

Press Release

Subject: Partial Commissioning of Mumbai - Nagpur - Jharsuguda Natural Gas Pipeline (MNJPL).

PNGRB is pleased to announce the partial commissioning of the Mumbai Nagpur Jharsuguda Natural Gas Pipeline (MNJPL) developed by GAIL (India) Limited. The pipeline was authorized by PNGRB on 15th May 2020 under the provisions of Regulation 5 of the PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand Natural Gas Pipelines) Regulations, 2008.

2. The authorized length of MNJPL is 1,405 km, including 350 km of spur lines. The pipeline is designed for a total capacity of 16.50 MMSCMD, including 4.12 MMSCMD of common carrier capacity, and is scheduled for complete project commissioning by 31st December 2025. The pipeline will directly serve four states namely Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha.

3. On 31st October 2025, 693 km of the Mumbai-Nagpur section and 491 km of the Nagpur-Jharsuguda section of MNJPL, were successfully commissioned, marking a major milestone toward expanding natural gas connectivity across western and eastern India and strengthening the energy security by connecting the east and west coasts.

4. The MNJPL once fully commissioned will connect 16 Geographical Areas (GAs) along its entire route, providing clean and affordable natural gas to industrial, commercial, and residential consumers. The CGD entities operating in these 16 GAs have committed to provide 163.87 lakh PNG connections and establish 3439 CNG Stations. At present, gas supply to 'Valsad (EAAA), Dhule & Nashik Districts' GA of Maharashtra Natural Gas Limited through this pipeline has commenced.

5. This development will offer significant benefits to adjoining GAs, including:

- a) Reliable energy supply, reducing dependence on LPG and HSD.
- b) Lower energy costs for households, industries, and transport operators.

- c) Improved fuel availability to support industrial and economic growth.
- d) Cleaner energy usage, contributing to lower emissions and better air quality.
- e) Enhanced investment potential and expansion of CGD and CNG infrastructure.

6. Once fully commissioned, the MNJPL will serve as a vital link in the National Gas Grid, providing reliable energy access to industries, City Gas Distribution networks, power plants, and fertilizer units. This will significantly contribute to the Government of India's vision of a gas-based economy and support the nation's transition toward a cleaner and sustainable energy future.
