

## KNOW YOUR INDUSTRY LEADER



**“I believe that life is a precious gift, and we must make the most of it by embracing change, pursuing our passions, believing in ourselves, taking calculated risks, continuously learning and improving, cultivating strong relationships, and practicing gratitude”, says Narang.**

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A mechanical engineer from Karnataka Regional Engineering College (KREC), Surathkal (now NIT), Sh. Pramod Narang started his career in 1985 as a Graduate Engineer Trainee in the pipelines division of Indian Oil Corporation. There has been no looking back for him since then. With over three decades of diverse experience in the industry, he had the privilege of rising to the rank of Executive Director in the at Indian Oil Corporation.

While at IOC, he made significant contributions in varied fields such as design, detailed engineering and execution of cross-country oil and gas pipeline projects as well as setting up of large oil and gas terminals, ensuring their smooth operation and maintenance alongside overseeing corporate planning and project monitoring functions, purchase, and contracts. Some of his most notable achievements include spearheading the construction of the Kandla-Bhatinda products pipeline, Koyali-Sidhpur products pipeline, Paradip-Haldia crude oil pipeline, and Jaipur-Panipat naphtha pipeline besides contributing to the execution and commissioning of India’s first transnational petroleum products pipeline from Motihari (Bihar) to Amlekhganj (Nepal).

Narang has been working with Petronet LNG since November 2020. He feels blessed to get the opportunity to contribute to the growth of the LNG industry. He has played a pivotal role in driving the company’s expansion plans, including the construction of two additional LNG tanks, setting up of the third berth, augmentation of re-gas capacity from 17.5 MMTPA to 22.5 MMTPA, and enhancing the LNG truck loading capacity. “Despite the

challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, I have been able to set new records for highest-ever daily R-LNG send-out and highest-ever LNG truck loadings at both the Dahej and Kochi terminals”, says Narang. He adds, “My determined approach and unwavering dedication have undoubtedly played a significant role in this achievement”. He is currently expediting the pre-project activities of the proposed 750 KTA PDH and 500 KTA PP project at Dahej, which he believes would be a game-changer for the company.

“Overall, I’m incredibly grateful for the opportunities and experiences that have shaped my professional journey thus far”, says a humble Narang.

Narang is quite optimistic about the future of the gas sector in India. “I believe that with the right policies and investments, gas has the potential to become a major contributor to India’s energy security and economic growth”, opines Narang. According to him, government initiatives, increasing demand, favourable pricing, and technological advancements will all contribute to the sector’s growth. However, infrastructure development, regulatory framework, and environmental concerns need attention.

Narang credits his wife Rachna Narang, a homemaker, for his growth. “She constantly provides a stable and supportive environment for my family and her patience and compassion have helped us balance multiple tasks and priorities”, feels Narang. He has two children; his daughter Prachi is working as a Chief Manager at Kotak Mahindra Bank at its Business Analytics Division while his son Rahul has completed his chemical engineering from Punjab University and is currently pursuing his MS from TUM Munich, Germany.

When asked how he likes to spend his spare time, he shares, “One of the greatest pleasures for me in life, is watching Formula 1 races. I have a deep and abiding passion for this thrilling sport, and this has led me to attend all the races that have taken place in India. My heart races with excitement when I see my favourite racers like Max Verstappen, Lando Norris, George Russel and Charles Leclerc, battling it out on the track”. Now that’s something quite interesting and also tells us where Narang has learnt his life lessons from. “It has taught me some of the most valuable lessons about life, such as the importance of hard work, strategising, adaptability, teamwork, risk management, and the relentless pursuit of excellence”, accepts Narang.

Narang also enjoys reading various genres that according to him helps to broaden his horizon and expand his knowledge and understanding of the world around him. One of his all-time favourite novels is ‘Dogs of War’ by Frederick Forsyth, and some of the motivational authors he admires include Shiv Khera and Gaur Gopal Das.