



Igniting India's Energy Future: The Roadmap for a Gas-Based Economy

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Preface

The **9th LNG India Summit 2025** arrives at a pivotal moment, poised to chart the course for one of the world's most dynamic energy transitions. As India accelerates its journey towards a sustainable, gas-based economy, the demand for natural gas is set to grow exponentially. This pre-event report serves as a critical compass, providing a strategic overview of the opportunities, challenges, and key themes that will shape the discussions at this landmark summit.

It is designed to be more than a mere agenda; it is a collaborative tool for preparation. By analyzing the current market landscape and highlighting the core focus areas; from policy frameworks and infrastructure development to the role of City Gas Distribution (CGD) and international partnerships, this document aims to align stakeholders and foster a shared vision. We delve into the perspectives of the eminent leaders and experts who have confirmed their participation, offering a preview of the high-level dialogue that will take place in New Delhi.

This report is a testament to the collective effort to build a cleaner, more resilient, and more collaborative energy future. It is our hope that it will enable every participant to engage in more meaningful discussions, forge stronger partnerships, and leave the summit with actionable insights that will propel India's energy sector forward.

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to ignite India's energy future.

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Pre-Event Analysis Report: 9th LNG India Summit 2025

Unleashing LNG Growth Drivers: Open Policy | Infrastructure | CGDs | Transport | Industrial Sectors

Executive Summary

The 9th LNG India Summit 2025, scheduled for 24–25 September at the Shangri-La Eros in New Delhi, promises to be one of the most significant gatherings in India's energy calendar. Coming at a time when the global LNG industry is undergoing profound transformation, the summit aims to highlight how India is positioning itself as both a major consumer and a critical influencer of LNG trade flows. With its ambitious goal of raising natural gas's share in the energy mix from 6.5% today to 15% by 2030, India represents not only a growing market but also a testing ground for innovative LNG policies, infrastructure solutions, and cross-border partnerships.

This year's edition stands apart with a diverse line-up of more than fifty eminent speakers, over twenty strategic partners, and the participation of more than three hundred industry leaders. Beyond India's domestic stakeholders, the event will welcome strong international delegations from Germany, Russia, Sweden, Qatar, Japan, and the United States. This international flavor reinforces the recognition that India's energy trajectory is intertwined with global LNG supply chains and geopolitical dynamics.

The LNG India Summit is more than a knowledge-sharing forum, it is designed as a catalyst for collaboration. With curated one-on-one pre-event interviews through the LNG Executive Spotlight, assistance for onsite VIP interactions, two days of sessions on infrastructure development, policies, LNG growth drivers and innovative technologies, a close door 'Executive Roundtable' between International and Indian stakeholders and a high-profile networking dinner powered by Alfa Bank, on the evening of the first day, the summit integrates formal discussions with relationship-building opportunities. Together, these elements make the event a platform where ideas are converted into actionable strategies and potential deals. The timing, the theme, and the design of the summit therefore make it a milestone event for India's evolving energy sector and the global LNG ecosystem alike.

Event Overview

The LNG India Summit has established itself over nine editions as a cornerstone event for the gas and energy sector in South Asia. Organized by Messe Frankfurt India, a company with a long track record of bringing together markets and decision-makers, the summit

provides a structured environment where regulators, policymakers, technology innovators, and commercial stakeholders can engage in substantive dialogue.

The 2025 edition revolves around the theme “**Unleashing LNG Growth Drivers- Open Policy | Infrastructure | CGDs | Transport | Industrial Sectors**” a theme that resonates strongly with India’s national energy priorities. The government’s vision of a gas-based economy requires simultaneous progress on multiple fronts: policy frameworks that encourage investment, infrastructure that ensures accessibility, city gas distribution networks that broaden demand, industrial adoption that strengthens scale, and transport solutions that reduce emissions. Each of these areas will be explored through plenary sessions, technical presentations, and moderated discussions.

Set in New Delhi, India’s political and commercial hub, the venue provides proximity to decision-makers from ministries, regulatory authorities, and industry associations. More importantly, it situates the summit within the country’s dynamic policy environment, where deliberations at such forums often feed into regulatory and market developments. The LNG India Summit 2025 is thus positioned not just as an event for dialogue but also as an influential platform shaping future action.

LNG Executive Spotlight – Setting the Tone

Among the innovations introduced in recent editions, the **LNG Executive Spotlight** has quickly become a signature pre-event feature. This structured program of one-on-one interactions between senior executives, policymakers, and international representatives takes place ahead of the main summit sessions. The goal is to establish early rapport, align priorities, and ensure that the conversations during the summit build on a foundation of mutual understanding.

The Executive Spotlight does more than introduce stakeholders, it sets the tone for deeper discussions. By offering participants a chance to privately exchange perspectives on investment priorities, policy bottlenecks, and technology adoption, the initiative helps foster a spirit of collaboration. It also ensures that by the time the formal summit opens, many participants already share a sense of common purpose. In industries as complex and capital-intensive as LNG, such pre-alignment can make the difference between general discussion and concrete progress. In this sense, the Executive Spotlight acts as a catalyst, transforming the summit into an accelerator of partnerships rather than merely a platform for information exchange.

Strategic Significance in the Global and Indian Context

India’s LNG story is deeply embedded within a larger global narrative. Worldwide, natural gas and LNG are increasingly seen as transition fuels that bridge the gap between high-carbon energy systems and a low-carbon future. Projections by the International Energy

Agency (IEA) and the Energy Information Administration (EIA) underscore LNG's rising prominence: global LNG demand is expected to triple by 2050, with LNG itself emerging as the single largest energy source worldwide, accounting for nearly 27 percent of the global mix.

Within this global context, India is of critical importance. As one of the fastest-growing large economies, India's energy consumption is set to rise dramatically over the coming decades. Domestic production of natural gas is not sufficient to meet projected demand, making LNG imports vital. Already, India is among the top importers of LNG globally. By 2030, the country's LNG regasification capacity is expected to expand by over 80 percent, reaching nearly 87 MTPA. This capacity growth, coupled with targeted demand creation across city gas distribution networks, industrial clusters, and transport corridors, reflects India's intention to make LNG a mainstream energy solution.

For international producers and technology providers, India represents both an opportunity and a challenge. The opportunity lies in scale: a vast and expanding market where strategic partnerships can yield long-term dividends. The challenge lies in policy complexity, infrastructure gaps, and price sensitivity of end-users. The LNG India Summit is strategically positioned to address these very issues, providing a neutral forum for aligning domestic priorities with international opportunities. Its timing in 2025, midway to India's 2030 goals, makes it particularly significant as a stocktaking and strategy-shaping platform.

Highlights of the Summit

Several distinctive features make the 9th LNG India Summit particularly noteworthy. At the forefront is the diversity of participation. With more than fifty senior speakers drawn from government, public sector companies, private corporations, and international institutions, the summit promises a richness of perspective. The twenty-two official partners, ranging from top gas marketing companies to city gas distributors, technology innovators to infrastructure developers, add depth by showcasing both commitment and innovation. Some of the noteworthy names partnering with the Summit are ONGC, GAIL, IGL, THINK Gas, Hexagon Asset Lifecycle, Nesetten, IGXL, INOX CVA, ICF, Woodfield, Confidence Group, EAC Consulting, Ambetronics, Natural Gas Society, Association of CGD Entities, LNG Cluster and more

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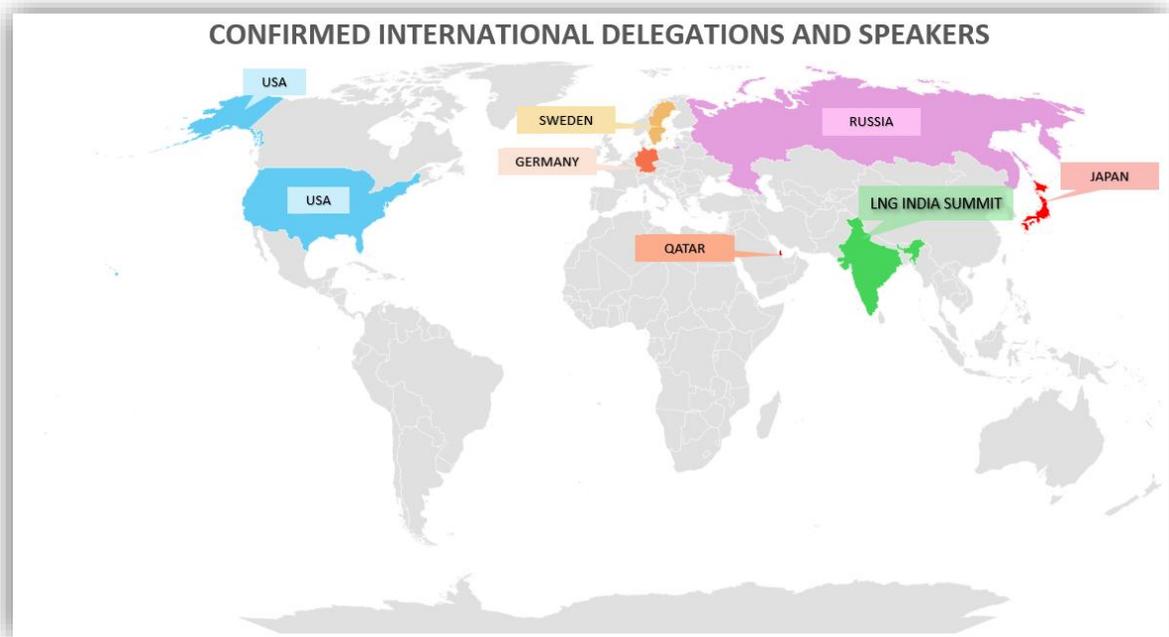
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Equally important is the expected attendance of more than three hundred delegates, representing the breadth of the LNG ecosystem. What distinguishes this year's edition is the pronounced international presence, with delegations and speakers from Germany, Russia, Sweden, Qatar, Japan, and the United States. Their involvement signals recognition of India's pivotal role in global LNG trade flows.



Technology and product showcase further elevate the summit. Companies such as Hexagon, Woodfield, Jindal Saw, Ambetronics, and Nesetten GmbH will display solutions across the LNG value chain—from storage and regasification to monitoring and logistics. These exhibitions not only demonstrate innovation but also create pathways for technology transfer and commercial partnerships.

In addition, the summit design emphasizes exclusive engagement opportunities. Mediated VIP interactions provide a structured environment for high-value conversations. The close door 'Executive Roundtable', bringing together more than twenty senior industry stakeholders Internationally and from India, is expected to be a highlight, potentially unlocking new avenues for bilateral cooperation. Complementing this is the exclusive 'Networking Dinner Event' on the evening of 24 September, powered by Alfa Bank. Such informal yet high-level engagements allow relationships to deepen beyond formal sessions, often paving the way for future agreements.

Key Growth Frontiers for LNG

The summit agenda is anchored in six critical frontiers for LNG growth, each of which reflects a strategic dimension of India's energy transition.

First, policy and regulatory advancement is central. For LNG adoption to accelerate, policies must encourage investment while ensuring market transparency and stability. Issues such as contract structures, pricing mechanisms, and tax regimes will be discussed in depth, with the aim of shaping an enabling environment.

Second, infrastructure and supply chain optimization is essential to ensure LNG's accessibility. India's geography and industrial spread demand not only import terminals but also robust storage and distribution networks. Optimizing these supply chains will be key to lowering costs and improving reliability.

Third, city gas distribution (CGD) expansion is a growth engine in itself. By expanding pipelines and retail networks, CGDs bring natural gas into homes, businesses, and small industries, creating stable and distributed demand. The summit will highlight strategies to overcome challenges in network expansion and financing.

Fourth, the decarbonization of transport through LNG presents a major opportunity. Heavy-duty trucks, buses, and marine vessels are sectors where LNG can replace more polluting fuels. Discussions will explore technology readiness, infrastructure requirements, and policy incentives for adoption.

Fifth, industrial transition to LNG is critical for high-demand sectors such as steel, fertilizers, and power. These industries face both economic and environmental pressures, and LNG offers a competitive and cleaner fuel alternative. The summit will examine case studies and policy measures that can accelerate industrial adoption.

Finally, strategic partnerships, both domestic and international, will be vital to sustaining momentum. LNG projects are capital-intensive, technologically complex, and geopolitically sensitive. Collaborative frameworks, whether joint ventures, technology collaborations, or long-term supply contracts, will define the success of the sector. By dedicating space to partnership discussions, the summit recognizes their importance as a growth frontier.

Distinguished Speakers and Thought Leaders

A summit's strength lies in the caliber of its speakers, and the 2025 edition of LNG India Summit features an impressive roster. The inaugural session of this year's Summit will be marked by the presence of prominent luminaries, **Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia**, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP) & Former Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission in India, has been confirmed as the **Chief Guest** and **Sh. DK Sarraf**, Chairman, Expert Committee for Vision 2040-Natural Gas Infrastructure in India (Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board) as the **Guest of Honor**. The speaker's lineup reflects the unique convergence of policy makers, global thought leaders and technocrats. To name some, Arunangshu Sarkar, Director (Strategy and Corporate Affairs), ONGC, Debasish Goswami, CEO, HPCL LNG, Kamal Kishore Chatiwal, MD, Indraprastha Gas,

and Kapil Kumar Jain, ED-Marketing Retail, LNG, GAIL, Ashu Shinghal, MD, MGL, Suresh P Manglani, ED&CEO, Adani Gas Ltd., Abhilesh Gupta, MD&CEO, THINK Gas, Alexander Harsema-Mensonides, Global Business Development Manager- LNG, MannTek Sweden, Pawel Warszycki, Chief Executive Officer, Nasetten GmbH the lineup reflects the intersection of policy and business leadership.

Equally notable is the international representation. Andrey Sobolev, Trade Commissioner of the Russian Trade Commission in India, Ivan Nosov, Chief Executive Officer, Sberbank Branch in India, Dmitry Vitman, Head of Business and Infrastructure Development Department, CIB Chief Operating Officer, Alfa Bank , Alexander Svistelnikov, Chief Specialist, LNG department, Cryogenmash, Victor Ivanovsky, International Business Development Director, India, Positive Technologies, Anna Rogovskaya, Deputy Business Ambassador to India, Business Russia (Delovaya Rossiya), and Pawel Warszycki, CEO of Nasetten GmbH, will share perspectives from two important LNG-exporting nations. Alexander Harsema-Mensonides from MannTek Sweden will provide insights into global technology trends in LNG handling. Together, these voices ensure that discussions are not limited to India's domestic context but are embedded in a wider global narrative.

By assembling such a diverse and senior lineup, the summit ensures that deliberations carry both authority and relevance. Attendees can expect insights that are grounded in practical experience while also being forward-looking in terms of policy direction and technological innovation.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMIT

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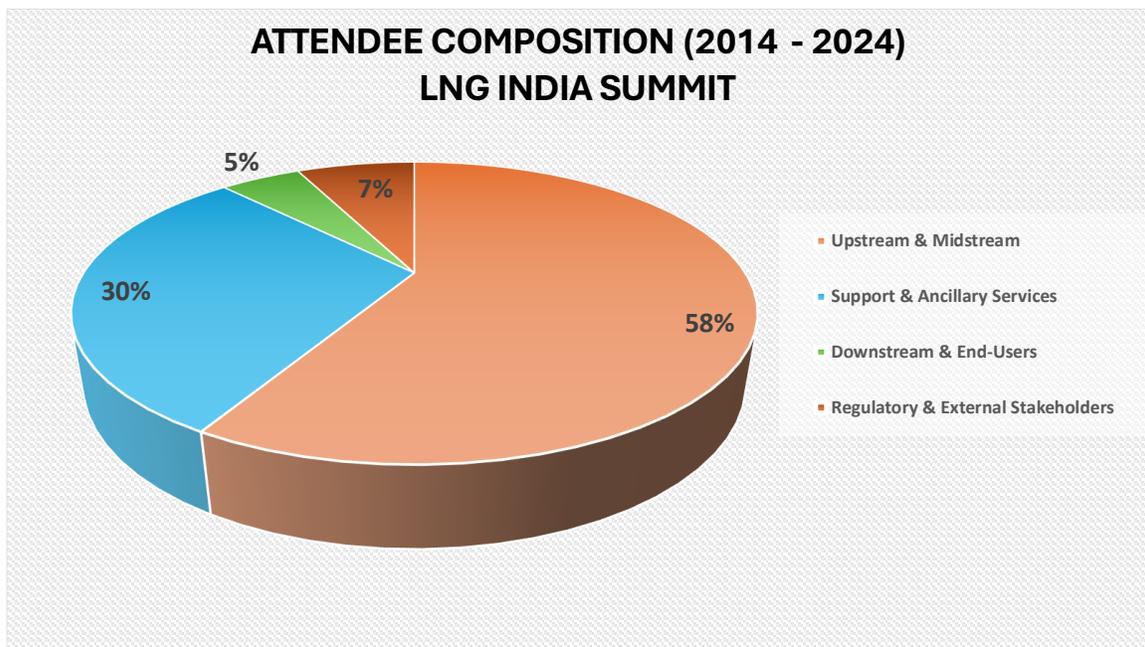
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Attendee Profile & Business Segments

The LNG India Summit is designed to attract a cross-section of the LNG ecosystem. Policymakers, regulators, and industry think tanks bring a policy perspective, ensuring that discussions remain aligned with national objectives. LNG producers, importers, and suppliers contribute commercial realities, while city gas distributors and infrastructure developers provide insights into downstream market creation.



Technology providers, equipment manufacturers, and EPC contractors add an innovation and implementation dimension, while logistics and transport companies highlight operational challenges and opportunities. Equally important are the voices of industrial end-users—steel, fertilizer, power, and other sectors that ultimately determine the demand trajectory for LNG. By bringing these diverse groups together, the summit creates a holistic conversation where supply and demand perspectives converge.

This diversity is not accidental; it is a deliberate design choice that reflects the recognition that LNG adoption cannot be advanced in silos. It requires policy intent, commercial viability, technological readiness, and end-user acceptance. The LNG India Summit 2025 therefore represents not just an industry gathering but a convergence of the entire value chain.

Expected Outcomes

The LNG India Summit 2025 is expected to generate outcomes across several dimensions. On the policy front, discussions are likely to feed into ongoing debates around LNG pricing, taxation, and safety standards. Recommendations emerging from the summit could help refine regulatory frameworks and provide clarity to investors and operators alike.

On the business side, the summit is expected to facilitate partnerships ranging from joint ventures in infrastructure development to long-term supply agreements. Given the presence of both Indian and international stakeholders, new cross-border collaborations are also likely to be forged. The technology showcases and discussions will encourage adoption of innovative solutions, ranging from storage optimization to emissions monitoring, thereby enabling knowledge transfer and technological leapfrogging.

Perhaps most importantly, the summit is expected to generate an informal yet influential industry roadmap. While formal policy documents are the prerogative of government, platforms like the LNG India Summit often crystallize a shared vision among stakeholders. Such a roadmap—focused on infrastructure priorities, demand-generation strategies, and partnership models—will provide a valuable reference point for both industry and government as they move towards the 2030 gas-based economy target.

Strategic Importance for India's Energy Transition

The strategic importance of the LNG India Summit 2025 lies in its alignment with India's long-term energy ambitions. India is at a crossroads: its energy demand is growing rapidly, its climate commitments are becoming more stringent, and its reliance on imported fuels raises questions of energy security. In this context, LNG offers a pragmatic solution—it is cleaner than coal and oil, more scalable than renewables in certain applications, and globally available through diversified supply chains.

By convening stakeholders across policy, business, and technology, the summit contributes to addressing multiple national priorities simultaneously. It supports urban energy access through CGDs, industrial competitiveness through cleaner fuels, environmental sustainability through reduced emissions in transport, and energy security through diversified import sources. Moreover, it sends a signal to the international community that India is committed to responsible and forward-looking energy strategies.

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With offices in Mumbai and Delhi, a team of over 100 staff serve the B2B markets of the Indian sub-continent, Messe Frankfurt India has enjoyed remarkable growth over the last two decades, and has come to be known as the company that creates platforms for new markets in India.

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