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### Ecopetrol's Ambitious Green Hydrogen Plant in Cartagena

Ecopetrol, Colombia's leading energy company, announced plans for a groundbreaking green hydrogen plant in Cartagena. With a \$28.5 million investment, the facility is projected to produce 800 tonnes of green hydrogen annually, marking it as the largest in Latin America.

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n a major eco-friendly move, Colombia's state-owned energy firm, Ecopetrol, has unveiled plans for a new green hydrogen plant in the Caribbean city of Cartagena, involving an investment of approximately \$28.5 million.

The plant is expected to have an annual production capacity of 800 tonnes of green hydrogen, according to the company's recent statement.

This advancement is set to position Ecopetrol's facility as the largest green hydrogen producer in Latin America, marking a significant step in sustainable energy development.

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Kerala's power minister, K Krishnankutty, announced an impending hike in electricity rates due to a decline in domestic production and rising costs of external procurement. This move has faced criticism from opposition leader V D Satheesan, who blames inefficiencies and rising debts of the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) for the increase.

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erala is bracing for an increase in electricity rates, according to Power Minister K Krishnankutty, who cited a drop in domestic power production as a key factor.

The Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission will review evidence before deciding on the rate hike, aimed at addressing procurement costs and operational expenses.

Opposition leader V D Satheesan criticized the hike, attributing it to the mishandling and rising debt of the Kerala State Electricity Board.

(With inputs from agencies.)



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