distribution, said Gail (India) Limited's Chief General Manager S. Bairagi at a road show for promoting 10th City Gas Distribution bidding round here. Incidentally, the gas major has been setting up Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra pipeline to bring natural gas to eastern India. He indicated that before the pipeline connects Kolkata, the JV would try to transport gas through roadways to the eastern metropolis. "Due to land acquisition issues, we are planning to put up CNG stations at the retail outlets of oil marketing companies (OMCs). We shall try to open CNG stations this year itself if we get space at the outlets. The same model we have followed in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. The estimated investment in first five years in Kolkata city gas project would be Rs 5,200 crore, the official said. The JV would distribute CNG and piped natural gas in the City of Joy and part of Howrah, Hooghly, Nadia and North and South 24 Parganas in West Bengal.

<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/oil-and-gas/kolkata-likely-to-get-cng-stations-by-year-end/67447769>

### **Piped gas supply in Patna from next month: Sushil Kumar Modi**

Deputy chief minister of Bihar, Sushil Kumar Modi (SuMo) said supply of piped cooking gas to city households would begin from February. In his keynote speech at the 10th City Gas Distribution (CGD) bidding organized by PNGRB, SuMo claimed approximately 5,500 households in the city had already been connected with piped natural gas (PNG). "The state government has provided a 1.5 acre land worth Rs 100 crore for Rs 48 crore for setting up a CNG station at Phulwarisharif. Three CNG stations will be set up in Patna by March and four others in 2019-20," SuMo said and added at least 50,000 households in the city were targeted to be connected with the PNG network over the next five years. "At present, CGD authorization has been given by the PNGRB in seven districts of Bihar. At least 21 more districts will be added to the network under the 10th bidding phase. After the 10th round, 28 of 38 districts in the state will be fully authorized for the development of CGD network. This is a remarkable feat in the field of natural gas distribution in Bihar," said a GAIL official. According to the Urja Ganga Gas Pipeline Project of the Union ministry of petroleum and natural gas, six cities, Varanasi, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, Patna, Ranchi and Jamshedpur will be covered with piped cooking gas supply network. While the supply has been started in Varanasi, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, the three remaining cities are targeted to be covered before March.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/patna/piped-gas-supply-in-city-from-next-month-sumo/articleshow/67371226.cms>

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Adani Gas Limited (AGL) has revised the prices of compressed natural gas (CNG) and piped natural gas (PNG) for residential and industrial consumers from January 1, 2018. While the city gas distribution company has raised CNG and domestic PNG prices, it has reduced tariffs for natural gas supplied to its industrial customers. According to details on the company's website, the CNG price for Ahmedabad and Vadodara markets has been hiked by Rs 1 per kg to Rs 55/kg from Rs 54/kg, while PNG prices for residential consumers has been increased by Rs 13.2 per million metric British thermal units (MMBtu) or 1.97% to 682.50 per MMBtu from Rs 669.30 per MMBtu. The company had last revised these prices in October 2018. However, the company also reduced PNG price for its industrial consumers by Rs 28.02 per MMBtu or 2.68% to Rs 1,016.40 per MMBtu (for minimum guaranteed offtake-MGO) from Rs 1,044.42 per MMBtu. The Adani Group company serves about 2,85,000 households and 1,50,000 CNG users in Ahmedabad and Vadodara.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/agl-revises-cng-png-prices/articleshow/67341133.cms>

### **Kochi in need of more CNG outlets as gas sales surge**

The demand for CNG is growing with business expanding 10 times after four CNG outlets were introduced in March 2018 in Kochi. Compared to the 1.5 tonnes sales recorded in April, IOC, which operates the pumps, reports that the sale has increased to 150 tonnes in December. "This can be attributed to the growing popularity of greener fuel among auto and cab drivers, who are making the switch for economic reasons. One kg of CNG retails for around `53, compared to `66 for diesel and `70.5 for petrol," said P S Mony, Kerala Head, IOC. IOC says there are receiving requests for the expansion of CNG network across the city. Right now, four CNG-filling stations - two at Kalamassery, one at Aluva and one at Maradu - are operational. IOC is awaiting approvals for adding CNG dispensers at 20 of its outlets in Ernakulam with requests for NOCs having been submitted to the district administration in May. "The delays in the issue of NOCs are crippling us to cater to the growing demand. The state government should ensure that such licences are cleared with minimum red tape," said Mony. He expressed hope that at least four outlets by IOC will start functioning by March at Karingachira, Thiruvankulam, Cheranallur and Chengamanad. The company says a delay in obtaining permissions from the corporation to expand into the city limits hampered the CNG network expansion.

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/kochi/2019/jan/02/city-in-need-of--more-cng-outlets-as-gas-sales-surge-1919368.html>

