

Kochi getting ready for natural gas distribution

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Kochi, Sept 8:

The first phase of the Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) distribution network, the dream project of Kochi, will be dedicated to the nation on September 10.

The 43-km pipeline network, built by GAIL India Ltd, stretches from Petronet RLNG's five million tonne LNG terminal to the main industrial centres in the city, a press release issued here said.

Companies like FACT, BSES, TCC, Nitta Gelatin, HOCL and BPCL can now receive RLNG through pipelines and use it to reduce costs, becoming environment friendly, the release said.

In the next phase, the gas distribution project can cover city households ensuring year-long cooking gas supply without disruption. The Government would also be able to save a major part of the subsidy they give out on LPG cooking gas and utilise it for other productive purposes, it said.

Laying of the pipeline from Puthuvypin to Udyogamandal and from Udyogamandal to Ambalamugal has been completed.

GAIL successfully acquired land from the public to lay the pipeline for about six km in the first phase, it said.

The remaining land in the 43 km stretch was made available by different institutions or companies like Cochin Port Trust, International Container Transshipment Terminal, Indian Navy, Kerala State Electricity Board, Co-Operative Medical College Kalamassery, HMT, FACT, CCK-ROU, Kalamassery Municipality, Kinfra, Cochin Corporation and Smart City.

Work on the 505-km pipeline from Kochi to Mangalore will start soon and when completed, would benefit seven districts from Ernakulam to Kasargod.

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