Decarbonising India's Transport

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Global emission and transport sector



Global anthropogenic CO, emissions in 2010 based on IPCC (2014).

Transport CO₂ emissions in 2010 estimated by ICCT (2014) include the full fuel lifecycle, including direct emissions from combustion & upstream emissions from extraction, refining, & distribution of fuels.

Annual CO_2 -equivalent emissions from the global transportation sector have increased to ~12 Gt in 2020^{*}





Share of 2020 well-to-wheel CO₂ emissions

For some perspective, a tree has the potential to absorb 1 tonge of CO_2 over its 40 years lifetime on average.

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Trucks account more than half of on-road CO₂ emissions in India



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Decarbonising road transport is vital for India's net zero target & energy security

- Transport is the fastest growing sector in India
- It accounts for 14% of India's CO₂ emissions
- Road transport is responsible for 90% of the emission & energy consumption within the entire transport sector





Sources: Kumar, et al. (2022). *Decarbonizing India's Road Transport: A Meta-Analysis of Road Transport Emission Models*. International Council on Clean Transportation. <u>https://theicct.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Meta-study-India-transport_final.pdf;</u> ARAI, & TERI. (2018). *Source Apportionment of PM2.5 & PM10 of Delhi NCR for Identification of Major Sources*. DHI. https://www.teriin.org/sites/default/files/2018-08/Report_SA_AQM-Delhi-NCR_0.pdf

Cleaning road transport is vital for improving public health

- Motor vehicle exhaust are the largest source for air pollution in cities
- Reduction in tail pipe emission can significantly improve air quality in cities
- Improvement in air quality will positively impact public health

Annual emission of pollutants from within Delhi (%)





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Only battery-electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles have the potential to achieve near-zero GHG emissions

There is no realistic pathway to fully decarbonize the internal combustion engine.

- Current biofuels have relatively high GHG emissions and minor growth potential due to limited feedstock.
- Methane's modest GHG reductions at tailpipe are offset by upstream leakage.
- Hybrid and plug-in hybrids achieve near-term gains but do not offer long-term zero-emission potential.
- E-fuels offer near-zero carbon emissions, but cost parity to fossil fuels only by 2050 in best case.

Even today, EVs have by far the lowest lifetime GHG emissions compared to all other technologies.

As electric power becomes lower carbon, GHG emissions from electric vehicles will decline further.

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Lifecycle GHG emissions for typical passenger car sold in 2030

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- Diesel and CNG cars: no GHG emissions benefit
- Battery EVs: lowest GHG emissions, also in India: 19%–34% reduction for 2021 cars, 30%–56% reduction for 2030 cars, 79% reduction with renewables
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Life-cycle GHG emissions for average medium-size cars sold in India in 2030

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India needs ambitious policy and programs to limit pursue a 1.5°C compatible pathway



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