

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

Theme : Reducing Import Dependency

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Gulmohar, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi



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- ✓ Oil & Gas Availability (Domestic Gas , Bio Gas, and Ethanol)
- ✓ Oil & Gas Imports - LNG, Cross Border Pipelines
- ✓ Oil & Gas Accessibility (Transmission, Distribution P/L for Gas, Oil & Oil products)
- ✓ Affordability & Acceptability - Market Ecosystem
- ✓ Measures to reduce import dependency.

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India's Energy Security: Reducing Import Dependency

India's energy basket continues to be dominated by coal (59%), followed by oil (28%) and natural gas (6%), while hydro, nuclear and renewables together account for around 7%. Despite significant progress in domestic energy production and renewable deployment, India remains substantially dependent on imports—around 88% of its crude oil requirement and 53% of its natural gas requirement as of 2025.

This import dependence carries a significant foreign-exchange burden. During FY 2025–26, India's crude oil import bill stood at approximately US\$134.7 billion, while natural gas imports accounted for around US\$13.1 billion, together representing a substantial outflow of foreign exchange (₹ 14,01,100 Cr at \$ parity of ₹95).

The challenge becomes more evident when we look at the long-term trend. India's crude oil imports increased from 202.1 MMT in 2015 to 262.2 MMT in 2025, a rise of nearly 30% over the decade. However, the corresponding import bill increased from US\$64.4 billion to US\$134.7 billion, more than doubling during the same period. The volatility in global energy markets and geopolitical developments in the Middle East further underline the vulnerability associated with high import dependence.

India has therefore been pursuing a multi-dimensional strategy towards greater energy security and energy sovereignty—augmenting domestic oil and gas production (Policy intervention like HELP, OALAP and Samundra Manthan), improving energy efficiency, reducing fuel intensity, expanding renewables, promoting biofuels and biogas (CBG Synchronization Scheme), increasing ethanol blending, and exploring emerging energy pathways such as hydrogen and geothermal energy.

It is in this context, India Energy Forum (IEF) is convening a national conference on Oil & Gas, bringing together policymakers, regulators, oil and gas producers, importers, gas exchanges, consumers, technology providers and service companies.

The conference will provide a platform to deliberate on practical pathways to reduce India's import dependence, strengthen domestic energy security and accelerate the transition towards a more diversified and resilient energy basket. Discussions will also examine the progress achieved, emerging opportunities and challenges across domestic oil and gas production, renewables, biogas, ethanol, hydrogen and other alternative energy resources.

The central question is not merely how India consumes energy, but how India can secure its energy future while reducing its dependence on imported energy.

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