

Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme of India (GHCI)

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The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched the Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme of India (GHCI) under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).

- About: It is an initiative to create a robust framework for certifying green hydrogen (GH) production and ensuring transparency, traceability, and market credibility.
- **Objective:** Promote a Green Hydrogen market in India, sourced from renewables to cut carbon emissions, drive exports, and encourage energy-intensive sectors to adopt the fuel.
 - International port cities like **Kandla, Paradip, and Tuticorin** have been chosen as **main centers** for producing **green hydrogen for export.**
 - It will curb <u>greenwashing</u>, where companies deceptively portray themselves as eco-friendly through false or exaggerated claims.
- Certification Process: It will be verified by the <u>Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)</u> Accredited
 Carbon Verification (ACV) Agency to ensure compliance.
 - The certificate is non-transferable, non-tradeable, and cannot be used to claim emission reduction credits.
 - BEE has also announced an offset mechanism for hard-to-abate sectors (e.g., cement) using green hydrogen under <u>CCTS</u>, to allow them to earn and trade credit.
- Applicability: The certification scheme applies only to green hydrogen production from electrolysis or conversion of biomass.

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