

PROFILE



Mr. Sarthak Behuria

Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Mr. Sarthak Behuria is Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, India's largest commercial enterprise with US\$62.03 billion turnover for the year 2008-2009, since 2005. He is also Chairman (part-time) of group company Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd., besides heading IOT Infrastructure & Energy Services Ltd., a joint venture for building and operating terminalling services for petroleum products.

Under Mr. Behuria's stewardship, IndianOil is transforming into a major, diversified, transnational integrated energy company. Besides consolidation in the core areas of refining and marketing the Corporation is vigorously pursuing a string of strategic initiatives across the hydrocarbon value chain for upstream integration into exploration & production of oil, downstream integration into petrochemicals and diversification into natural gas marketing and alternative fuels, besides globalisation of downstream operations.

An alumnus of St. Stephen's College, Delhi, and the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, Mr. Behuria joined Burmah Shell in 1973 before being absorbed in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., where he rose to the top position of Chairman & Managing Director. He also served the erstwhile Oil Coordination Committee of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India.

Mr. Behuria is President of the World LPG Association (WLPGA) since September 2008, being the first Indian to head the global body. He presided over the 22nd General Assembly of World LP Gas Association (WLPGA) held at Rio-de-Janeiro, Brazil, in October 2009. Earlier, during 2006-08, he was First Vice-President of WLPGA representing the LPG industry of Asia.

Mr. Behuria has been conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the Energy Institute, UK, which is the highest-level of professional recognition reserved for those who have made a notable and distinguished contribution to the energy industry. His expertise in India's oil & gas sector has been sought at many national and international forums, where he chaired sessions and presented papers. Known to be a strong "people's man", Mr. Behuria practices a management style that is both open and transparent. He is also a keen golf and bridge player.

Honorary Positions

- **Chairman of Petroleum Federation of India (PetroFed)**, representing Indian and international companies and organisations associated with the Indian hydrocarbon sector (August 2003 till date).
- **Chairman of Council of Indian Employers (CIE)**, an apex body of employers in India.

Accolade

- Named among the top **10 most influential oilmen** in India by Upstream, the internationally acclaimed oil & gas journal.
- Conferred the prestigious '**SCOPE Award for Excellence and Outstanding Contribution to Public Sector Management – Individual Category**' for the year 2006-07.
- Conferred the '**Udyog Ratna**' award by the PHDCCI in 2006.

Participation in International Forums

- Delivered a special address at the Asia-Pacific Business Forum at **UNESCAP** held at Bangkok in April '08.
- Chaired the session on '**Natural Gas as Transportation Fuel**' at the 19th World Petroleum Congress at Madrid in June '08.
- Represented India at the **4th OPEC International Seminar** at Vienna in March '09.
- Attended the **95th session of International Labour Conference** at Geneva in June '09, and spoke on behalf of India on matters of policy related to the oil & gas sector.