

# How Auto Industry is gearing up to E20 fuel?

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### India's GHG Commitment, Energy Security & Pollution Concerns

- 3rd largest consumer of Crude Oil (India)
- More than 80% of India's Energy demand met with imported fuel
- India is 4<sup>th</sup> highest contributor to GHG emissions
- Reducing the energy emissions intensity: 33%-35% by 2030 as per the NDC targets agreed in COP 21 at Paris



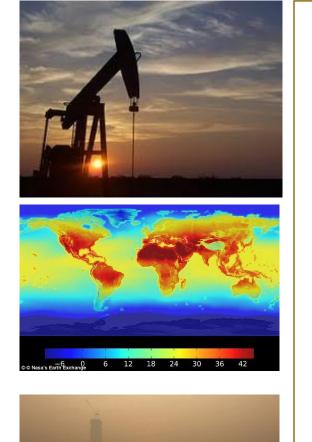
(India' pledge at Copenhagen ,Dec'09)



#### ...(India' pledge at COP21 ,Nov'15)

Improving India's Energy Security, GHG and Local pollution : Priority National objectives





### Industry is aligned to achieving National Objectives

### Industry is committed to diversification of fuel to achieve

Lower CO<sub>2</sub>

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#### **Reduction of Crude Oil imports**

while also reducing Local Pollution

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#### 1. Natural Progression

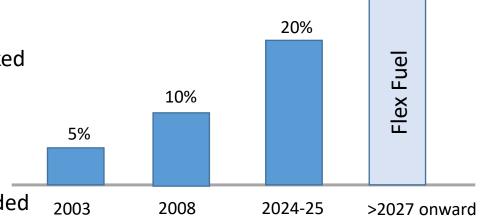
- E10 Material compatibility ensured in all new production since 2008
- As Pan India E10 being targeted, Vehicles Performance & FE next step linked with RON 95 availability
- Technology upgrade to E20 new vehicles will be completed by 2024
- Existing Vehicles have concerns on E20, hence, protection grade E10 needed
- E20 could pave way for flex fuel Ethanol vehicles in future with fuel availability increase.

#### 2. Customer Acceptance

- Ethanol Blended fuel has lower energy, hence, commensurate pricing essential
- Availability across the nation will help in achieving acceptability (Low Hanging fruit)
- Is less Corrosive and does not have major health issues, however, hygroscopic and water separaton issues

#### 3. Fuel Availability

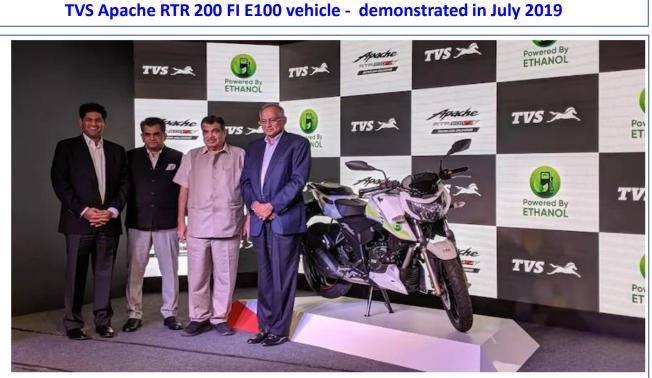
 Considering requirement across country, Ethanol requirement to be ensured across country to reap benefit with "ONE NATION ONE FUEL " anthem.





### **Demonstration of industry commitment**

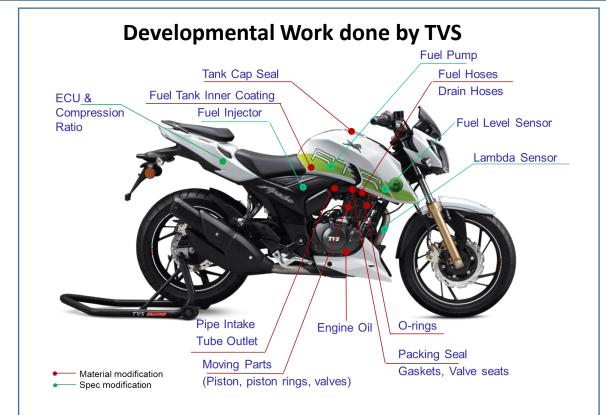




Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant and TVS Motor Company Chairman Venu Srinivasan with TVS Apache RTR 200 Fi E100.

#### **Experience of TVS on Ethanol vehicles:**

- Apace RTR 200 FI E100 veh (monofuel, BSIV compliant)
- Two vehicles were run for 6000 km as part of durability test in and around Nagpur – from Aug '19 To Oct '19
- Used Anhydrous Ethanol for product durability tests
- To test further with new standards for Fuels, as technology changed.



- Redesign and development of fuel system, engine management system
- Elastomers, rubbers and other engineering changes required for E100 compatibility durability varies based on blend
- Fuel consumption is higher by 30% when compared to E5
- Technology upgraded with Fuel Injection System. Future development is necessary.

### **Demonstration of industry commitment**





Bajaj RE 3W and 2W – Demonstrated in Lucknow in Feb 2018 (E85 Capable vehicles)

#### Bajaj RE 3W and 2W – Demonstrated in Delhi in Jan 2018 (E85 Capable vehicles)



Development of E85 vehicles will enable adoption of Flex-fuel vehicles-Monofuel to flex fuel

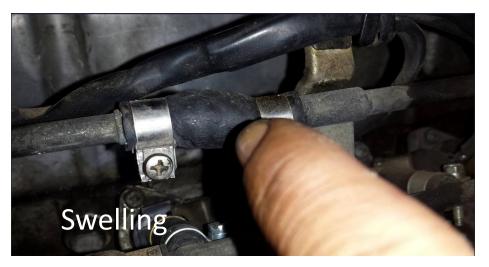
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#### Impact of ethanol on Fuel lines and Rubber







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### Impact of Ethanol on Engine components







Bowl gasket

Head bolts discolored due to heat and carbon build up from exhaust seal. gas blowing past bolt.

swelled & lost seal.

Carburetor bowl mounting screw gasket attacked by E20 in few hours. Fuel containment



Fuel containment sears get leaked

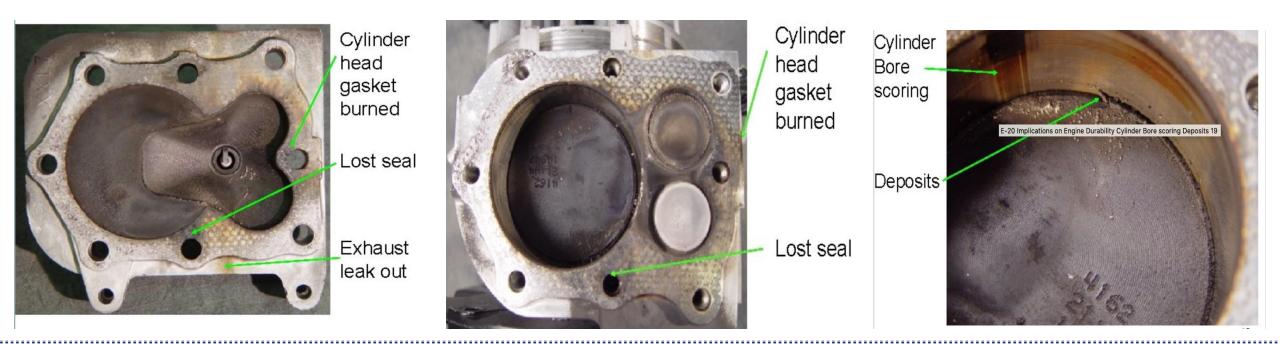


Fuel Cap gasket swelled & warped by E20 in 1 wk. Fuel containment seal & tank venting.



**Fuel lines** gets corroded, same for fuel tank

- Higher Exhaust Temperatures
- Combustion deposits (Ethanol cleans engine better)
- Failure in Cylinder Gaskets.
- Loss in compression ratio.
- Higher wear and tear.



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#### Learning from Past Evaluation (Material testing): Analysis



#### Previous evaluation reflects some materials performed much worse with E20 as compared to Gasoline

Material classification	Material	Critical change in property with E20 wrt Gasoline	Component usage / function	Image (actual usage)	Function	Impact on Functionality of actual part assessment	Evaluation Needed for objective Judgment
Plastics	PA66	IZOD change by 2022%	-Canister body -Fuel strainer		-Collect & Hold Fuel vapors	-Increase in brittleness may lead to component rupture and fuel leakage in vehicle usage	Evaporation test during fleet evaluation (Pre & Post fleet run)
		Elongation change by ~100%	-Cup fuel cock		-Filtration of fuel for contaminants	-Strainer ruptures → Loss of filtration leading to clogging & interruption in fuel supply	
Metals	M1 (AI JIS 5302)	Corrosion rate high	Carburetor body & Piston		-Provide housing for Air / Fuel mixture metering	High corrosion causes material wear causing decrease in strength of housing leading to 1. Fine particles getting inside engine → Engine wear & loss of performance and life 2. Breakage on impact → Vehicle non-operation	Evaluate performance at regular interval during fleet run

Based on previous evaluation PA66 & Aluminum (JIS 5302) seems not compatible with E20.

#### Need to refine test method to judge impact in actual usage

In addition to above, following material (in direct contact with fuel) need to be considered for future evaluation :

(1) HDPE (2) EG coated fuel tank sheet (3) Fuel tank paint.

Loss of properties will lead to reduced life of component (Eg: Fuel tank) & customer complaints

### Test Protocol for Evaluation of E20 : SIAM, IOCL & ARAI Study



	Evaluation	Part / System	Details	Ву	Test Method	Remarks	
0			Extractability	Test Agency	SAE J30	-Evaluation can reflect performance as expected	
Ŭ L		112222	Compression crack	OEM Internal		in actual usage of existing market aged vehicle	
lar		Hoses	Alcohol resistance test (with E20)	OEM	Internal	samples	
r n			Heat Aging	leat Aging OEM Internal		-OEM undertakes evaluation as per internal	
Part performance	Part / System level	Metal parts	Corrosion performance (weld areas in fuel tank & internal precoated sheet)	OEM	Internal	standard and share result and judgment with test agency	
		Plastics (HDPE)	Mechanical property change (laboratory & Fleet run)	Tests Agency & OEM	Fleet run (Test agency) Internal (OEM)	Material / part not included earlier. Need to be considered. OEM will share results and judgment	
		Paint (Sheet Metal & plastic)	Immersion test of Part with applied paint	OEM	Internal		
	Engine Durability	Engine components	Pre & Post metrology of Engine components	Test Agency	400hrs running @ 6000rpm	<ul> <li>To measure Engine power &amp; Torque at Full load at regular interval to ensure engine health</li> <li>Judgment methodology to be discussed between Test agency and OEM</li> </ul>	
ſ	Eval	uation	Details	Test		Remarks	
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an	Emission testing		Туре-4	Measure pollutants and Fuel economy as per AIS		analysis of	
ů.	Start ability		Cold (-15 & -10°C)	Cold soak and starting		Engine RPM and AF trace to be logged during	
o			Hot (35 & 45°C)			measurement along with Start emissions (Data Sampling to be done at ~ 0.1sec)	
C '	Drive ability			Pass-by acceleration in different gears		As per CRC procedure To consider evaluation in Cold, Hot and Humid	
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Vehicle performance	Drive	ability		(1) Take off from res (2) Gradient		Measure & report time from tests conducted	



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#### On the path to higher blends of Bio fuels

**Higher Blends, Greater Modifications Limited Evaluation Result Summary OE** Lead time for Development **Probably Necessary Modifications** E20 Evaluation item (Otto Cycle Engines) **4W** 2W **4W** Development of Vehicles to run on *"Post* Material E10 fuel Blend" compatibility Х Х Х (Existing in-use Fuel Ethanol Content vehicles) Meeting Performance, durability, safety Need Need ≤ 10% from customer and Regulatory Х Emission detailed detailed Study\* Study\* 10~15% perspective 15 ~ 25% Need Need - - For specially designed vehicles Fuel economy detailed Х detailed 25~85% Study\* Studv\* Developing to consider bad effects to ≥ 85% Need Need environment **Drive ability** detailed Х detailed - Not Necessary - Probably Necessary Study\* Studv\* **ANFAVEA - Brazilian Vehicle Manufacturers Assoc** 

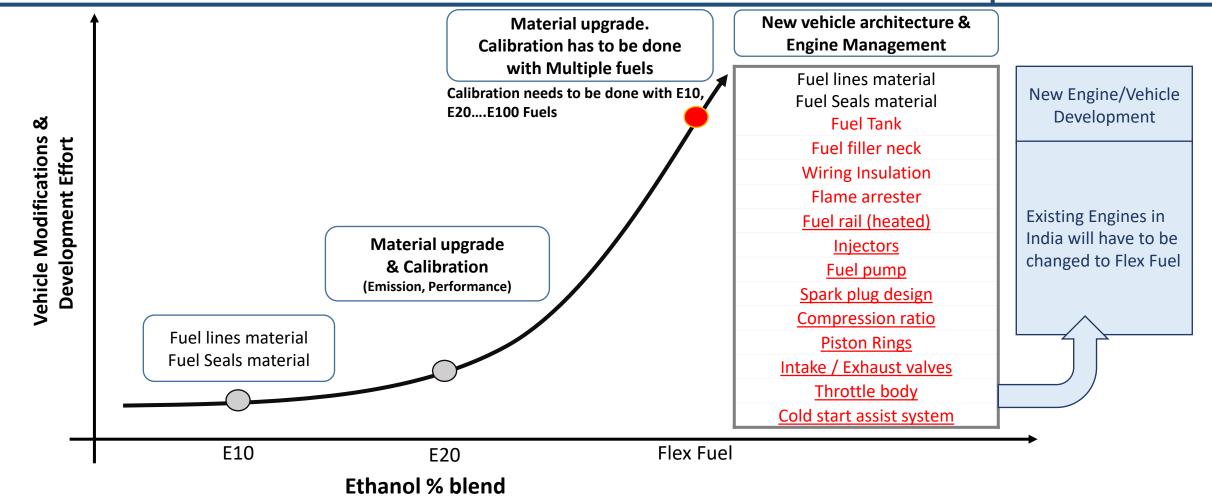
> \*Concerns seen in preliminary testing. Need to conduct full evaluation for future vehicle development

- Basic studies conducted: Fuel System part materials for current vehicles are not compatible with E20. Ο
- **Safety critical** to adapt vehicles to higher blends  $\rightarrow$  Need to upgrade material (different for E20 or E85) Ο
- Major Engine modifications required for Flex fuel vehicles (Pistons, Rings, Fuel Injection System, Engine control, etc., substantial cost 0 escalation
- Overcome challenges of Engine control for Emissions and OBD to meet customer and Regulatory requirements 0
- Studies on 2W suggest that vehicles optimized for E10 do not work efficiently on E20. Ο

With clarity of fuel availability, Industry can work to design vehicles to be compliant with adequate lead time

#### Higher Blends & Flex fuel : Need specific Engine changes & Development





E20 → Flex Fuel : Significant vehicle upgrade & Development required on vehicle at PARC and new vehicles

Industry is committed to overcome these challenges





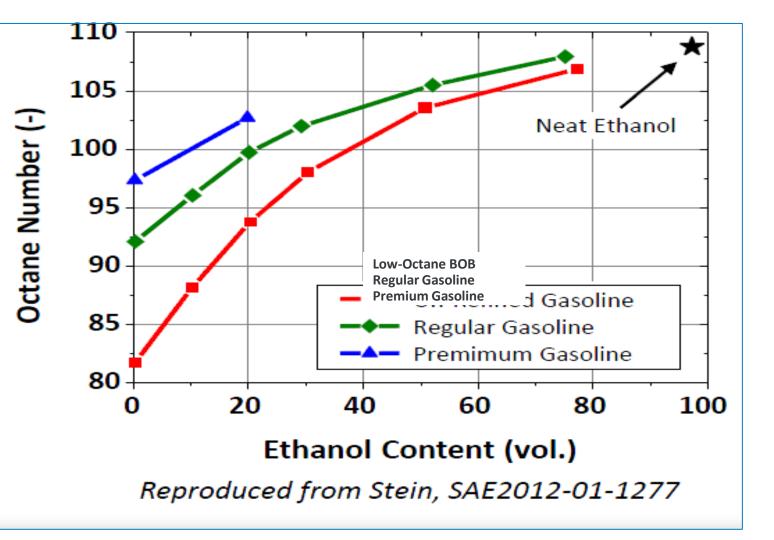
#### Modifications made in Brazil for 100% Ethanol Fuel

#### Carburetor Engine **Intake Manifold Fuel Tank** The material of the carburetor body or carburetor The engine compression With new profile and less If the vehicle fuel tank is metallic, the internal surface cover cannot be aluminum or exposed Zamak; must ratio should be higher: internal rugosity, to increase of tank must be protected (coated): have surface treatment or anodize: the air flow: Camshaft with new cam Any component in polyamide 6.6 (Nylon) that has polyamide 6.6 (Nylon) tmust be substituted by other profile and new phase; Must provide higher intake air contact with the fuel must be substituted by other material or protected: P12 material or protected. temperature. New surface material of The material of buoy, nozzle, metering jet, floating axle, seals, gaskets and o-rings must be Viton. (intake and Higher fuel tank capacity, due to the higher fuel valves exhaust) and valve seats. consumption. Catalytic Converter Electronic Fuel Injection It is possible to change the kind and amount of noble Substitution of fuel injector material by stainless steel: metal present in the loading and wash-coating of New fuel injector design to improve the "fuel spray"; catalyst converter; New calibration of air-fuel ratio control and new The catalyst converter must be placed closer to the Lambda Sensor working range; exhaust manifold, in order to speed up the working Any component in polyamide 6.6 (Nylon) that has temperature achievement (light-off). contact with the fuel must be substituted by other material or protected. Exhaust Pipe The internal surface of pipe must be protected Fuel Pump (coated): The internal surface of pump body and winding must be protected and the connectors sealed; The exhaust design must be compatible with higher amount vapor. Any component in polyamide 6.6 (Nylon) that has contact with the fuel must be substituted by other material or protected. Suspension The pump working pressure must be increased. Adjusted to the higher vehicle weight. Fuel Pressure Device Motor Oil The internal surface of the fuel pressure device must New additive package. be protected; Any component in polyamide 6.6 (Nylon) that has contact with the fuel must be substituted by other material or protected. The fuel pressure must be increased. Fuel Filter **Evaporative Emission** Ignition System The internal surface of the filter must be protected; System New calibration of advance The adhesive of the filter element must be control: Due to the lower fuel vapor appropriated; pressure, it is not necessary Colder heat rating spark The filter element porosity must be adjusted. evaporative emission control. plugs.

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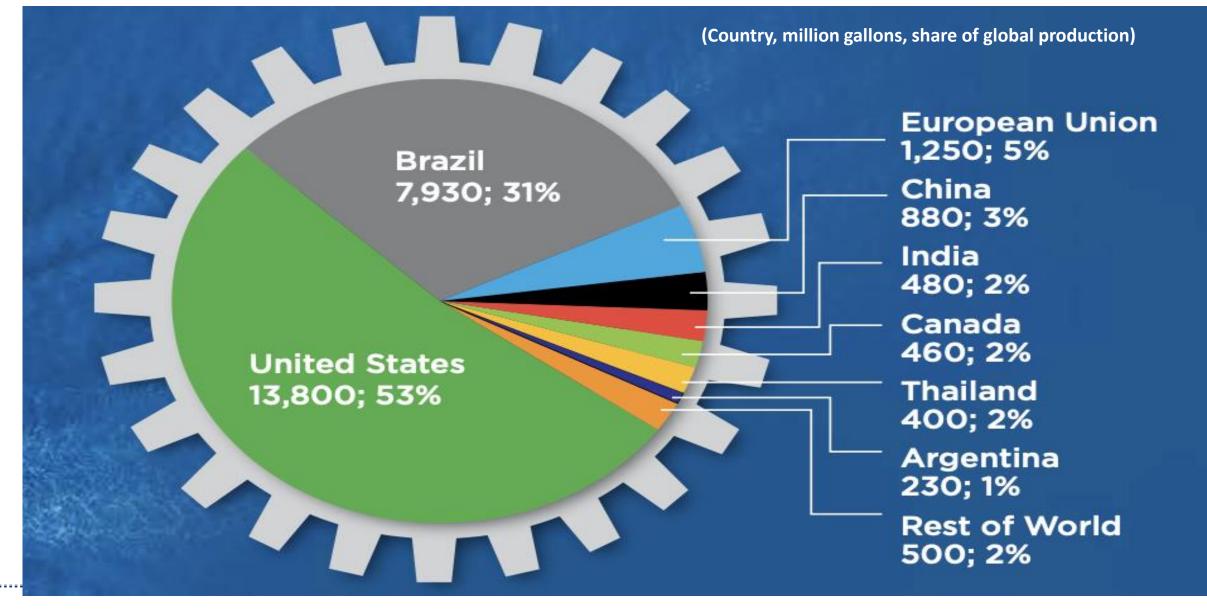


- Ethanol is an octane booster
- Non-linear influence of ethanol content → most benefit at lower levels
- Optimum blend likely 20-40% ethanol
- This requires the adjustment of compression ratio and need development of engine.



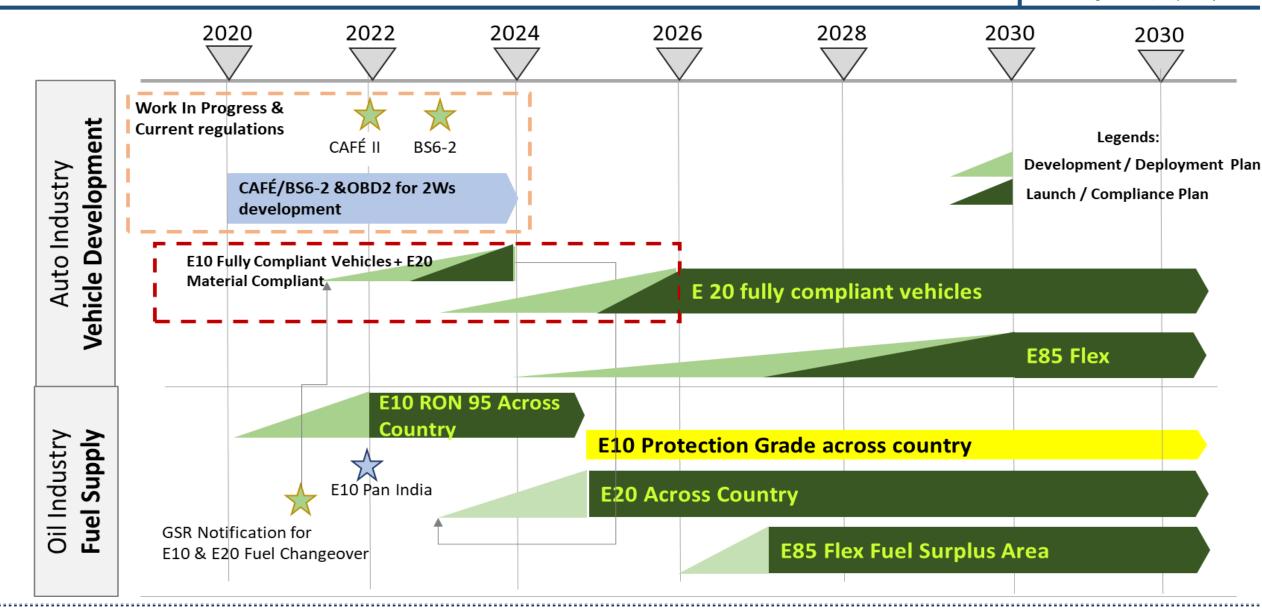


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## Indian Auto Industry Ethanol Vehicles Road Map





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- Ethanol usage in transport sector is important to achieve energy security & reducing country's oil bill
- Ethanol, made from domestic agriculture resources can add to domestic agricultural economy
- In addition, Ethanol is Carbon neutral fuel and when made from waste sources, has potential of being carbon negative fuels considering life cycle analysis.
- Ethanol can help in achieving India's GHG goals and reduce transport sector GHG contribution.
- Faster and sustainable realization of energy security and clean air goals require joint efforts of Government, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and Auto Industry

SIAM welcomes Government's move to ethanol economy and is committed to fuel diversification to achieve lower CO2, reduction of crude oil imports and local pollution

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