

Though sustaining LPG adoption in rural India is a challenge, goal must be a more sustainable energy basket per family. Distors.

The PM Ujjwala Yojana has achieved a landmark 8 crore connections in the country. Yet, there are dark clouds around the scheme.

Challenges in rural LPG adoption

The cost of cylinders have gone up upto Rs. 950/cylinder due to the surge of Covid. This has forced many of the households to go back to solid fuels.

The National Family Health survey NFHS-5 says, there has been high prevalence of TB in the houses using solid fuels. It also increases their non-communicable disease burden.

Moving to sustainable energy basket

As per data ~~is~~ average per capita consumption of cylinders increase from 31 to 41 for Ujjwala users. The cost of refill must be reduced.

There is robust existing infrastructure for from parts, tanks, cylinder stations, etc to supply cylinders. A village gas distribution network can be envisaged for uninterrupted gas supply to the villages.

spearheading the National gas grid unification can see the positive implications on the rural gas connectivity.

The PM Jeevan Yojana must be opened to procure cow dung waste collected by rural women.

The government's ambitious plans about diversifying energy basket will unavoidably benefit the bottom lot.