

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh to inaugurate the seventh Asia Gas Partnership Summit (AGPS 2012)

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New Delhi, 23.01.2012: The 7th Asia Gas Partnership Summit AGPS 2012, a two day prestigious international biennial event will held on March 23rd and 24th March 2012 at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi. Addressing media persons today, Mr. B C Tripathi, Chairman and Managing Director GAIL said that Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has kindly consented to inaugurate the event. This is for the first time that Prime Minister of India will be inaugurating the AGPS, he added. AGPS is organized by FICCI, promoted by GAIL (India) Limited and supported by International Gas Union. It is the biggest Natural Gas Conference of its kind in India.

Over **50 Speakers from 11 countries**, including US, Europe, Russia, China, Korea and Japan have confirmed their participation.

The theme of the 7th AGPS is **“Evolving Dynamics of the Asian Gas Market: Challenges of Sourcing, Integration & Sustainability”**.

Apart from the Hon'ble Prime Minister, other dignitaries to address the event are Mr. S Jaipal Reddy, Hon'ble Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, India, Ms Jayanthi Natarajan, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment & Forests, India, Mr. R P N Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, Petroleum and Natural Gas, India, Datuk (Dr.) Abdul Rahim Hashim, President, International Gas Union, Malaysia, Ms. Maria J. A. van der Hoeven, Executive Director, International Energy Agency, France, Energy Charter Secretariat and senior policy makers from the Government of India.

This biennial event of Natural Gas (AGPS 2012) is expected to be the biggest so far and will be attended by Industry leaders of oil and natural gas industry from India and abroad. The two-day conference will have six business sessions and feature some of the best speakers and experts in their areas. Deliberations will take place on some of the significant issues of the industry including **Evolving International Gas Markets and Price Dynamics – Asian Context, Sources, Connectivity and Markets , Gas Transportation & Distribution, New Directions in Gas Handling and Storage, Commercial & Legal Aspects of International LNG, Gas Trading and Sustainability, The Direction of Indian Gas Industry – The Way Ahead.**

Two other major features of the event are Master Class on current state of FSRU Technology and potential for future development and CEO's round table featuring the Chief Executives of Indian and International oil and gas companies.