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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of Press Release regarding **“Hon’ble Prime Minister dedicates to the Nation Phase 1 of ‘Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga’ - Patna City Gas Distribution network also inaugurated”**

The above is for your information and record please.

Thanking you,  
Yours faithfully,

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## **GAIL (India) Limited**

### **Hon'ble Prime Minister dedicates to the Nation Phase 1 of 'Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga'**

#### **Patna City Gas Distribution network also inaugurated**

Barauni (Bihar), February 17, 2019: Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today dedicated to the Nation the first phase of the Jagdishpur – Haldia & Bokaro – Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline Project (JHBDPL), popularly known as 'Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga', and inaugurated the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in Patna.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister dedicated and inaugurated the projects in the presence of Hon'ble Governor of Bihar Shri Lalji Tandon, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (I/C), Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), Power and New and Renewable Energy Shri R K Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Rural Development Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Shri Sushil Kumar Modi and other dignitaries.

The foundation stone of Phase 1 of 'Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga' had been laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on July 25, 2015 in Patna and the section from Phulpur - Dobhi – Barauni with Spurlines to Patna & Varanasi of length 585 Km has been completed. This section passes covers nine districts in Bihar (415 km) and three districts in Uttar Pradesh (170 km). The districts covered in Bihar are Patna, Kaimur, Rohtas, Aurangabad, Gaya, Nalanda, Lakhisarai, Begusarai and Sheikhpura.

The total length of JHBDPL pipeline is 2,655 km and covers Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal and being further extended from Barauni to Guwahati (Assam) through 729 km pipeline. The project is being executed at an investment of Rs. 12,940 crores, which includes 40% capital grant (i.e. Rs. 5,176 crores) from the Government of India and the project is scheduled to be completed by 2020 in phases. Total investment in Bihar is Rs 2,300 crores.

The natural gas pipeline will be crucial in reviving fertilizer units in Barauni, Sindri and Gorakhpur and also supply natural gas for houses and vehicles in Patna, Patna, Varanasi, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Kolkata and other cities enroute the pipeline. The availability of environment friendly, convenient and economical natural gas will also help in reducing pollution levels. The project execution is expected to generate direct and indirect employment for thousands.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister also inaugurated the CGD network in Patna under which piped natural gas (PNG) will be supplied to domestic customers and commercial establishments like hotels, restaurants, industries, etc. while compressed natural gas (CNG) will be supplied for the transport sector through CNG stations.

Infrastructure has already been created for about 5,000 PNG households and initially, PNG supply will be started to staff quarters in BIT Mesra, Patna Campus near Airport and two student hostels in the campus. Two CNG stations (one near Rukunpura, Beli Road and another near Patna Toll NH1, Bypass Road) were also started.