

On the northern bank of the Brahmaputra in lower Assam, crude oil and natural gas exploration will start for the first time in Assam's oil history.

At the presence of top Oil India Limited (OIL) and State Government officials, the Assam Government signed PEL (Petroleum Exploration Licence) deeds for two open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) blocks in the conference room of the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Guwahati.

The deeds were signed by JPP Das, Executive Director (Frontier Basin), OIL, and Ananda Kumar Das, Joint Secretary and Director (Geology and Mining), Government of Assam. While one of the blocks (Pathsala Block) measuring 2445.30 sq km falls in the districts of Barpeta, Nalbari, Baksa, and Kamrup, the other block (Mangaldai Block) measuring 1840.87 sq km is spread out in Udalguri, Kamrup, and Darrang districts.

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