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**IEF-ORF Present
6th Petro India 2007
India's Changing Gas Scenario:
The New Imperatives**

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Objectives

The dynamics of Indian energy sector are today undergoing a sea change. Continued economic development and population growth are driving India's demand for energy faster than its capacity to produce energy. Currently among the fastest growing economies, India's primary energy consumption, now ranking fifth in the world, is burgeoning at a prodigious rate. India annually consumes about four percent of world's total primary energy and has been a net energy importer.

At the same time the East Coast of India is suddenly holding out a promise that was not even a fond hope as recently as the start of the present century. The question being asked today is: Will India be able to make a smooth transition into a gas led energy economy, and if, yes, to what extent? For such a transition to take place there would have to be huge investments in domestic production, securing gas supplies from overseas, distribution and marketing infrastructure over the next few years and equally important an efficient and transparent regulatory mechanism. Will this, eventually lead to a more efficient and environment friendly energy economy that can meet the demand generated by ambitious GDP growth targets?

These and other questions need to be answered in a given energy market that has long been dominated by rigid price controls and an extremely slow pace of development of the requisite infrastructure. Reforms have not progressed at the same pace across allied sectors of the economy. Consequently, there has been a hybrid gas market where administered prices co-exist along with deregulated prices.

Supply constraint coupled with restrictive gas pricing and lack of distribution networks has lead to regional imbalances in gas usage within the country. All regions of the country now need to be integrated and incentivised for equal access to and the development of gas markets throughout the country.

More often than not, in the past, it has been seen that there is little connect between issues facing upstream producers, midstream distributors and downstream users when dealing with many of these issues. This inevitably leads to a distortion of perspectives which is in no one's long-term interest and least conducive to India gaining access to one of the most important and environment friendly resources of this century. In a country, severely deficient in primary energy sources, it would be more logical to have a more holistic approach, which sees these issues for developing a competitive gas sector from a more long term and comprehensive perspective. The conference is an attempt at such an exercise.



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Programme*

8.30 a.m.	Registration & Networking Tea
9.30 a.m.	Inaugural Session
10.30 a.m.	Tea
10.45 a.m.	Plenary I Indigenous Gas Sources: Challenges to Exploration and Production (Demand & Supply: Future Projections)
12.00 p.m.	Plenary II Imported Gas: Prospects for LNG & Transnational Pipelines
1.15 p.m.	Lunch
2.15 p.m.	Plenary III Consumers and Users: Issues of access and affordability, regional disparities
3.45 p.m.	Tea
4.00 p.m.	Plenary IV Gas Distribution: Regulatory Challenges and the Growth of infrastructure
5.15 p.m.	CEOs' Forum India's Changing Gas Scenario: The New Imperatives

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- Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Dy Chairman, Planning Commission
- Dr Kirit Parikh, Member (Energy), Planning Commission*
- Mr. Anil Razdan, Secretary, Ministry of Power*
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