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Asia's Longest River Crossing Hydrocarbon Pipeline

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Asia's longest river-crossing hydrocarbon pipeline laid

IGGL pipeline beneath Brahmaputra to connect NE with national grid

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 23: In a major milestone, the longest river crossing by any hydrocarbon pipeline of 24-inch diameter and above in Asia and the second longest in the world was achieved by In-

dradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL), when it completed the laying of a pipeline beneath the Brahmaputra river.

The pipeline laid by horizontal direction drilling (HDD) method will be part of the North East Gas Grid (NEGG) connecting the

northeastern region with the National Gas Grid (NGG).

Accomplished on April 21, the pipeline will connect Jorhat and Majuli. The length of the pipeline across the Brahmaputra is 4,080 metres.

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Asia's Longest River Crossing Hydrocarbon Pipeline

- **Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL)** has installed **Asia's longest underwater hydrocarbon pipeline beneath the Brahmaputra**.
- Further, it is the second **longest** in the world.
- The length of the pipeline across the main water channel of the Brahmaputra river is **4,080 metres**.
- It will connect river **island Majuli with Jorhat**
- The pipeline will be part of the **North-East Gas Grid (NEGG)** connecting the northeastern region with the National Gas Grid
- The pipeline is **24-inch** in diameter which has been laid using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) method.
- IGGL is implementing the **1,656-km-long NEGG** natural gas pipeline project.

G7 meeting calls for extending Ukraine's Black Sea grain deal

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TOKYO, APRIL 23

THE GROUP of Seven (G7) economic powers called on Sunday for the "extension, full implementation and expansion" of a critical deal to export Ukrainian grain through the Black Sea, the group's agriculture ministers said in a communique.

Brokered by the United Nations and Turkey, the deal was signed in Istanbul last July, allowing Ukraine to export more than 27 million tonnes of grain from several of its Black Sea ports.

In the communique after a two-day meeting in Miyazaki, Japan, the G7 agriculture ministers "recognised the importance" of the deal, saying:

"We strongly support the extension, full implementation and expansion of (the Black Sea Grain Initiative) BSGI."

G7 members "stand ready" to support recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine, including

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RUSSIA, WHICH invaded its neighbour in February 2022, has strongly signalled that it will not allow the deal to continue beyond May 18 because a list of demands to facilitate its own grain and fertilizer exports has not been met.

by providing expertise in demining of agricultural land and reconstruction of agricultural infrastructure, the communique after a two-day meeting held in Japan said.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov is scheduled to discuss the Ukraine Black Sea grain export deal with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in New York this week. **REUTERS**

Objective of the deal:

- The deal was to provide for a safe maritime humanitarian corridor for Ukrainian exports (particularly for food grains) from three of its key ports, namely, **Chornomorsk, Odesa and Yuzhny/Pivdennyi**.
- The central idea was to calm markets by ensuring an adequate supply of grains, thereby limiting food price inflation.
- The deal, brokered by the **UN and Turkey**, was signed in **Istanbul on July 22 this year**. Initially stipulated for a **period of 120 days**, with an option to extend or terminate after November

Impact of the deal:

- **The UN Food and Agricultural Organisation's (FAO) Food Price Index** fell for the sixth consecutive month in a row during the September assessment period in the backdrop of this deal.

Impact on India prior to the deal:

- The global inflation due to disruption of the supply chain with respect to grains (**wheat, maize, rapeseed, sunflower seeds and sunflower oil**) led to the outflow of investments.
- Allowed **India** to be a **major exporter of wheat to West Asia, Africa including Egypt** for the first time before limiting export only for humanitarian prospect

Russian Perspective:

- **Russia** has signalled that it will not allow the deal to continue beyond **May 18** because a list of demands to facilitate its own grain and fertilizer exports has not been met.

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