



## Urja Ganga Launched in Varanasi - Important (Download PDF)

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Urja Ganga, the highly ambitious gas pipeline project in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. He also launched other schemes worth of Rs 5000 crore in his Lok Sabha constituency. Gas pipeline would provide piped cooking fuel to residents of the eastern region of the country and CNG gas for the vehicles.

 Map of Urja Ganga Project

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### Key Aspects

- 2,050-km pipeline connecting Jagdishpur (UP) to Haldia (West Bengal) by 2018.
- Implemented by state-run gas utility GAIL increasing existing GAIL's network of trunk pipelines (11,000 km) by 2540 km.
- 50,000 households and 20,000 vehicles will get cleaner and cheaper fuel PNG and CNG gas respectively.
- 20 lakh households will get PNG connections in this project.
- Part of 2540-km long Jagdishpur- Haldia and Bokaro - Dhamra Natural Gas pipeline project.
- Completed between 2018 and 2020.
- Seven East India cities will benefit greatly:
  - Varanasi
  - Jamshedpur
  - Patna
  - Ranchi
  - Kolkata
  - Bhubaneswar
  - Cuttack
- LNG terminal at Dhamra will provide clean fuel to the Industrial Development of the Eastern states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha.
- 25 industrial clusters, 40 districts, and 2600 villages will benefit directly and indirectly from this project especially in eastern states.
- This project will also help in renewal of fertilizer plants by supplying gas in:
  - Barauni in Bihar
  - Gorakhpur in UP
  - Sindri in Jharkhand
  - Durgapur in West Bengal

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