

How India Can Accelerate Towards Hydrogen Economy

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India's Climate Related Commitments

- India will reach its non-fossil energy capacity to 500 GW by 2030
- India will meet 50 percent of its energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030
- India will reduce the total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes from now onwards till 2030
- By 2030, India will reduce the carbon intensity of its economy by less than 45 percent
- By the year 2070, India will achieve the target of Net Zero

Needs immediate actions by all stakeholders!

Indian Economy to grow: *So will be the demand for Energy*

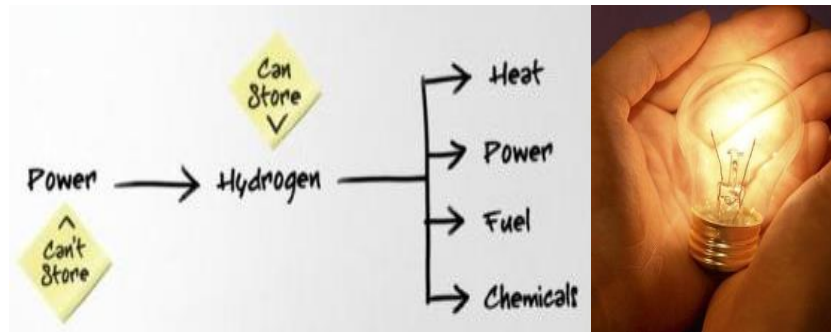
- Indian Economy to grow to \$10 Trillion by 2030, from the present \$ 2.75 Trillion
- India's per capita energy consumption at 0.6 tonnes of oil equivalent (toe) compared to the global per capita average of 1.8 toe is almost one-third;
 - *India will have to increase its per capita energy consumption by at least 2.5 times to enter the upper-middle income group*
- Energy demand is set to increase at a rapid pace with rising income levels & growing aspirations of middle class

Need for reinventing the energy basket to provide energy for growth amidst climate commitments

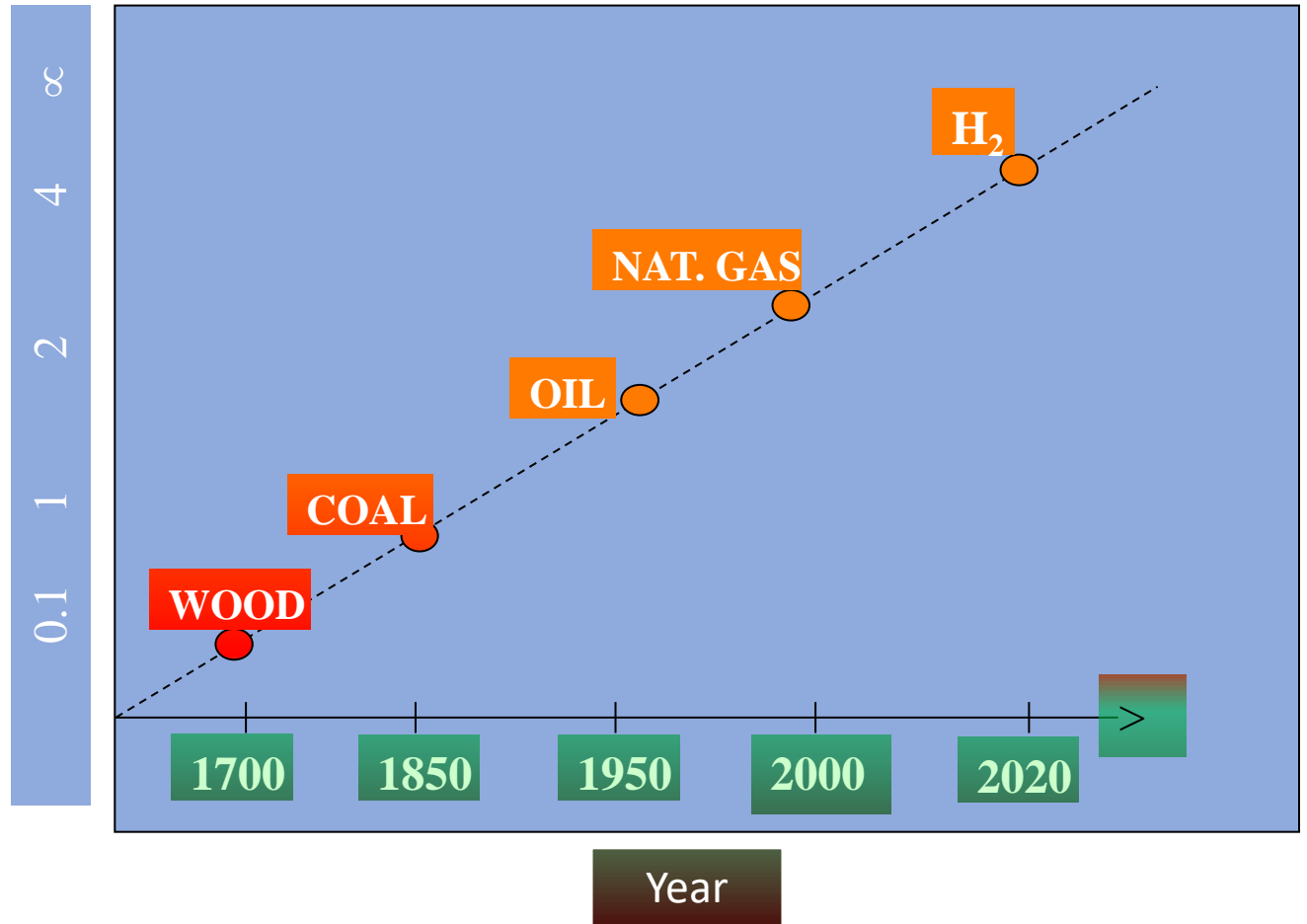
Moving towards a carbon free future

Expected role of hydrogen

- Fuel for energy sector decarbonization
- Electrification of Mobility sector - Fuel cells
- Electrification of heat – Decentralized power generation
- Optimizing energy systems – energy carrier & storage medium



H/C ratio log. scale



Hydrogen is the answer for meeting stringent environmental norms and mitigating climatic change without impacting the growth pace

Enablers for Hydrogen Market Creation

- Low cost Hydrogen Production: Focus on green hydrogen but produce low cost grey/preferably blue hydrogen in the interim till green hydrogen cost comes down
- Scale: Focus on sectors with large demand of hydrogen usage as feed stock and also for decarbonization needs in processes
- Create Infrastructure for storage, supply, distribution and supply: Hydrogen in CNG and dedicated hydrogen pipelines, tanks, tube trailers, refuelling stations etc.
- Reduce demand uncertainty: long term contracts for take off, policy mandates for reduced carbon footprints and gradual increase of green hydrogen usage

Hydrogen as enabler for Decarbonisation

Enable the renewable energy system  Decarbonize end uses 

- Enable **large-scale renewables integration** and **power generation**

- **Distribute** energy across sectors and regions
- Act as a **buffer** to increase system resilience

- Decarbonize **transportation**
- Decarbonize **industry energy use**
- Help decarbonize **building heating and power**
- Serve as **feedstock**, using captured carbon

Key focus areas

MAKE

Increased Low
Cost Hydrogen
Production

MOVE

More Efficient
Hydrogen
Transmission

USE

Low Cost
Value added
Applications

STORE

Improved Bulk Storage Technologies

Action Plan – Hydrogen Production

Short term

- Initially equal focus should be on hydrogen production from fossil fuels for eventual transition from Grey/Brown to Blue Hydrogen
- Hydrogen production from Natural gas reforming with CCUS technologies be also taken up for production of low carbon blue hydrogen
- R&D activities may also include hydrogen production from biomass and coal gasification route with CCUS.
- R&D focus on improved efficiency and cost of electrolysis for reducing cost of Green Hydrogen & Green Ammonia

Medium & Long term

- Pilot projects for Green Hydrogen production from renewables and advance process should move towards commercialization. Achieving economies of scale to produce hydrogen through renewables route should be prioritized.
- Economy of scale to be achieved and cost of Hydrogen production to be competitive with alternate fuel.

Need not focus on green Hydrogen but Piggyback on Blue hydrogen

Action Plan – Hydrogen Storage & Transmission

Short term

- **Blending Hydrogen in Natural Gas for transportation through existing natural gas pipelines**
- **Cylinders with storage upto 700 bars to be developed; PESO should grant approvals and develop standards**
- **Create infrastructure with grey and blue Hydrogen and not wait for widespread availability of green Hydrogen**

Medium & Long term

- **Ensuring future pipelines are compatible when used for transporting hydrogen**
- **Hydrogen can be converted to ammonia, it's easier to transport ammonia over long distances, and at consumption centre it can be reconverted back to hydrogen; To work on bringing down the cost of conversion and reversion**
- **Fast track approvals for type IV Hydrogen cylinders & systems for Hydrogen transmission**

Action Plan – Regulatory

- **Adoption of already existing International standards for Hydrogen production, storage and transmission and avoiding reinventing the wheel**
- **Comprehensive Hydrogen demonstration programs by the Government agencies & PSUs in association with various Industries e.g. Hydrogen valleys, hubs and highways**
- **PESO to facilitate amendment of relevant policies/rules like Gas cylinder rules and Static & Mobile Pressure vessel rules for Hydrogen**
- **Promotion of Hydrogen in power to gas networks, implement incentive schemes regarding use of clean hydrogen (Green Credits) as an industrial feedstock, blending in transportation/cooking fuels, review gas pipeline regulations to consider including gaseous hydrogen, to create a ‘market pull’ for hydrogen economy**
- **FAME like benefits & tax incentives should be extended to hydrogen ICE & Fuel Cell vehicles in order to pave path for the faster deployment of hydrogen for mobility**



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