



## RGIPT now a Nodal Centre for India Hydrocarbon Appraisal Program (I-HAP)

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India has taken the first significant step in establishing an ambitious and innovative Indian Hydrocarbon Appraisal Program (I-HAP) to make an in-depth assessment of the appraisal status of all 26 sedimentary basins of India. Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (RGIPT) at Jais is entrusted with the responsibility of its implementation.

*“The time has come to revisit the surveys of domestic hydrocarbon potential so as to understand the geology of each of the 26 basins. This will help make a modus operandi to further expand exploration activities in the country. The program will have far-reaching implications to insulate India from the current crude oil price shocks”* said Professor A S K Sinha, Director of RGIPT during the launch of the program in virtual mode. He thanked the Ministry for selecting RGIPT as the nodal agency to execute this mega project.

Dr Satish Kumar Sinha, a faculty at RGIPT and coordinator of the program informed that the project is to be executed by the concerted efforts of experts in Geology, Geophysics, and other related areas from Academia, R&D Centers, PSUs, and even individual experts on a voluntary basis.