

Perspective on Hydrogen in India

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The global energy mix is shifting from fossil fuels to renewables in an effort to reduce CO₂ emissions





Global decarbonization scenario

Total energy supply in EJ



...this has paved the path for cleaner energy like 'Green Hydrogen'

Technology enablement

- Declining cost of Renewable power has enabled commercial viability of green hydrogen production
- Electrolysers have shown **signs of steep cost decline** similar to Solar PV, Wind turbine and batteries

Government focus

- Globally, policy focus has shifted to decarbonize the hard-to-abate-sectors
- Governments across the globe have committed large investments in hydrogen production and related infrastructure
- Countries are developing 'National Hydrogen Strategies' with a medium to long term vision

Globally, Hydrogen demand is expected to grow exponentially with emerging next age applications





- **~80 MTPA** is the current H₂ production
- ~96% of today's production is Grey H₂
- ~90% of H₂ is consumed by Refineries and Ammonia sectors

- ~6x increase in H₂ production expected by 2050; next age applications will be in sectors such as transport, buildings, steel production, cement, Power etc.
- Entire grey hydrogen will transit to Green or Blue hydrogen, driven by the increasing emphasis on energy transition and decarbonization

Current scenario of Indian Hydrogen Market; current consumption is ~5.5 MTPA





Key Insights:

- Currently, hydrogen is produced from fossil fuel only (SMR, Gasification) and the entire hydrogen used is Grey Hydrogen (except in power sector)
- Production is mostly captive (onsite) with cost of production hovering around ~\$1.6 1.8/kgH2
- Demand is mainly driven by Chemical and Petroleum industries





Source: Secondary Research

Current cost of production of green hydrogen is not commercially viable; future cost reduction will depend on scaling up of electrolyzer technology, utilization and availability of cheap renewables





Even though global costs of H2 production coal is ~USD 2.5-2.6/kg, other estimates indicate a cost of ~USD 1.1-1.5/kg based on Chinese coal

Assumptions: This is only cost of production, without storage & transportation cost, taxes & duties, Useful life 20 years, Utilization 40%, Capex- ~USD 700 to 900 kW, Levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) (based on RE-RTC) - ~\$c 3.5/kWh, Cost components are levelized

Key Insights:

- Current production cost is much higher than substitutes grey hydrogen and Natural Gas (NG)
- Major cost levers are cost of electrolyzer, cost of renewable energy and utilization (hours of operation)

Transportation of hydrogen is a key challenge other than economic considerations of H₂ production



Mode of transportation	Truck	Pipeline	Ship						
Usage modalities	Low volume, short distance travel	Transmission - Large volume, long distance travel Distribution-for local distribution (low volume, short distance)	Large volume, long distance, intercontinental travel						
		Use of existing infrastructure							
	 Gaseous trucking requires very high 	 Hydrogen corrosion may lead to embrittlement of steel pipes – maximum 5% mixing could be allowed 							
Key challenges	compression (200-500 bar) due to low volumetric density	• GI / Cu pipes are not suitable for H2 transportation	Likely to remain a high-cost option due to costs of liquefaction, refrigeration, and regasification						
	 Liquefaction is costly – energy intensive and high evaporation loss 	Low energy content							
		New infrastructure							
		 Large investment required for SS piping or High Density Polyethelene (HDPE) in transmission line 							
Cost (\$/kg)	Gaseous trucking: 0.5 – 1 Liquid trucking: 1 – 1.5	0.3 – 1 (cost may vary depending on infrastructure requirement)	1.5 – 2.0 (Liquid)						
Globally, onsite production is most preferred to avoid high cost of transmission and distribution and associated technical challenges									

Policy support for Hydrogen is gaining momentum across the world



	Country	Electrolyzer Capacity target	Other targets	Funding					
	Germany	10 GW by 2030	Possible 20% quota of RE in aviation by 2030; H2 to make up 10% refinery demand and 5% fertilizer demand	 Eur 7 bn for H2 market rollout Eur 2 bn for international partnership 					
	France	6.5 GW by 2030	Target for FCEV; 20-40% industrial demand to be met by low carbon H2 by 2028	• Eur 7.2 bn by 2030					
	Netherlands	0.5 GW/3 GW by 2025/30	Aggressive FCEV and refueling station target. 14% Synthetic Aviation Fuel (SAF) blending by 2030	• Eur 9 bn by 2030					
(B)	Portugal	0.5 GW/2 GW by 2025/30	10 – 15% grid injection; widespread use of green H2 in transport and shipping; 75 -100% ammonia production met by green H2 by 2030	• Eur 7 – 9 bn by 2030					
*:	China	10 - 20 GW by 2035; 100 GW by 2030	100k and 1000k FCEV by 2025 and 2035 respectively	• NA					
	USA	100 GW by 2050	Cost reduction of GH2 by 80% to USD1/kg by 2030	• USD 9.5 bn					
	Over 30 countries have released hydrogen roadmaps, industries have announced more than 200 hydrogen projects and ambitious investment plans								

Recognizing the need of deep decarbonization, the GoI has announced several potential measures to boost a green hydrogen economy





National Green Hydrogen Mission & other key Initiatives taken by the Government of India



	Key Objectives of National Hydrogen Mission		Expected Outcomes of National Hydrogen Mission			Other Initiatives	
•	To become Aatmanirbhar(self-reliant) through clean energy and serve as	#	Particulars	Expected Outcome by 2030	•	Single window clearance for setting up green hydrogen production	
	Energy Transition.	1	India's Green Hydrogen Production Capacity	At least 5 MMTA	•	ISTS waiver until 30th June 2025	
•	To make India the Global Hub for production, usage and export of Green Hydrogen and its derivatives.	2	Renewable Energy Capacity Addition	125 GW	•	Distribution licensees shall only charge procurement charges, wheeling charges, and a small margin on electricity supplied to	
•	• To contribute towards decarbonisation of the economy, reduced dependence on fossil fuel imports, and enable India to lead in	3	Creation of Full Time Jobs	6 Lakhs		GH/GA plants.	
		3	Total Investments	Over ₹8 lakh crore	•	Connectivity and land allotment on priority basis	
Green Hydrogen technology and market.	4	Expected aversion of CO ₂ Emissions	Up to 50 MMT per annum	•	Manufacturing zones to be set up by the Government of India where GH/ GA plants can be set up		

Key factors to pave way for adoption of hydrogen economy with a long-term perspective





Business plan creation with Investment Outlay

- Creation of a 15-year plan for Coal / Power to hydrogen (up to 2035) with considerations for rapid growth post 2030 with projected capital outlay
- Demand assessment medium term and long term, business model selection and technology roadmap

Adoption of Blue Hydrogen for Hard to Abate Sectors

- Blue hydrogen can produce low-carbon hydrogen at scale to help decarbonize hard-to-abate sectors such as transportation
- Currently, it is also significantly cheaper than green hydrogen. But it does depend on natural gas, which has been subject to high price volatility and geopolitical turbulence

Initiation of 'Pilot' and technology partnership

- Initiation of a 'Pilot' before launching full-scale adoption of green hydrogen production through electrolysis
- Collaboration with a technology player for selection of electrolysis technology and detailed cost benefit analysis, jointly with technology partner

Policy advocacy for scaling up

- Initiate policy advocacy in select areas to promote hydrogen use as well as de-risk investment for setting up electrolyzer and associated infrastructure
- Explore opportunities to be the nodal body for aggregation of green hydrogen generation and supply to industries as feedstock

Thank you



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