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WRAPPING UP 2021

As we wrap up year 2021, we bring you the year-end review of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas shared by Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, which includes the milestone dedication of the PDPP at BPCL Kochi Refinery.

We also bring you reports of the laurels we have bagged this month - one for the CSR initiatives in Kerala and the other, for our exemplary performance among industries with a turnover above Rs. 750 Crores in Kerala. These are recognitions for the efforts put in as a team and we celebrate our Team Kochi Refinery as we bid farewell to another eventful year.

There is a high-alert on gatherings, celebrations and general protocols with the increasing spike in COVID and Omicron cases. We remind all of you to take extra precautions for the safety of your family and your colleagues. Please follow the mandatory safety protocols of social distancing, wearing masks and sanitizing hands.

There is nothing more precious than a healthy You, this year and in the New Year.

Please stay safe.

Warmly
Editor

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YEAR END REVIEW OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

Oil and Gas being the important import for our economy, many initiatives have been taken by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India for increasing production and exploitation of all domestic petroleum resources to address the priorities like Energy Access, Energy Efficiency, Energy Sustainability, and Energy Security. Following initiatives have been taken up by the Ministry in the current year:

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana: PMUY was launched in May 2016 to provide 8 crore deposit-free connections to poor women. The second phase of the scheme, the Ujjwala 2.0 has been launched by Prime Minister in the Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh on 10th August 2021 on a pan-India basis to provide an additional 1 crore LPG connections, along with free first refill and stove. As of 1st December 2021, a total of 80.5 lakh connections have been released under this scheme. This Ministry is monitoring the implementation of the scheme on a daily basis.

Refill Portability: To create competition among distributors in the interest of customer service, refill portability was implemented which enables customers to choose his/her distributor at the time of booking the refill. In such a scenario, a customer not satisfied with the services of his parent distributor can choose any distributor from the list of distributors of the same company serving in his locality/area. This would result in better customer satisfaction and impetus for distributors for providing better service. With customers exercising the right to choose the delivery partner, it further motivates the distributors to provide best-in-class services to the customers and improve their performance ratings. The flexibility to choose the Distributor for each refill further expands the bouquet of digital services being offered to LPG customers.

Hassle-free Non-subsidised LPG Connection (Across the counter): To ease out the process of issuance of a new connection, LPG Non-subsidised domestic connection can be issued across the counter with the submission of requisite proof of ID and self-declaration of address by the customer. In case the customer wants to submit documents to avail subsidy after taking non-subsidised connection, provision is also enabled to convert to subsidised connection, by submitting Proof of Address other than self-declaration subject to OMC and NIC dedupe clearance.

Development of Non-monetized Discoveries: A total of 9 discoveries (3 from the nomination regime (3 from ONGC) and 6 from PSC) have been monetised as of November 2021. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide resolution dated 8th November 2019 revised the guidelines for authorization to market transportation fuels, which would promote ease of doing business and boost private players to invest in the retail sector. The said resolution applies for marketing only Motor Spirit and High-Speed Diesel for the 'Bulk' and 'Retail' business. Further, under the New Guidelines, authorization has been given to 10 Companies as of 16th December 2021.

Gas Grid: A total of 21, 735 Kms of pipelines have been laid up to September 2021 as part of the Gas Grid.

Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme: During Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2020-21, 302.30 crore litre of Ethanol has been procured by OMCs for blending purpose till 30th November 2021. The feedstock wise enhanced ethanol prices have been announced for the ongoing Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2021-22- from C heavy Molasses route at ₹46.66/- per litre; from B heavy Molasses route at ₹59.08/- per litre; from sugarcane juice/ sugar/ sugar syrup route at ₹63.45/- per litre; from Maize and damaged food grains route at ₹52.92/- per litre and from surplus rice available with FCI route at ₹56.87/- per litre.

Biodiesel Blending Programme: On 4th May 2021, the Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas remotely flagged off the first supply of UCO (Used Cooking Oil) based Biodiesel blended Diesel under the EOI Scheme from Indian Oil's Tikrikalan Terminal, Delhi. The GST rate on biodiesel, which is sold to Oil Marketing Companies for blending with diesel, has been reduced from 12% to 5% by the Ministry of Finance w.e.f. 1st October 2021.



YEAR END REVIEW OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT): This initiative was launched on 1st October 2018 wherein Oil and Gas Marketing Companies are inviting Expression of Interest (Eoi) from potential entrepreneurs to procure Compressed Bio Gas (CBG). Under this initiative, 2700 Letters of Intent (Lols) have been issued till 15th December 2021. Supply of CBG initiated from 16 plants through 26 ROs and injection of CBG in CGD network at one place in Gujarat.

Reduction of Regulatory Compliance Burden: Reducing compliance burden, simplification of procedures and improving 'Ease of Doing Business' is a continuous process in the Petroleum & Natural Gas sector. In the special campaign launched by the Government in the year 2021, a total number of 276 compliances were reduced and procedures simplified.

Performance Indicator of MoP&NG: Production as of 01.12.2021 is 42.65 MtoE (Oil – 19.88 MMT; Gas – 22.77 BCM). Total of 105 exploration blocks covering an area of 1,56,580 sq km awarded till date. 50 discoveries monetized till 30.11.2021. INR 2,75,781 Cr spent on Hydrocarbon infrastructure till 30.11.2021. As of 01.12.2021, 80.5 Lakh LPG connections released against 1.29 Cr cleared application under Ujjwala 2.0. Indian Gas Exchange launched in June 2020. 21,735 km gas pipeline laid up to September 2021. A total of 83.7 Lakh PNG (D) connections and 3532 CNG stations as of 31.10.2021. CAPEX in overseas assets till date is Rs22,681 Cr. Production of ~56 MMTtoE from overseas O&G assets added since FY 19 (achieved 50% of the target).

DSF-III: This was launched on 10th June 2021 by the Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas. Thereafter on 30th July 2021, a Promotional Roadshow on DSF-III was organized.

Setting up of PSA Plants: In view of the perturbing situation created due to the second wave of Covid-19 and shortage of oxygen supply in various States across India, as per the directions of MoH&FW, 13 Oil PSUs were assigned 110 Hospitals in States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Karnataka, Kerala, Gujarat, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi and Maharashtra for setting up a Pressure Swing adsorption (PSA) Oxygen Plants of adequate capacity under CSR activity so as to appropriately address the oxygen shortage in these Hospitals/Districts. CPSEs are setting up PSA Plants of a combined capacity of 98, 840 LPM. A total of 101 Plants are commissioned and others are at a later stage of commissioning.

Setting up of Jumbo Facilities: In some refineries, LMO (Liquid Medical Oxygen) is not produced, but Oxygen at low pressure is available. This cannot be liquefied or transported via cylinders. As this Oxygen can be used for medical purposes, hence jumbo Covid care Facilities have been set up adjacent to the refinery premises in coordination with the State Govts.

Gasoline Desulphurization (GDS) Unit under CPCL-fuel Quality up-gradation project has been dedicated to the nation by Hon'ble Prime Minister through video conferencing on 17.02.2021.

INDMAX project of Bongaigaon Refinery of IOCL was dedicated to the nation on 22.02.2021.

Propylene Derivatives Petrochemical Project (PDPP) at Kochi Refinery of BPCL was dedicated to the nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 14th February 2021.





BPCL WINS KMA ANNUAL CSR AWARD

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On behalf of BPCL, Mr. Kurian P Alapatt, Chief General Manager (HR), Kochi Refinery received the awards from Mr. TT Thomas, Past President, KMA at a function held at Ernakulam on 17 December 2021 in the presence of Mr. R Madhav Chandran, President KMA and Mr. Jibu Paul, Immediate Past President, KMA. The function was virtually inaugurated by Mr. P Rajeev, Hon'ble Minister, Industries, Law & Coir, and Government of Kerala.

BPCL won the first place in Education for initiatives including 'Centre of Excellence' project of Government Girls High School, Tripunithura, the Roshni project for bringing children of inter-state labourers into the mainstream, the first meal project to over 35000 students in the district, Home Based Rehabilitation project for the differently abled children at homes, Jaleo Mahal Art Centre for the differently abled and support for developing educational infrastructure for Government schools.

Kalady Swachh Iconic place project, Marine Ambulance to save the distressed at sea, dialysis units, trauma units and health facilities in Government hospitals, Primary Health Centres, RO plants in schools, sanitary napkin vending machines and incinerators in all Government and Aided schools in Ernakulam, medical camps, medical insurance policy for the neighbourhood and the Mobile Medical Unit to provide healthcare to the poor at their doorsteps are the major projects which won the first place in the Health & Hygiene category.

In the category of Child & Elderly Care, the first place is for the support extended towards facility enhancement and supplementary nutrition for Anganwadis, construction of ten anganwadis, support to construct one floor of Nish Chintha skill centre for differently abled, support to Udbodh project towards care for the Dementia affected, infrastructure to Palliative care units and facilities to Home for destitute aged women.

The KMA has instituted the CSR awards to encourage awareness, knowledge creation, and engagement and to recognize genuine efforts in this direction.

**FOR INITIATIVES
IN KERALA
UNDERTAKEN BY
KOCHI REFINERY**



KOCHI REFINERY BAGS HONOURS OF KERALA STATE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL

Bharat Petroleum wins laurels for its performance among industries with a turnover above Rs. 750 Crores. The Runner's Up award of the FACT MKK Nayar Memorial Productivity Award under the aegis of the Kerala State Productivity Council (KSPC) for BPCL Kochi Refinery was presented by Mr. P Rajeev Hon'ble Minister for Industries & Law, Govt of Kerala & President, KSPC to the Unit head of Kochi Refinery, Mr. Ajith Kumar K, Chief General Manager (KR)i/c on 28 December 2021. At the ceremony in Kochi, the Hon'ble Minister also released the "Productivity News" - the Quarterly newsletter of Kerala State Productivity Council and presented the inaugural copy to Mr. Ajith Kumar. Mr. George Thomas, General Manager (PR & Admn) was also present.

PLEDGE SUPPORT TO BUILD AN ACCESSIBLE INDIA

BPCL Kochi Refinery pledge participation to support in building an accessible India. Mr. Ajith Kumar K, Chief General Manager (I/c), Kochi Refinery led the pledge at the Management Committee Meeting chaired by Mr. Sanjay Khanna, Executive Director (Kochi Refinery) on 03 December 2021.

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.



TRENDING ONLINE IN DECEMBER 2021

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
29 December 2021 at 09:15

Watch this video to know more about our state of the art 356 Km long Bina-Panki multi product pipeline, which was dedicated to the nation by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi This pipeline will cater to increased demand of petroleum products in northern states including UP, Bihar and Southern Uttarakhand.
Hardeep Singh Puri Rameswar Teli

356 KM Long Bina-Panki Multi-product Pipeline

WATCH EVENT VIDEO **WATCH VIDEO ABOUT THE FACILITY**

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
17 December 2021

'MAK Lubricants, are constantly improving and exploring systems and practices towards achieving sustainability and emphasizing the importance of contributing to the betterment of the People, Planet, and Profit', says G. Krishnakumar, Executive Director, Lubes, BPCL in conversation with 'Machine Lubrication India' Read here to know more: <https://bit.ly/3GV6Ak2>
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Face-To-Face: Mr. G. Krishnakumar, ED - Lubes, BPCL

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
29 December 2021 at 08:00

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Kochi Refinery
18 December 2021

#BharatPetroleum #KochiRefinery hosts Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Kalamasserry and St Peter's College, Kolenchery at the 5th session of the #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav study tour for colleges to the biggest PSU Refinery under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. Mr. Sridhar K, General Manager (Digital) was the chief guest and he presented the certificate of participation to both institutions at the Meet the Leader session where he interacted at length with the students. The students were given presentations on the Refinery processes, strategic businesses, sustainability initiatives and latest developments in the industry.
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Kochi Refinery
31 December 2021 at 21:07

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
31 December 2021 at 20:00

Sun goes down for the last time in 2021, over our Kochi Refinery. See you guys in the #NewYear!
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35 years



Reji Thomas Chandy / Mfg -II

25 years



George Bibin OM&S



Nizar KA CPO (KR)



Sreekumar KR QC



Binu P Paul QC



Ajithkumar PC QC



Kannan R QC



Jayendran Nair MK QC



Ajith Kumar S QC

20 years



Geetha P Nair HR



Joseph Pinhero QC



Jimmon MJ QC



Anthony Solomon E&C

Hearty Congratulations Near Miss Award Winners for the month of November-2021



Rajesh GR
Maint/Instrumentation



Sreeju S
Maint/Instrumentation



Eldhose I Areekkal
OM&S /TF-1



Habish Muhammed V
MFG-1/SRU-3



Linto Johny C
MFG-2 /VGO-HDT



Midhun AV
MFG-2 /DCU

SUPERANNUATION

BEST WISHES TO OUR COLLEAGUE SUPERANNUATING THIS MONTH



Unnikrishnan K G joined the organization in the Personnel & Administration Department in 1988 and is retiring from the Maintenance department this month.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT BPCL

[CHECK OUT CAREERS](#)

Happy Birthday

WISH KOCHIREFINERS CELEBRATING THEIR SPECIAL DAY IN DECEMBER 2021. CLICK ON THE CAKE TO WISH THEM WELL.

LOG ON TO KR SOCIAL MEDIA TO WISH OUR TEAM MATES DAILY ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER





**Ministry of Information
and Broadcasting**
Government of India

**#IndiaFightsCorona
#We4Vaccine**

The **fight** is still on, it's time to defeat **Omicron**.

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FEVER



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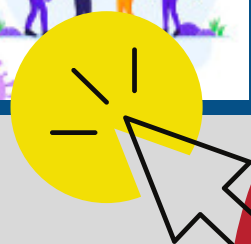


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