

JV signed for Kakinada LNG terminal

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VIJAYAWADA: The government has reached a significant milestone in its journey towards developing a gas grid in the State. The A.P Gas Distribution Corporation Limited (APGDC), Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) and Shell and Engie Global LNG signed two joint venture agreements for the establishment of an LNG Floating Storage and Re-gasification Unit (FSRU) at the Kakinada deepwater port in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and GAIL CMD B.C. Tripathi here on Friday. The first JV is between APGDC, Shell and Engie for the creation of a terminal company in which APGDC holds 48 per cent equity and its foreign partners 26 per cent each. It was signed by APGDC Managing Director S. Narayanan, Engie CEO Philip Olivier and Shell India Markets Private Limited General Manager Anindya



APGDC Managing Director S. Narayanan (extreme left), Engie Global LNG CEO Philip Olivier and Shell India general manager Anindya Chowdhury (right) exchanging copies of the JV in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in Vijayawada, on Friday. - PHOTO: CH. VIJAYA BHASKAR

Chowdhury. The second one is between GAIL, Shell and Engie for the formation of an LNG supply and marketing company. GAIL holds 48 per cent equity in it, while the balance is equally shared by Shell and Engie. This was signed by Mr. Philip Olivier,

GAIL Executive Director (Marketing) A.K. Manchanda and S.P. Singh of Shell India Markets Private Limited. The construction part of the project itself is estimated to cost over Rs. 1,800 crore, and it is besides the cost of a permanent anchorage of FSRU.