



US Surpasses UAE as India's Second Largest LNG Supplier

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In 2023, the **United States emerged as India's second-largest supplier of liquefied natural gas (LNG)**, surpassing the United Arab Emirates, delivering 3.09 million tonnes (MT) in 2023. **Qatar remained the largest supplier with shipments** in 2023. This shift is driven by changing global LNG market conditions and evolving trade dynamics.

- **Weakening international LNG prices** and India's geographical proximity via the [Cape of Good Hope](#) have made US LNG more competitive compared to other suppliers, including those in North Asia.
- India, the fourth-largest LNG importer globally, saw its **LNG imports decline in 2022 due to rising prices**, but US exports to India increased from 2.16 MT in 2022 to 3.09 MT in 2023.
- The UAE's LNG exports to India fluctuated, reaching 2.85 MT in 2023 after a decline in previous years.
- LNG is **natural gas cooled to a liquid state at about -260°F**, reducing its volume by 600 times, enabling long-distance transport to markets not connected by pipelines. At terminals, **LNG is converted back to gas and distributed via pipelines.**
 - Natural gas is a cleaner and more economical alternative to **conventional hydrocarbons**, comprising **70-90% methane**, crucial in [India's transition to greener energy](#).

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