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Oil and Natural Gas provide 36% of the total energy being used in India. During the last fiscal year our consumption of petroleum products stood at 165 Million Metric Tonne with an import dependency of 78%. The country's excessive dependence on import coupled with volatility of currency results in huge outgo of foreign exchange. Ever increasing consumption of fossil fuels poses a formidable challenge to maintain cleaner ecology in our surroundings.

2. Government has taken several steps towards achieving self-reliance in petroleum products such as increased exploration and production activities, acquisition of oil and gas assets abroad, switching over to alternate and cleaner fuels, formulating energy efficiency standards of equipments, etc. However, as individual, it is our prime duty to judiciously use and conserve the available resources to minimize consumption and mitigate Green House Gas emissions.

3. Each one of us can contribute to conservation of depleting petroleum resources by adopting simple measures like car pooling, use of public transport, better driving habits, switching over to cleaner fuels, stopping use of bio mass, minimizing waste, etc. Use of bio mass as a cooking fuel causes serious health issues in women and children and it is important to replace this with cleaner fuels like LPG. It needs to be appreciated that Habit and Attitude are important part of solution.

4. Petroleum Conservation Research Association with the help of Oil & Gas companies is organizing "Oil & Gas Conservation Fortnight (OGCF)" with the theme "Clean Fuel" during 16<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2016 all over the country. The objective of this event is to undertake intensive conservation awareness campaign amongst consumers with an emphasis on switching over to Cleaner Fuels.

5. I appeal to every citizen to adopt simple fuel conservation practices in their day to day life and contribute towards achieving energy security of the nation.

  
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