

## Press Release

Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Petroleum & Natural Gas has in a program held in Pune today launched various Consumer Connect Initiatives of MNGL, City Gas Distribution Company in Pune and the Oil Marketing Companies BPCL, HPCL and IOCL.

The Minister launched MNGL's Clean-Green-Smart Pune initiative which aims at making Pune a pollution free city with a yearlong activity plan which include tree plantation 'Each One Plant One' , Green Run for Green Cause – 'Greenothon', "Our Planet Our Future", Smart safety program 'Learn not to Burn' , " Alert today Alive Tomorrow" etc.

He inaugurated MNGL's piped gas supply to Nanded City one of the prestigious projects of the Magarpatta group bringing 24 X 7 supply of gas on tap to the residents.

The Hon'ble Minister handed over Insurance policies gifted by MNGL to 10 autorickshaw drivers under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana. MNGL has provided insurance cover to CNG Auto Rickshaw Drivers & PMPML Bus Drivers in and around Pune. This personal accidental policy is an insurance policy which covers death or disablement of the policyholder caused due to accident or accidental injuries and offers an accidental death and full disability cover of Rs. 2 Lakh and for partial disability cover of Rs. 1 Lakh to people in age group 18 to 70 years.

The Minister greatly appreciated MNGL's gesture towards society and CNG Auto/ Bus drivers who directly contribute in making environment Clean and Green.

Prominent citizen's of Pune gave up their LPG subsidies and joined the 'GiveltUp' movement by handing over the consent form to Hon'ble Minister. The names include amongst others, Shri. Milan Darda, Head of Lokmat group, Shri. Abhay Gadgil owner of the famous P.N Gadgil Jewellers, Smt. Nanda Lonkar, PMC Corporator, members from the real estate groups, TV Stars, members for banks, IT companies, members of Art of Living foundation.

The Hon'ble Minister handed over Deposit Free LPG connections to a few BPL families. These connections are provided by Oil Marketing companies BPCL, HPCL and IOCL under the 'Give Back' initiative to BPL families so that they too can benefit from the use of clean fuel which in turn promotes good health. He spent time interacting with the beneficiaries.

He also launched two very important Digital India initiatives which will truly empower consumers and bring much needed convenience. These are 'online booking' of LPG cylinders with 'online payment' facility for those who want to use the web and for those who wish to pay at the time of delivery, option to pay by debit/credit card through POS available with the deliveryman. These initiatives will

truly help consumers when carrying cash is becoming a thing of the past. He appreciated the feedback from the consumers who had taken new LPG connections online.

Shri Pradhan launched the Kiosk which will be put in prominent places in Pune through which consumers can do their LPG transactions.

The Minister applauded MNGL and the Oil Marketing Companies for their efforts in launching consumer convenience initiatives and requested consumers to take advantage of the facilities provided to them.

The program was attended by Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, National Research Professor & Chancellor (AcSIR), Shri Girish Bapat Minister F&CS Maharashtra and Guardian Minister of Pune, Sh. Dilip Kamble, Minister of State (Social Justice & Special Assistance, Govt. of Maharashtra, Sh. Anil Shirole (MP, Pune), Sh. Amar Sable (MP, Rajyasabha), Sh. Shirang Barne (MP, Maval), Sh. Dattatray Dhankawade (Mayor, PMC) and Smt. Shakuntala Dharade (Mayor, PCMC), MLAs and prominent citizens of Pune and members from the petroleum Sector.