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ATLAS COPCO HAS ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCH OF A NEW RANGE OF PORTABLE NITROGEN

Atlas Copco, a leading player in portable compressed air solutions, is expanding its market stronghold by launching a groundbreaking range of portable nitrogen generators, aiming to redefine nitrogen generation solutions in India.

The new series range (the NM series) comprises four models each designed to cater to different nitrogen production scales, from small to large-scale projects. Atlas Copco's nitrogen membrane generators are a steady source of pure nitrogen. The superior membrane technology sets the NM generators apart, resulting in low energy consumption. These generators are engineered to deliver nitrogen purity levels of up to 99%, depending on the specific needs of the customer. The robust design ensures they can operate in the toughest environments, withstanding extreme temperatures and dust, and the user-friendly interface and streamlined functionality make nitrogen production efficient and hassle-free.

The nitrogen generators can cover multiple applications, including under-balanced drilling, pipeline purging and pigging, coiled tubing operations, reservoir pressure maintenance, and fracturing, amongst others. It's versatility also extends to mining applications. This wide range of applications highlights the generators' adaptability across various industries.



BHP PLANS TO LAUNCH ITS FIRST AMMONIA-FUELLED SHIP BY 2026

Australia-headquartered BHP Group plans to receive its first ammonia-fuelled bulk carrier in 2026 as part of the company's plans to cut shipping emissions, according to Reuters. Eight companies have been shortlisted for the building, operation and fuel supply for at least one such vessel.

Ammonia is among several alternative fuels that shippers are considering to reduce carbon emissions, as it does not emit carbon when burned. However, the adoption of ammonia could take time as the industry is also working on safety and infrastructure standards for handling of the toxic fuel. The world's first ammonia-fuelled ship engines are expected for delivery between late-2024 and early-2025, based on statements by top engine makers MAN Energy and Wartsila. The proposed ships are likely to refuel ammonia at ports in Australia, Japan, and China.


The global mining conglomerate also plans to use bio-blended fuels for bunkering regularly to meet Europe's shipping emissions requirements, after conducting more than 30 trials. The European Union has extended its emissions trading system to cover shipping to and from Europe. Shippers can adopt bio-blended fuels to meet the EU's emissions requirements, though these fuels are at a price premium to conventional marine fuel.



AMAZON INTRODUCES LOW-COST GROCERY DELIVERY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN IN US

Amazon launched a new grocery delivery subscription in the US for members of its Prime program. For US\$9.99 per month, Prime members in more than 3 500 cities and towns across the US will have access to unlimited grocery delivery on orders over US\$35 from Whole Foods Market, Amazon Fresh, and other local grocery and specialty retailers on the platform. These include, Save Mart, Bartell Drugs, Rite Aid and Pet Food Express.

This move comes after a successful trial of this subscription plan in Denver, Colorado, Sacramento, California, Columbus and Ohio in 2023. It forms part of the company's efforts to expand its fresh-food business in a space already occupied by players like Walmart and Target, which also have paid membership programs. Amazon's offering also includes one-hour delivery windows at no extra cost and unlimited 30-minute pickup on orders of any size.

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