Commercializing large-scale hydrogen hubs through public-private partnerships



Regional Hydrogen Hubs: A \$5B National Roadmap for 2030

Pathway to commercially-viable, replicable Green Hydrogen Hubs in India









IH2A PROPOSED PLAN TO GOVT OF INDIA (JUNE 2022)

National 25/25 Green H2 Development Plan – 25 H2 project clusters by 2025

First-Generation National Green H2 Projects to accelerate commercialisation, learning rates, induce demand at critical scale

Scalable, Co-located National Green H2 Projects using RE-Electrolysis, Gasification across RE-rich coastal states ('India's Hydrogen Valleys')

18 GH2 Project Clusters (w/RE-Electrolysis) Industrial, Heavy-Duty Transport Offtake, each potentially scalable to GW capacity 7 Green H2 Bharat Cities - Waste-to-H2 Municipal Projects (with Gasification) Local Industrial, Municipal Transport Fleets

25 National Large-Scale Projects by 2025

150 MW Installed Electrolyser Capacity Green H2 Use in Industrial, Heavy Duty Transport Future Coastal Shipping, Land Transport (Liquid, Gas)

Five Key Enablers



National Green H2 Dev Corp State Green H2 Plans, (NHDC) & Public-Private Taskforce Nodal Office

Project Dev SPVs, Consortia Public Funding/ Infra, National Innovation Status National Testing/Certification, Standards, Skilling

CENTRAL GOVT NGHM	Being Evaluated	State Partnerships	Two H2 Hubs	USD 2 bn+ allocated	Technical Advisory Group proposed
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First-Generation National Projects (Phase I – 2023-2025)

26K+ tonnes Green H2 Induced Demand pa. with USD 360 mn Public Spend over 3 years, 2.6 Mmt CO2 reduction in a decade





Building commercially-viable Green Hydrogen Hubs in India

Public-private partnership to accelerate the hydrogen economy, build USD 5 bn in enterprise value alone

- Hydrogen Hub Production, Storage and Evacuation Infrastructure Development will require govt participation (as equity partner), inducing demand by enabling guaranteed offtake for early defined volume, and incentives for infra development over first 7 years (2024-30).
- ² Large-scale hubs will be commercially viable with offtake prices between USD 6-4.25 between 2024-30, for delivered green hydrogen prices i.e. at demand or offtake point, as per preliminary estimates. A financially viable hub design in Green Kochi Hydrogen Hub (GKH2) indicates:
 - a) GKH2 Hub could be potentially worth in excess of USD 1 bn on enterprise value and could be a potentially listed as India's 1st standalone Hydrogen Company
 - b) If USD 1 bn GKH2 Hub model is successfully replicated across five hub locations, their combined enterprise value alone will be worth in excess of USD 5 bn.
 - c) Without commercially viable hydrogen hubs, India's green hydrogen mission's 2030 ambitions will be at risk.
- Potential listing of a USD 5 bn National Hydrogen Development Corporation, acting as holding company for at least five national hydrogen hubs, by 2030 with government playing a lead market development role and driving hydrogen commercialization.



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Green Kochi Hydrogen Hub (GKH2) – designing a financially viable H2 infra hub



SPV (PART A1+A2+A3) is an enterprise-vehicle/SPV that absorbs most production, storage and evacuation-linked infrastructure CAPEX. It pools assets and risks; and is key execution/planning entity in Hub. It will be linked to strategic RE supply partner (PART C), three offtake groups (PART B) and Govt / Public Finance Support, all of whom should participate in equity of PART A SPV.



GKH2 Hub SPV[^] – CAPEX, Production, Costs & Guaranteed Offtake

B1

3-phase CAPEX build-out, with defined volume offtake across Transport, Fertilizer & Refinery (with offtake-linked incentives)

TOTAL, US\$ mn	201	140	127
A3. Transport Infra – 16 Trailers, 16 HRS		8	
A2. Storage & Liquification Facility	16		
A1. H2+NH3 Production Plant (EC+BoP)	185	132	127
EC Capacity Addition (in MW)	50	50	50
CAPEX PLAN (MW/ US\$ mn)	2024-27	2028-30	2031-32

GREEN H2 OFFTAKE, MT pa (with volume-defined price support)	2024-27	2028-30	2031-43
L LH2 in Transport Use (USD 2-1.5/kg till 2027, USD 1-0.25/kg till 2030)	3500	3500	7000
B2. Green Ammonia Use* (USD 4-3.5/kg till 2027)	2625	3500	3500
B3. Green H2 for Refinery Use* (USD 3-2.25 from 2028-2030)	-	8750	10500
TOTAL, MT pa	6125	15750	21000

Offtake volume-based incentives in initial period (2024-2030/ Yr 7) to cover costs above USD 2/kg (industrial), USD 4/kg (transport) offtake important for financial viability, induce early offtake

*Contracts for Difference (CfD), Shadow Carbon Price offset for B1 Transport Offtake above USD 4/kg to pay for storage and refuelling infra; and for B2 and B3 Industrial Offtake above USD 2/kg.)





GKH2 Hub SPV[^] – Financing Plan & Targeted Outcomes

Financially viable project with targeted 18% IRR, public benefits exceeding incentives

ASSUMPTIONS	TILL 2030	POST 2030
Concessional Credit Interest Rate, %	6	6
Annual Outstanding Principal Repayment, %	10	10
CAPEX Depreciation Rate (over 15 yrs), %	7.5	7.5
Promoter Equity (50:50 Public-Private), USD mn	200	400
Tax Rate, %, wef 2028	20	20
Dividend Date, %, wef 2028	3	3
Govt Incentives for CAPEX, Infra Funding, USD mn.	210	100
Volume-based H2 offtake incentives – Transport, USD mn*	33	-
Volume-based H2 offtake incentives – Fertilizer, USD mn*	73	45.5 (next 10 yrs)
Volume-based H2 offtake incentives – Refinery, USD mn*	71.8	136.6 (next 10 yrs)

TARGET FINANCIAL OUTCOMES	TILL 2030	POST 2030
Project IRR, %	18	18
Debt-Equity Ratio (Range)	0.9-3.6	2.3-0.9
Net Profit Margin	6-11%	4-18%
Return on Equity	5%	10%

TARGET OPERATIONAL OUTCOMES (ESTIMATES)	METRIC
CO2 Reduction, MT pa	19,000
New and Re-Skilled Jobs	10,000

*offtake incentives to be funded separately, outside SPV structure, directly by govt

Loan Outstanding & Interest Payment Schedule



Revenue & Profits Before Taxes (PBT)



Benefits to Govt Vs. Incentives



^incl. 50% equity value, 100% taxes, 50% Dividends, Carbon Credit for CO2 reduction



Benefits to Govt[^] Vs. Incentives (CAPEX + Offtake Support) for Green H2 Hub*



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^based on economic model built by FTI Energy Policy & Economics Group, for IH2A *based on Green Kochi Hydrogen Hub SPV model (reference large-scale project/hub structure)



Priority States for National Green Hydrogen Hubs

Based on IH2A's proposal to State Governments, as public-private partnerships*





Priority Actions to accelerate H2 Commercialization during India G20 Presidentship

Sr. No.	KEY ACTIONS
1	Green Hydrogen Offtake Price Incentives for Large-Scale Green Hydrogen Hubs (>100 MW Electrolyser Capacity), to induce green hydrogen demand and support project development
2.	National Green Hydrogen Demand Aggregation from Public-Sector side and development of Hydrogen Purchase Obligations (HPOs) – for refinery, fertilizer, steel, chemicals and cement plants
3.	Five National Large-Scale Green Hydrogen Hubs, with public-participation, as Large Infrastructure Projects of National Importance, and initiate techno-economic studies for the hubs – and launch at least one National Green Hydrogen Hub during India's G20 Presidentship (at G20 Summit before September 2023)
4.	Market Study of Hydrogen Economy and Supply Chain, to evaluate potential value of all hydrogen related equipment, infrastructure and machinery required (including electrolysers, Balance of Plant equipment, compressors, pipelines, storage equipment/ tanks, hydrogen refuelling stations and evacuation infrastructure), together with the industry





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