



# India's First Commercial Crude Oil Storage

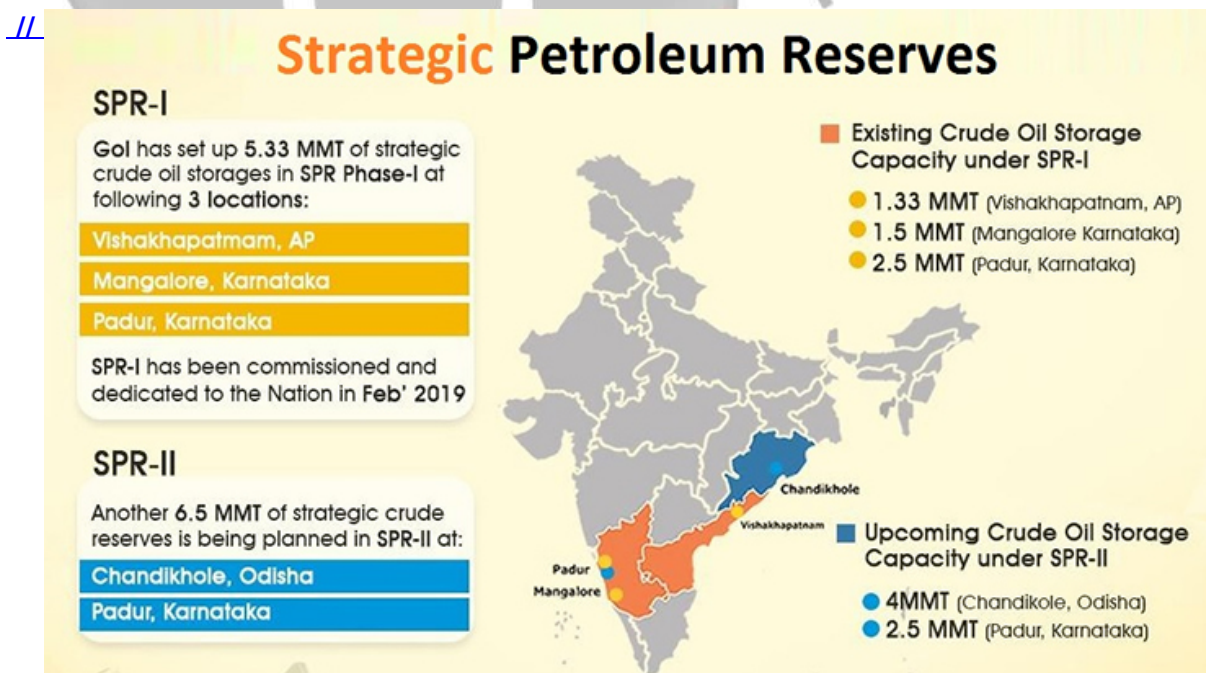
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India aims to construct its **first commercial crude oil strategic storage** to bolster reserves as a precaution against potential supply interruptions.

- **Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL)** has invited bids for building 2.5 million tonnes of underground storage at **Padur in Karnataka**.
- **Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) Programme:**

| Phase    | Location      | Status                       |
|----------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Phase I  | Visakhapatnam | Filled (Strategic in nature) |
| Phase I  | Mangaluru     | Filled (Strategic in nature) |
| Phase I  | Padur         | Filled (Strategic in nature) |
| Phase II | Chandikhoh    | Approved (PPP basis)         |
| Phase II | Padur         | Approved (PPP basis)         |

- Crude oil storages on India's East and West coasts are constructed in **underground rock caverns**, known as the **safest means** for storing hydrocarbons.
- **Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL):**
  - **ISPRL**, a subsidiary of the **Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB)** under the **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas**, manages **Strategic Crude Oil Storage** facilities, with **Engineers India Limited (EIL)** as the Project Management Consultant, overseeing storage operations and coordinating stock release during **supply disruptions** through a **Government Empowered Committee**.



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