

Hon'ble Prime Minister Laid The Foundation Stone of Rs 1950 Crore City Gas Distribution (CGD) Project in Bankura and Purulia Districts of West Bengal

West Bengal, July 18, 2025 – In a significant step towards expanding the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in India, the Hon'ble Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the CGD project in Bankura and Purulia districts of West Bengal on 18th July, 2025.

Bankura & Purulia CGD project in West Bengal, with total cost of Rs. 1,950 Crore aims to provide 5,55,999 households Piped Natural Gas (PNG) Connections, 250+ commercial and 35+ industrial customers as well as establish 29 CNG Stations for Vehicular fuel across Geographical Areas in line with MWP (Minimum Work Program) target as per authorisation by PNGRB.

Bankura & Purulia CGD Project is scheduled to be completed by 15th March, 2030. The project's key objectives include providing PNG connections to households, commercial, and industrial customers, establishing CNG stations for vehicular fuel, and laying steel pipelines to build a robust gas distribution infrastructure.

Speaking on the launch, Shri Sanjay Khanna, Director (Refineries) with Additional Charge of Chairman & Managing Director, BPCL, said, *"This project marks a major step forward in our mission to make clean and affordable energy accessible to every corner of India. With the Hon'ble Prime Minister laying the foundation stone today, we are proud to begin this transformative journey in Bankura and Purulia — empowering lives, driving economic development, and contributing to India's vision of energy independence and environmental stewardship."*

Impact of the Project:

The project is expected to have a significant impact on the environment, employment, and the community. It aligns with India's net-zero emission goals, promoting natural gas as a cleaner alternative to conventional fuels by reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. The project is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 27%, amounting to a total reduction of 191 TMT over a 25-year period. This is equivalent to planting 3.46 Lakh trees per year and 86.8 lakh trees over the project period of 25 years.

The project is also expected to create over 15 lakh man-days of direct and indirect employment, boosting local economic growth in Bankura & Purulia districts. Once fully operational, over 65 lakh population in these districts will enjoy a convenient, reliable, environment-friendly, and cost-effective fuel supply.

By providing a robust and efficient gas distribution infrastructure, this CGD project sets the stage for sustainable development and a cleaner environment in these districts.

About Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL):

Fortune Global 500 Company, Bharat Petroleum is the second largest Indian Oil Marketing Company and one of the integrated energy companies in India, engaged in refining of crude oil and marketing of petroleum products, with presence in the upstream and downstream sectors of the oil and gas industry. The company attained the coveted Maharatna status, joining the club of companies having greater operational & financial autonomy.

Bharat Petroleum's Refineries at Mumbai, Kochi and Bina have a combined refining capacity of around 35.3 MMTPA. Its marketing infrastructure includes a network of installations, depots, fuel stations, aviation service stations and LPG distributors. Its distribution network comprises over 23,500+ Fuel Stations, over 6,200+ LPG distributorships, 500+ Lubes distributorships, 80 POL storage locations, 54 LPG Bottling Plants, 79 Aviation Service Stations, 5 Lube blending plants and 5 cross-country pipelines.

Bharat Petroleum is integrating its strategy, investments, environmental and social ambitions to move towards a sustainable planet. The company has Electric vehicle charging stations at 6500+ Fuel Stations.

With a focus on sustainable solutions, the company is developing an ecosystem and a road-map to become a Net Zero Energy Company by 2040, in Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions. Bharat Petroleum has been partnering communities by supporting several initiatives connected primarily in the areas of education, water conservation, skill development, health, community development, capacity building and employee volunteering. With 'Energising Lives' as its core purpose, Bharat Petroleum's vision is to be an admired global energy company leveraging talent, innovation & technology.

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