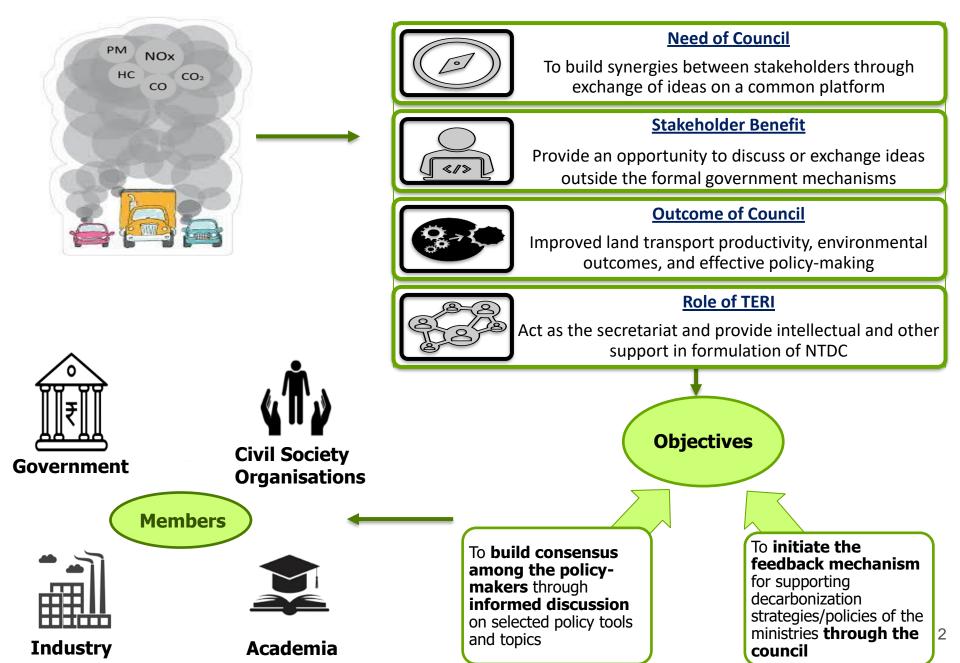


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Biodiesel as Fuel

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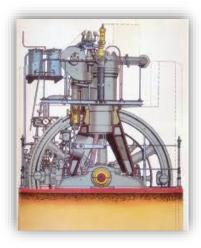


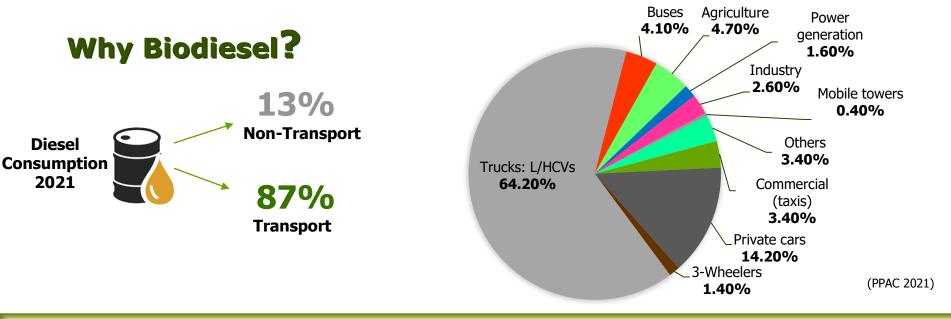
What is Biodiesel?

 A renewable alternative fuel generated from vegetable oils, animal fats and greases through various chemical processes



- Rudolph Diesel developed biodiesel in 1890
- Used pure vegetable oils in diesel engines for agricultural purposes
- The conversion of vegetable oils into fatty acid alkyl esters was done by a very broadly used process known as Transesterification





Biofuels are one of the relatively cleaner options and could have higher penetration in the medium/heavy duty vehicles, SUVs, tourist vehicles, taxis, buses, etc.

Some salient advantages:

- Renewable & energy efficient and reduces dependency on imports
- Can be used as blend in most diesel equipment with no or only minor modifications
- Reduces tailpipe emissions, including air toxics
- Reduces GHG emissions

Biodiesel emissions compared to conventional diesel

Emission Type	B100
Total Unturned Hydrocarbons	-93%
Carbon Monoxide	-50%
Particulate Matter	-30%
Sulphates	-100%
PAH (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons)	-80%
nPAH (nitrated PAH's)	-90%
Ozone potential of speciated HC	-50%

Production of Biodiesel

Common Feedstock and technology used

Stages of biodiesel production

Feedstock

production

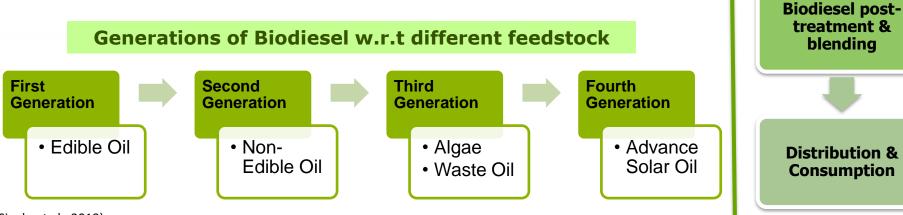
Feedstock processing including oil extraction and pre-treatment

> **Biodiesel** production

Source: (Mata & Martins, 2010)

Feedstock	Technology Used	
Palm Stearin	Transesterification	
Jatropha and other non-edible oils	Transesterification	
Palm Fatty Acid Distillate (PFAD)	Multistage Acid Esterification/Enzyme	
Animal Oil/Waste oil and others (UCO)	Pre-treatment, Multistage Esterification- Transesterification-Glycerolysis	
Animal Fat/Tallow	Pre-treatment, Multistage Esterification- Transesterification-Glycerolysis- finishing by Sulphur removal	
Sources DDAL		

Source: BDAI



(Singh, et al., 2019)

Benefits and limitations of Generations of Biodiesel w.r.t different feedstock

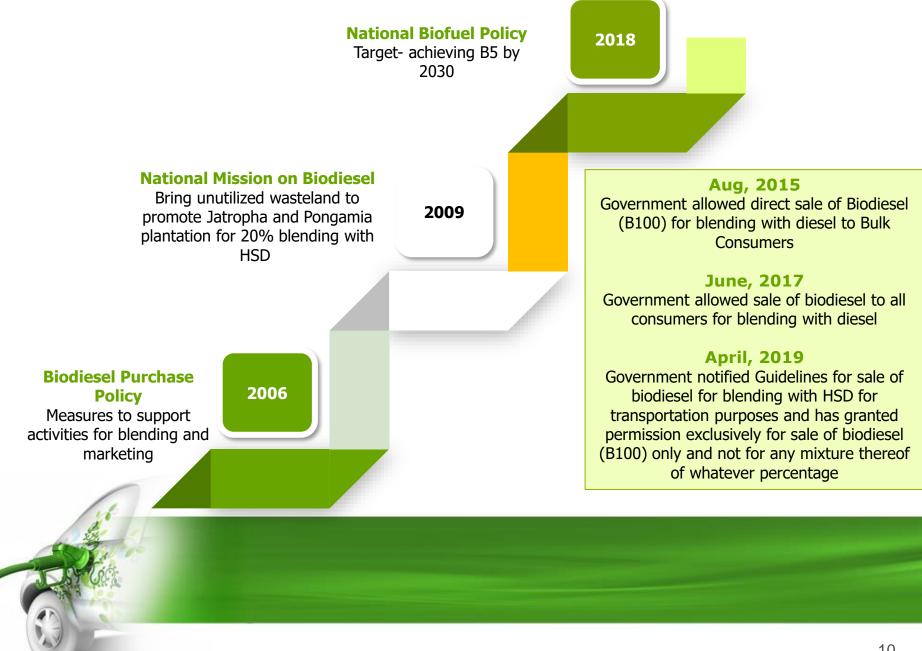
	First generation	Second generation	Third generation	Fourth generation
Benefits	 Easy biodiesel conversion process Easy availability of crops 	 No effect on food supply Feedstock can be grown on non-arable land Lower production cost 	 Waste food oil can be used for biodiesel production Growth rate of algae is high No effect on food supply Can be use seawater or waste water for algae growth 	 More lipid content More CO₂ absorbing ability High energy content, rapid growth rate of feedstock
Limitations	 Affect food supply Low crop yield Limited area of cultivation Less adaptability of crop to environmental conditions 	 Less cost- effective conversion technology Low crop yield for some feedstock 	 High energy consumption for algae cultivation Low lipid content in open pond system Expensive oil extraction process from algae 	 High initial investment Research at infancy level



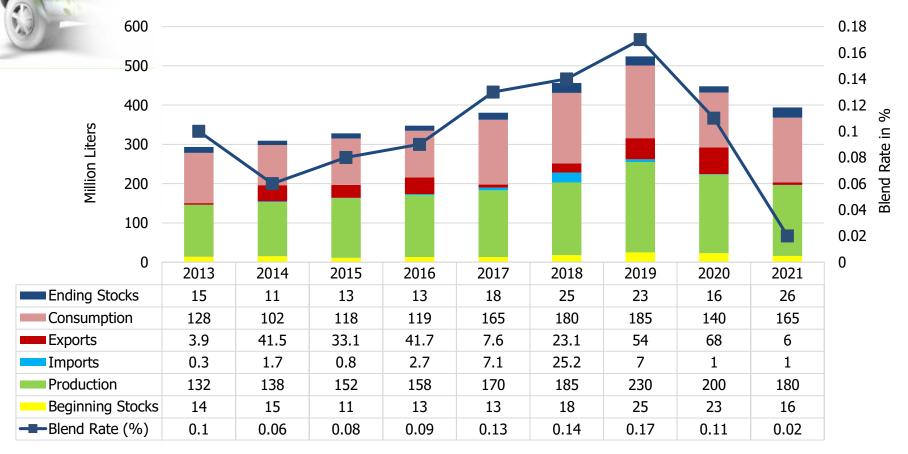
Storage, Handling and Transportation of Biodiesel

- Only approved tanks are recommended
- Possible to store bio-diesel for an extended period of time in closed containers
- Biodiesel can become jelly at low temperatures
- Bacteria can grow and use bio-diesel as food in case of water condensation inside the tank
- Biodiesel blends tend to have more stability when compared to its neat nature (B100)

Biodiesel related policies in India

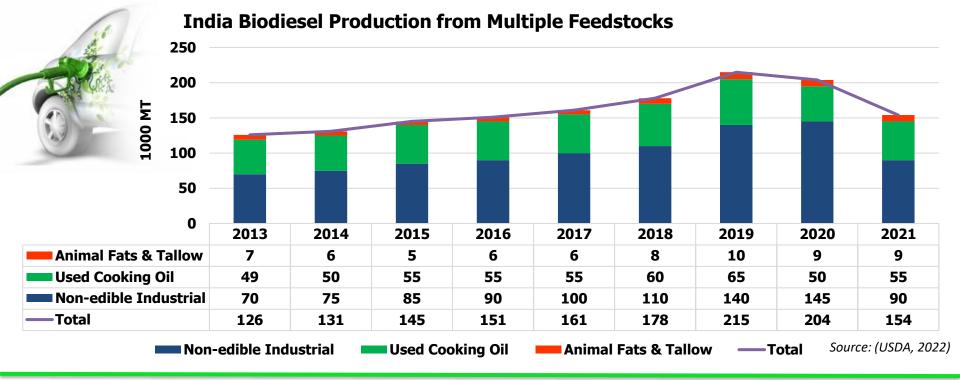


Biodiesel Market Trends in India

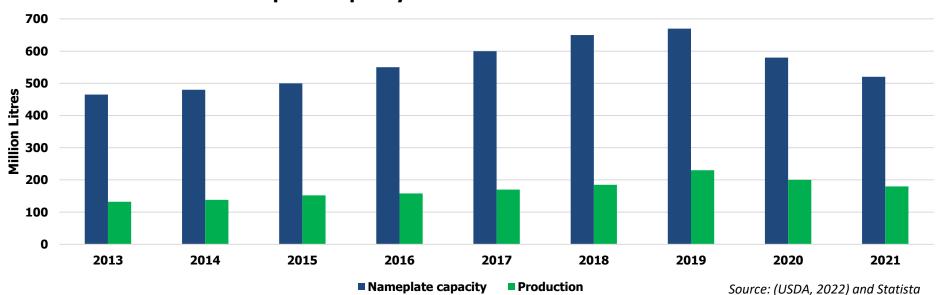


Source: (USDA, 2022)





Nameplate Capacity vs Actual Production of Biodiesel





Biodiesel's underperformance in the country due to...

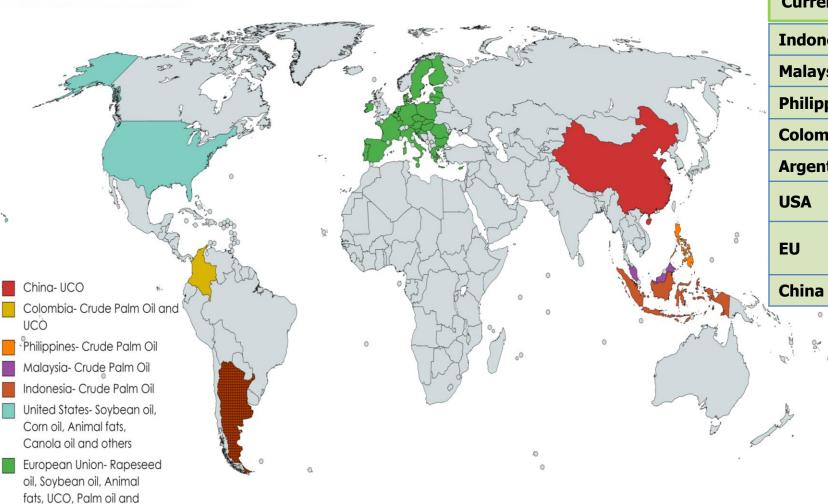
Limited availability of feedstock

Lack of an integrated and dedicated supply chain

Dependence on imported feedstock

International Cases

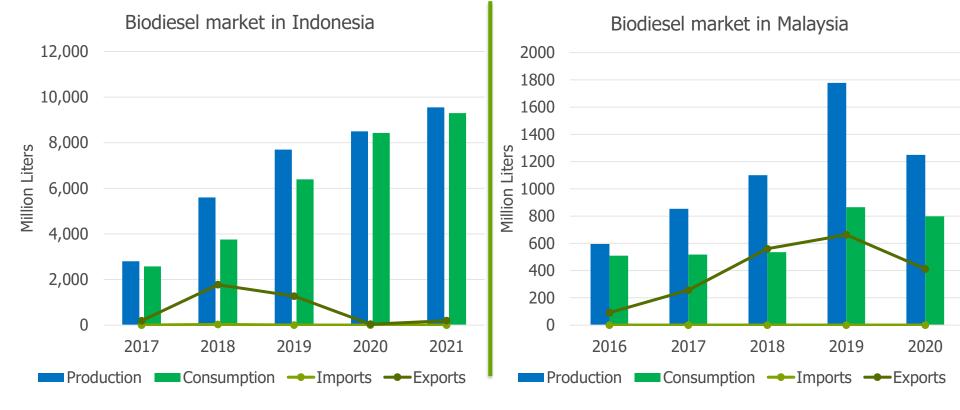
Countries with type-wise feedstock for Biodiesel production



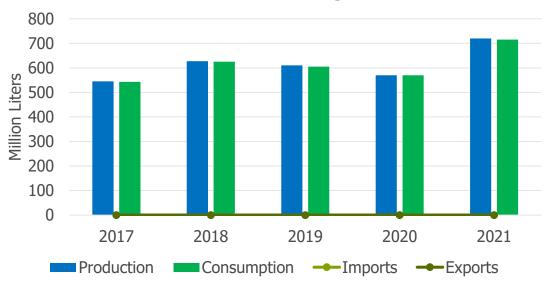
Current Blend rates			
Indonesia	28.6%		
Malaysia	10%		
Philippines	3%		
Colombia	11%		
Argentina	5%		
USA	6%		
EU	7-8%		
China	0.2%		
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Map created with mapchart.net Data Source: USDA Annual Biofuel Reports

others



Biodiesel market in Argentina



Source: (USDA Annual Biofuel Report,2021-22)



Discussion Points

Biodiesel blending targets/mandates	Feedstocks availability production and land-use change	Costing, Pricing and Sourcing	Role of Governments and Institutes in promoting biodiesel production
 Major challenges in achieving B5 target Why are we witnessing a low blend rate in India? Does the target seem too ambitious based on the current infrastructure? Challenges regarding technical issues and modifications in the automobile sector with higher biodiesel blend 	 Current requirements of the industry that would increase the production and use of biodiesel in India What are the other rapid growing feedstock options? What will be the impact of this high demand for feedstock cultivation on land use? Advance technology in the field of biodiesel like handling multiple feedstock 	 On what factors does the production cost of biodiesel depends? Using different feedstocks, how are biodiesel prices determined? How will dynamic pricing benefit this industry? Price determining mechanism to ensure flow of UCO from organized players in the service industry to biodiesel manufacturers How can biodiesel production be made more affordable? 	 What are the inputs and supports does the sector requires in terms of policy-push, regulations, tax benefits, import/export, etc.? What could be done to promote optimal door-to-door waste oil collection? How can the production-level be promoted and enhanced with the local support (task-force, farmer committee, etc.)? Is there a need of a National-level feedstock Programme to support optimum production?

Thank you

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