



An official from [HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd.](#) in India announced that the business will begin operating a bio-ethanol facility at its Bathinda refinery in northern India in 2023 as part of efforts to lower its carbon emissions.

“Our company is in the process of constructing 100,000 tonnes per annum ethanol plant based on agricultural inputs like waste food,” Pravin Shirke, assistant general manager at [HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd \(HMEL\)](#), told a forum at the Asia Pacific Petroleum Conference (APPEC).

The plant will be operational next year, he added.

HMEL is a joint venture between state-run [Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd](#) and Mittal Energy Investments.

India, the world’s third-biggest oil importer and consumer, has expanded the excise duty exemption for biofuels to encourage the blending of higher proportions of ethanol and components of vegetable oil with gasoline and diesel.

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