

Now BharatGas commercial Cylinder users can make payments through Bharat BillPay Enabled channels

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Mumbai, 13 December 2022: NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL), the wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced that customers of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), the commercial gas company, can now make their gas bill payments through Bharat BillPay enabled channels.

The Biller Operating Unit (BOU) PayU has on-boarded BPCL as the first commercial gas category biller on the Bharat BillPay ecosystem. With this integration, commercial establishments can now pay their gas bills anytime and anywhere through Bharat BillPay enabled channels such as banks, non-banks, and payment applications. Consumers will be able to book BPCL commercial cylinders using Third Party Application Providers (TPAPs) such as PhonePe, Google Pay, Paytm, etc. Customers will get instant confirmation on their bill payments, providing convenience, ease of fee payment and the facility of digitization in their gas bill payments.

Noopur Chaturvedi, CEO, NBBL said, "We are delighted to introduce BharatGas Commercial cylinder on the NBBL ecosystem, as our first commercial gas category biller. We believe this development will revolutionise the way commercial establishments make their gas bill payments in the future. We have augmented our ecosystem with numerous new categories in recent times to expedite the creation of NBBL into a complete one-stop bill payments destination for our users."

"BharatGas is committed to bringing customer-centric solutions to enable ease of doing business. In this connection, we have facilitated digital payments of commercial LPG cylinders under Bharat Bill pay. This is an industry-first offering and will bring easy, two-step, transparent payments for restaurants, hotels, eateries, and industries using BharatGas commercial cylinders," **said Mr. Santosh Kumar, Executive Director Incharge (LPG), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.**

Speaking on this partnership, **Sonika Chandra, Vice President, Consumer Business at PhonePe** said, "We are happy to be a part of this integration with NBBL and BharatGas as a Consumer Operating Unit (COU). We are committed to play an important role in taking digital payments to every possible sector and geography in the country. This integration is in line with our vision of building a truly open payments ecosystem platform for a billion Indians. We believe that this will further enable greater convenience, while also providing easy and hassle-free digital bill payment options to commercial establishments."

About Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL):

Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd. (BPCL), a public sector enterprise, under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, is engaged in the Refining & Marketing of petroleum products in India. In the prestigious list of Fortune Global 500 companies, BPCL is placed third amongst the seven Indian companies featured in the list continuously improving its ranking year after year. LPG touches our lives in so many ways. From housing to health, from garments to glass, from livestock to hospitality, "Bharatgas" plays its role along the way, bringing your products that are superior, durable, and simply the best. Bharatgas is equipped with world class infrastructure that enables us to supply customized LPG as per customer's convenience. Bharatgas, one of BPCL's seven business

units, provides a world of clean, affordable fuel and efficient services- a combination that can fuel the growth of your prestigious organization! Bharatgas is engaged in marketing of LPG and propane across the country. Bharatgas offers LPG and propane in the form of Bulk and packed cylinders to cater demands of more than 8 Crore domestic and 10 lakhs commercial/industrial customers i.e. industries, hotels, Restaurants, malls, IT parks, automobiles etc to name a few. Bharatgas also offers various industrial services, which comprise customer advisory services, energy audits, E-banking, consultancy and technical services, fuel management system etc.

For more information on BPCL, please visit: <https://www.bharatpetroleum.in/>

About PhonePe:

PhonePe was founded in December 2015, and has emerged as India's largest payments app, enabling digital inclusion for consumers and merchants alike. With over 42 crore (420+ Million) registered users, one in four Indians are now on PhonePe. The company has also successfully digitized 3.5 crore (~35 Million) offline merchants spread across Tier 2,3,4 and beyond, covering 99% pin codes in the country. PhonePe forayed into financial services in 2017, providing users with a safe and convenient option to buy 24-karat gold, and has recently also launched silver on its platform. Since then, PhonePe has introduced several Mutual Funds and Insurance products like tax-saving funds, liquid funds, international travel insurance, life insurance, COVID-19 insurance amongst others. Using PhonePe, users can also send and receive money, recharge mobile, DTH, pay at stores and make all their utility payments. PhonePe was recently recognized as the Most Trusted Brand for Digital Payments as per the Brand Trust Report 2022 by Trust Research Advisory (TRA).

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) was incorporated in 2008 as an umbrella organization for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India. NPCI has created a robust payment and settlement infrastructure in the country. It has changed the way payments are made in India through a bouquet of retail payment products such as RuPay card, Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM), BHIM Aadhaar, National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC FasTag) and Bharat BillPay. NPCI is focused on bringing innovations in the retail payment systems through the use of technology and is relentlessly working to transform India into a digital economy. It is facilitating secure payments solutions with nationwide accessibility at minimal cost in furtherance of India's aspiration to be a fully digital society.

For more information, visit: <https://www.npci.org.in/>

About NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL):

NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India. Came into effect from April 1, 2021, NBBL is growing rapidly on account of the ease and accessibility it offers to the customers and the one-stop solution to Billers for low-cost collections. The platform offers 20,000+ billers across multiple bank and non-bank channels.

For more information on NBBL, visit <https://www.bharatbillpay.com/>

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