

ONGC to explore Shale Gas



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ONGC will explore for Shale gas which is found in few loations acroass India including the northeast. This was disclosed by the Union Petroleum Minister M. Verappa Moilly, at a press meet held at the conferance hall of the ONGC Assam Asset, Nazira on last November 17. Addressing the press, the minister said that under the New Exploration Policy 1999, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) had allowed the ONGC and the Oil India Ltd to tap Shale resources in Six Blocks-Cumbay, Assam-Arkan, Gondawara, K.G. Onshore, Cauvery Onshore and Indo-Gangatic basins. ONGC will drill at 10 wells shortly for exploration and commercial production. Shale Gas is used in U.S. and Canada as an alternative to the conventional Oil and Gas.

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GUWAHATI, October 2, 2026 — A two-day People's Consultation on Agroecology & Climate Adaptation concluded here on Wednesday, bringing together more than 20 NGOs and civil society organisations from across Assam, besides farmers, women's groups, indigenous community representatives, environmentalists, academics and development practitioners.

Organised by Jorhat-based grassroots organisation North-East Affected Area Development Society (NEADS) at Hotel Skyline, the consultation focused on agroecology, biodiversity, sustainable food systems, climate risks, disaster preparedness, indigenous knowledge and community-led adaptation.

Technical sessions, panel discussions and community-level sharing examined climate vulnerability in Assam, flood management, locally led humanitarian response, water governance, indigenous seed conservation and sustainable livelihoods.

Participants also shared experiences of changing climate conditions, traditional farming, biodiversity conservation and the role of women and youth in building resilient communities.

NEADS Director Tirtha Prasad Saikia said climate solutions must involve communities and recognise the knowledge already held by Assam's farmers and indigenous communities.

“Our task is to recognise and strengthen this knowledge through science, policy and institutional support, and put communities at the centre of climate action.”

The consultation also discussed Government-NGO coordination and Joint Rapid Needs Assessment (JRNA) to strengthen disaster preparedness and response.

Participants proposed a **Civil Society Declaration on Agroecology & Climate Adaptation** and a policy brief to consolidate recommendations on climate-resilient livelihoods, biodiversity, indigenous seed systems, community-led adaptation and stronger collaboration among civil society, communities, researchers and government institutions.

The consultation concluded with a call for continued collective action towards farmer-led, biodiversity-rich and climate-resilient food systems in Assam.

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