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Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) organized a 'Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Natural Gas Pipelines' in association with GAIL (India) Limited at GAIL Jubilee Tower, Noida on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to deliberate on various challenges faced by the pipeline operators as well as mitigation measures and solutions to maintain safety and integrity of the pipeline system.

Shri Gajendra Singh, Member, PNGRB while inaugurating the Workshop shared that the natural gas pipeline infrastructure is rapidly growing to facilitate increase in the share of natural gas in the India's energy mix from existing 6.5% to 15%. He emphasised the need for ensuring Safety and Integrity of Pipelines in view of urbanization and advised all the pipeline operators to prioritize public safety over economic considerations. Shri Deepak Gupta, Director (Projects), GAIL, in his Keynote address, highlighted various challenges of pipeline operators such as availability of competent and skilled manpower in implementation and upkeep of pipeline & CGD networks and underlined the need for adopting latest technologies and digitalization for optimal utilization of resources and ensuring high standards of performance.

The technical papers inter-alia covered pipeline integrity management, geo-hazard assessment, pipeline threats, leak detection system, In-line inspection and data analysis, pipeline coating, loss prevention and control, case studies etc. Speakers from the pipeline operators, experts from academia, industry bodies and service providers shared their experiences, available solutions and way forward.

More than 80 participants from different pipeline operators and City Gas Distribution (CGD) companies had participated physically in the workshop and a large number joined the workshop virtually.