

Any industry can only ever grow if there are the right people supporting its development. Therefore, in the 2021 annual issue of the Gas Statistical Review, we thought it to be apt to include brief profiles of a few of those people who have continuously provided their expertise in taking the gas sector forward.



Anjani Kumar Tiwari,
Member, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board

Mr Anjani Kumar Tiwari joined PNGRB as a Member recently in December 2021.

Prior to that, he worked in various capacities in GAIL (India) Limited and left as a Director (Finance) and CFO of GAIL. He has over 38 years of varied experience across oil & gas, thermal power, hydel power and city gas distribution sectors. He has also held the position of Director in GAIL Gas Limited, Green Gas Limited, Bhagyanagar Gas Limited, GAIL Gas (USA) Inc., GAIL Global (USA) LNG LLC, GAIL Global Singapore Pte Ltd., and RGPPL. He did his graduation from Kolkata University and ICWA from The Institute of Cost Accountants of India.



Mr D V Shastri, ED, NGS congratulating Mr A K Tiwari on assuming new role as Member, PNGRB.
(Accompanied by Mr V C Chittoda, Sr Consultant, NGS)



Arun Kumar Singh,
Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

Mr Arun Kumar Singh is currently the Chairman and Managing Director of BPCL. A mechanical engineer by qualification, he was earlier the Director (Marketing), holding additional charge of Director (Refineries) and Director (Finance) at BPCL. In his more than 36 years of experience in the oil & gas industry, Mr Singh has headed business units and entities in BPCL such as retail, LPG, pipelines, supply chain optimisation, etc. He was also the President (Africa & Australasia) in Bharat PetroResources Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of BPCL. Mr Singh is also the Chairman of Indraprastha Gas Limited and the Director on the board of Bharat Gas Resources Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BPCL engaged in the natural gas business.



Vartika Shukla,
Chairman & Managing Director, Engineers India Limited

A graduate in chemical engineering from IIT, Kanpur, Ms Vartika Shukla joined EIL in 1988 and is currently its Chairman & Managing Director. She has led to the successful completion of many prestigious projects for clients in the oil & gas and petrochemical industries both in India and Overseas. She has also been spearheading the EIL's initiatives in new energy areas like biofuels, coal gasification, waste to fuel, hydrogen energy etc.



Manoj Jain,
Chairman & Managing Director, GAIL (India) Limited

A graduate in mechanical engineering and an MBA in operations management, Mr Manoj Jain possesses over 36 years of experience with GAIL in the areas of business development, projects, O&M, petrochemicals, pipeline integrity management and marketing. In his previous stint as the Director (Business Development), he was responsible for building GAIL's business portfolio in India and abroad, merger and acquisition, petrochemical O&M and expansion, exploration & production, R&D, start-up, Health Safety & Environment Management, quality management, project development including feasibility study and investment approval for new pipelines, process plants, renewables etc. Mr Jain is currently also the Chairman of GAIL Global (USA) Inc. (GGUI), GAIL Global (USA) LNG LLC (GGULL), Mahanagar Gas Limited, Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited and GAIL Gas Limited.



Mukesh Kumar Surana,
Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

A mechanical engineer with a master's degree in financial management, Mr Surana joined HPCL in the year 1982 and is currently the Chairman & Managing Director of HPCL. Before this, he served as Chief Executive Officer, Prize Petroleum Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary and upstream arm of HPCL. During his career spanning over 39 years in the petroleum industry, Mr Surana has handled a wide range of responsibilities including leadership positions in refineries, corporate, information systems and upstream business of HPCL. He has been closely involved in strategy formulation, business process re-engineering, major projects implementation, refinery operations, company-wide ERP implementation, acquisition and management of upstream assets, etc.



Shrikant Madhav Vaidya,
Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation

A chemical engineer with over 35 years of experience in the oil & gas sector and proficiency in refinery-petrochemicals integration, Mr Shrikant Madhav Vaidya currently heads IOC. With future-ready business acumen and a 'people-first' leadership approach, Mr Vaidya is charting IOC's evolution as an integrated energy major. A firm believer in the power of innovation, Mr Vaidya is driving digitalisation and IOC's prowess for pursuing futuristic, sustainable technologies for a better world. Aligned with this agenda, IOC is taking forward the vision of a hydrogen economy and is setting up India's first green hydrogen plant at Mathura as well as stepping up forays into natural gas, renewables and bio-energy.



Sushil Chandra Mishra,
Chairman & Managing Director, Oil India Limited

An engineering graduate in electronics and an MBA in finance, Mr Sushil Chandra Mishra is currently the CMD of Oil India Limited. With over 35 years of experience, he started his professional journey as an Executive Trainee with OIL in 1984 and developed deep expertise in commercial matters and played a key role in framing and implementing procurement policies & procedures for inventory management, vendor development, framework agreement and its related strategies.



Subhash Kumar,
Chairman & Managing Director, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

With over 36 years of experience, Mr Subhash Kumar assumed the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director of ONGC in 2021 apart from being the Director of Finance. He joined ONGC in 1985 and served in different capacities. During his tenure with ONGC Videsh, Mr Kumar was associated with key acquisitions and expansion of the company's footprint. Mr Kumar is a fellow member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and an associate member of ICSI. He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in commerce with a gold medal from Punjab University, Chandigarh.

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AK Singh,
Managing Director & CEO, Petronet LNG Limited

Mr Akshay Kumar Singh is currently heading Petronet LNG, the leading LNG company in India. His career spanning 35 years has wide-ranging experiences across design, engineering, planning, execution and O&M of complex pipeline systems and process plants. Before joining Petronet, Mr Singh was the Director of Pipelines in the Indian Oil Corporation. India's first transnational multiproduct hydrocarbon pipeline from India to Nepal (Motihari to Amlekhganj) was completed under his leadership and he also set up the infrastructure (for IOCL) to execute City Gas Distribution projects in 17 Geographical Areas. He is a mechanical engineer from MIT, Muzaffarpur and a post-graduate in Turbo Machinery from South Gujarat University.

years of experience in handling multifarious assignments, his assignments in GAIL covered merger & acquisition initiatives as well as steering of globalisation and diversification efforts.



Suresh P Manglani,
Chief Executive Officer, Adani Total Gas Limited

Mr Suresh P Manglani is a seasoned professional with diversified experience of over 32 years that includes ~17 years of experience in British Gas and BP Plc JVs in India. His experience includes ten years with RIL, holding a senior leadership position in CGDs, Gas Marketing, India Gas Solutions & its Marketing Division (Retail Petroleum Business); 13 years with Mahanagar Gas Limited and five years with GAIL.



AK Jana,
Managing Director, Indraprastha Gas Limited

Mr AK Jana is the Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL), the largest CNG distribution company in the country. A production (mechanical) engineer from Jadavpur University, Mr Jana has a rich experience of over 35 years in leading, managing and implementing large projects and business solutions in the oil and gas sector in the fields of marketing, pipeline projects, CGD and operations & maintenance. Before his current assignment, Mr Jana was posted as the Chief Executive Officer of GAIL Gas Limited.



HK Srivastava,
Managing Director, Aavantika Gas Limited

Mr Harish Kumar Srivastava is currently heading Aavantika Gas Limited, the leading CGD company in Madhya Pradesh. His career spanning 33 years has rich and wide-ranging experiences across design, engineering, planning, execution and O&M of complex pipeline systems, petrochemicals and process plants. A graduate in electronics and communication engineering and an MBA in financial management, Mr Srivastava has 23 years of experience in GAIL and ~ 10 years in Indo Gulf Fertilisers and Chemicals Corporation.



Sanjib Datta,
Managing Director, Mahanagar Gas Limited

Mr Sanjib Datta is currently the Managing Director of Mahanagar Gas Limited, the CGD company operating in Mumbai and nearby areas. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Before joining MGL, Mr Datta was heading the Business Development function in GAIL as an Executive Director. With over 32



MK Tiwari,
Managing Director, Bhagyanagar Gas Limited

Mr Mukesh Kumar Tiwari is a graduate of electrical engineering from Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad. He has done Executive Development Program from IIM, Lucknow and FMS, Delhi and Senior Management Program from IIM, Bangalore. He started his career with GAIL in 1991. He has over 30 years in handling multifarious assignments in the natural gas sector across diverse functions

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including corporate governance, project development and construction in pipelines, Heat Recovery Steam Generators, renewable energy as well as operation & maintenance of natural gas pipelines, gas processing plants and compressor stations.



Hirdesh Kumar,
Managing Director, Central UP Gas Limited

An electronics and communication engineering graduate from IIT, Roorkee,

Mr Hirdesh Kumar joined Central UP Gas as Managing Director in November 2020. Prior to joining CUGL, Mr Kumar was serving as Chief General Manager (O&M)/Officer In-charge at Dibiyapur Compressor Station of GAIL.

With a vast experience of over three decades, he has held various positions of responsibility at various site offices of GAIL across the country. His specialties include operations & maintenance, project planning & execution, marketing & business development, contract & procurement etc.



Raman Chadha,
Chief Executive Officer, GAIL Gas Limited

With a master's degree in electronics engineering along with an MBA in international marketing, Mr Chadha has over 36 years of diverse experience in the oil & gas and petrochemical sectors covering diverse functions like project development, operations and maintenance, engineering management, cross country natural gas transportation, compressors & gas turbine operations & city gas distribution. Before his current assignment as the CEO of GAIL Gas, he was serving as Executive Director in the parent company GAIL, heading the Project Development function. In his earlier roles, he

has served as Managing Director of Joint Ventures - APGDC and Green Gas Limited.



JP Singh,
Managing Director, Green Gas Limited

Mr JP Singh has done his B.Tech (Metallurgical Engineering) from IIT,

Roorkee and has over 33 years of experience in the oil & gas sector and other industries. He joined GAIL in 1992. His notable achievements include the first online gas pigging in GAIL (Kalol- North Kadi pipeline) to remove liquid /condensate in the pipeline to improve pressure drop. He was involved in the ONGC takeover of Gas Installation and Pipelines by GAIL. He was involved in O&M of Gas Installation and Last Mile Connectivity to consumers.



Deepak Sawant,
Managing Director, Maharashtra Natural Gas Limited

Mr Deepak Sawant took charge as Managing Director of MNGL in April

2021. A Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) graduate from Government of Engineering College, Ujjain (Vikram University), Mr Sawant has rich experience of over 28 years in the gas business which includes overseas assignments in Myanmar for exploration and production of natural gas. He started his career with GAIL in 1991. He has wide experience in city gas distribution and was with MGL, Mumbai from 1997-2000 which was the initial built-up period of the company. He has also worked in PNGRB from 2007-2013 and was one of the team members for making of CGD and NG Pipeline regulations.

Apart from the above, there are many other people and companies who have played an important role in the growth of the natural gas sector in the past few years. We are including a few names here...



Mr Rajesh Kumar Mediratta,
Managing

Director & CEO, Indian Gas Exchange



Mr Rajeev Sikka,
Chief Executive

Officer, IndianOil-Adani Gas Private Limited



Mr Sandeep Trehan,
President - Marketing & Business Development, Think Gas

Distribution Private Limited



Mr A Anbarasan,
Managing Director,

Tripura Natural Gas Limited