

GAIL India Ltd wants to build a pipeline to Srinagar to transport ecologically benign natural gas to the Kashmir Valley, as it ramps up efforts to expand infrastructure to support the government's vision of a gas-based economy, according to Manoj Jain, chairman and managing director.

GAIL plans to finish a 700-kilometer pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur by May 2023, allowing gas to flow to central India, and is on schedule to complete significant components of the mammoth Urja Ganga project by mid-2022, putting eastern India on the energy map, he said. Gas pipelines are planned to take the fuel to the east and northeast regions as well as to consumers in the south as part of the government push to raise the share of natural gas in India's energy basket to 15 per cent by 2030 from the current 6.7 per cent.

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