



Let's celebrate the Exceptional Energy!

Dear IOCIans,

Greetings of World LPG Day!

The energy sector is moving through a fascinating green trajectory and is shouldering a pivotal role in preparing the economies around the globe to rise above environmental roadblocks. The recent geopolitical upheavals have also put the focus squarely on the issue of energy security and energy affordability. In this context, LPG, as a clean, versatile and off-grid energy solution, has a vital role. LPG can support all economies, not just in the transition to lower-carbon energy solutions but also in meeting people's genuine needs across the planet.

The World LPG Association (WLPGA), of which IndianOil is a founding member, celebrates World LPG Day each year on this day to raise awareness about the many uses and benefits of LPG among policymakers, media, and the general public. The theme for this World LPG Day is 'Exceptional Energy' - As the President of WLPGA and the Chairman of India's largest energy enterprise, let me assert that 'Exceptional' is quite an apt adjective to underline the powerful socioeconomic potential of LPG.

Speaking of LPG's potential, India stands tall as a remarkable example of a nation that leveraged the power of LPG to launch the most comprehensive and far-reaching social program: Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY). India is home to some 307 million households, many of which, until recently had to rely on traditional fuels such as firewood, coal and dung cakes as a primary source of cooking fuel. But that underwent a radical paradigm shift with PMUY, which was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi in 2016. Under this scheme, around 90 million new connections have been released till April 2022.

The Government of India has further sanctioned release of another 6 million connections to cover the remaining households. Today almost every Indian family has access to clean modern energy through LPG, improving lives and setting an example for many parts of the world to follow. And I am proud to say that IndianOil emerged as the leading force for PMUY implementation across the country.

It is also most impressive that IndianOil has been at the forefront of global LPG tech frontiers with continuous product innovations and an exceptional customer-centric focus. Our pathbreaking products, such as Indane XtraTej, Chhotu, Munna, Nanocut, and Jumbo, reflects our ability to offer super-efficient and super-customised solutions for a diversified clientele. I must underline that our LPG business also upholds our unwavering focus on safety. However, excellence is a continuous journey, and we need to continuously evolve to cater to the ever-rising expectations of our 14 crore-plus customer base.

On this special day, let me extend my best wishes to the entire IndianOil LPG fraternity, who play a vital role in powering the nation's clean-energy journey.



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