

Deafening Silence Marks Triumph at ONGC Well

RDS#147

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Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has successfully completed the capping operation at Well RDS#147A, marking a significant milestone in the well control efforts. During service operations on 12 June 2025, a blowout occurred at Well RDS#147A, and gas gushed out.

At the break of dawn, ONGC's Crisis Management Team (CMT), along with experts from Cudd and local operations teams, commenced the critical operation to safely remove the damaged Blowout Preventer (BOP) from the wellhead. The effort was carried out with high precision and coordination to ensure stability and prevent any imbalance or toppling during the lifting process.

Once the BOP was safely removed, the pre-positioned capping stack, prepared at the staging area, was carefully and accurately placed onto the wellhead. This pivotal action redirected the gas flow securely to the top of the capping stack, ensuring containment and control.



The elated team



The capping stack was firmly installed and secured, following which the BOP was successfully closed, effectively bringing an end to the gas discharge from Well RDS#147A.

This marks the successful culmination of the capping operation, a testament to ONGC's engineering excellence, meticulous planning, and strong collaboration with global and local partners. Subsequent steps in the well control roadmap will now be taken up as per operational protocols.

The achievement stands as a symbol of technical resilience and teamwork. ONGC acknowledges the exemplary contributions of its Crisis Management Team, the experts from CUDD Pressure Control, and the dedicated local teams who worked tirelessly under demanding conditions to bring the well under control.

The capping of RDS#147A marks the successful culmination of ONGC's well control efforts. The operation was executed with utmost safety, without a single injury, fatality, or incident of fire. ONGC has maintained full transparency throughout the operation, issuing daily press releases over the fortnight to keep all stakeholders informed. This press release marks the final official communication on the RDS#147A incident, signifying the formal conclusion of field updates pertaining to the operation.

ONGC extends its heartfelt thanks to the District and State Administration, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), and the local community for their unwavering support and cooperation, which were instrumental in the safe and timely execution of this complex operation.

ONGC reiterates its commitment to upholding the highest standards of safety, environmental responsibility, and operational excellence in every phase of this mission.

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