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## India's First SSLNG Plant in Madhya Pradesh | Madhya Pradesh | 23 Mar 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas dedicated to the nation **India's first small-scale liquefied natural gas (SSLNG)** unit at **GAIL (India) Ltd's** in Vijaipur, Madhya Pradesh.

### Key Points

- The government aims to increase the share of **natural gas** in its **primary energy mix to 15% by 2030** from a little more than 6% at present.
  - This is because natural gas is far less polluting than **conventional hydrocarbons like coal and oil**; it is also **cheaper than oil**, more than 85% of India's requirement for which is met through costly imports.
  - Natural gas is seen as a **key transition fuel in India's journey towards green energy and future fuels**.
- However, a **major challenge** in scaling up gas consumption lies in the **transportation of gas to places that are not connected** by the country's natural gas pipeline grid.
- **Small-Scale Liquefied Natural Gas (SSLNG):**
  - It refers to the **liquefaction of natural gas** and its transportation using unconventional means in a significantly **smaller-scale operation than the usual large-scale liquefaction, regasification, and transportation infrastructure and processes**.
  - The SSLNG chain can start from a large-scale LNG import terminal from where the LNG, instead of being regasified and supplied through pipelines, can be transported to consumers by cryogenic road tankers or small vessels.
  - The chain can also start at locations with ample natural gas supply or production, where small liquefaction plants can be set up.
    - The SSLNG unit at Vijaipur, which is GAIL's largest gas processing facility, is an example of the latter kind of location.

## How Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is made



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# Justice Satyendra Kumar Singh Sworn in as New Lokayukta of Madhya Pradesh | Madhya Pradesh | 23 Mar 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, **Justice Satyendra Kumar Singh** was appointed as the new **Lokayukta (anti-corruption ombudsman)** of Madhya Pradesh.

## Key Points

- He took the oath of office in the ceremony administered by **Governor Mangubhai Patel** at Raj Bhavan.

## Lokayukta

- The Lokayukta is the **Indian Parliamentary Ombudsman**, executed into power, **through and for, each of the State Governments of India.**
- It is an **anti-corruption authority**. The object of the Lokayukta system in a state is to **investigate grievances, allegations against public servants.**
- The origin of the Lokayukta can be drawn to the Ombudsman in Scandinavian countries.
- In India, the **Administrative Reforms Commission, (1966-70)**, had recommended the creation of the **Lokpal at the Centre and Lokayukta in the states.**
- Before the passing of the **Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act in 2013**, several states in India passed laws for creating the Institution of 'Lokayukta'.
  - Maharashtra was first in this respect with its **Lokayukta body established in 1971.**

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