

**Monthly Summary of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the month of
December, 2021**

1. Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs had a telecommunication with Mr. Igor Sechin, CEO Rosneft, Russia on 3rd December 2021 and had a discussion on the bilateral engagements of both the countries.
2. During the period from April to December, 2021, OMCs have procured 548 KL of Biodiesel for blending with Diesel. OMCs are regularly floating Expression of Interest (Eoi) for procurement of Biodiesel produced from Used Cooking Oil (UCO). OMCs have received offers for setting up of 55 Biodiesel Plants with a proposed production capacity of approx. 40 crore litres/annum.
3. For the Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2021-22, the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have floated a tender for 459 crore litres of Ethanol against which LOI's for 366.16 crore litres of Ethanol have been issued as on 19.12.2021. OMC's have blended 13.98 crore litres till 19.12.21 enabling 7.57 % average blending.
4. Nearly 22 lakh new LPG connections were issued in the month of December, 2021 on Industry basis. As on **31.12.2021**, 28.16 crore LPG consumers are availing subsidy under the PAHAL scheme. Till date, more than 1.08 crore customers have given up their LPG subsidy under 'GiveltUp' campaign.
5. Domestic crude oil production during December, 2021 was 2508 TMT, showing 94.71% achievement against target (2648 TMT) for the month and 98.12% achievement against production (2556 TMT) of corresponding month of last year. Natural gas production during December, 2021 was 2875 MMSCM, showing 84.43% achievement over the target (3405 MMSCM) for the month and 118.56% achievement over the production (2425 MMSCM) of corresponding month of last year.
6. During December, 2021, the price of the Indian Basket of Crude oil varied between \$69.52 and \$77.53 per barrel and the average price was \$73.30 per barrel as compared to average price of \$80.64 per barrel in November, 2021.
7. As per the Refinery Gate Price (RGP), OMCs are expected to incur NIL under recovery on sale of PDS Kerosene and subsidy (DBTL) amount of Rs. 89.34 crores on sale of domestic LPG during the month of December, 2021. The expected under recoveries/subsidy for the F.Y. 2021-22 in respect of PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG (Under DBTL) is NIL and Rs.1072 crores respectively. There is no subsidy to the consumers on subsidized domestic LPG (at Delhi market) as on 1st December, 2021. There is NIL under recovery on PDS Kerosene effective from 1st December, 2021.

8. The number of Lols issued and distributorships commissioned for LPG in the month of December, 2021 till **31.12.2021** on Industry basis are 14 and 15 respectively.
9. As on 29.12.2021 total 27021 Retail Outlets have been solarised.
10. As on 31.10.2021, a total of 3532 CNG filling Stations, a total 83.74 Lakh PNG Connections (Domestic), 33.6 Thousand PNG Connections (Commercial) and 12.7 thousand PNG Connections (Industrial) were commissioned in the Country.
11. As on 24.12.2021, 2714 Lol have been issued under SATAT.
12. India attended the IEF Executive Board meeting organised on 13th December 2021 and the IEF Hydrogen Workshop on 14th December 2021.
13. India – US SCEP Emerging Fuels Pilar meeting was held on 20th December 2021.