



Hardeep Singh Puri, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister, re-dedicated ONGC's iconic drilling rig Sagar Samrat as a Mobile Offshore Production Unit (MOPU), which will produce up to 20,000 barrels per day (BPD) of crude oil and add 6,000 BPD to India's production. Sagar Samrat drilled nearly 125 wells and was involved in fourteen major offshore oil and gas discoveries in India over a 32-year period. The front-end engineering and design for the vessel's conversion was completed by the British engineering and consulting conglomerate Wood Group's Mustang unit in Texas, US. MOPU Sagar Samrat began production on December 23, 2022, and is currently stationed at the Western Offshore (WO)-16 field, 140-145 kilo meters west of Mumbai. Located adjacent to the ONGC's existing WO-16 well head platform (WHP) in 76 metre of water depth, the vessel will be instrumental in producing from marginal fields in WO cluster thereby augmenting production from Western Offshore.

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