A Study on Waste to Energy: A Move towards the Sustainable Development of India

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ABSTRACT: India's economy has been one of the world's fastest rising. It is experiencing an increase in industrialization. As a result of this rapid growth, India has become an energy-hungry country. India currently relies primarily on fossil fuels, and as a result, so large amount have to pay for the utilization and generation of the energy. By utilizing non-conventional sources of energy, these costs may be reduced. Such non-conventional energy sources have a huge potential in India. Any overlooked side-effects such as waste generation are experienced at this development stage. Every other day, 1.3 billion people manufacture 0.6 kg per person. That also brings together a massive pile of garbage, many of which are landfilled as unhealthily as possible. Not only does uncontrolled waste deplete resources and it needs investment. This can lead to a country's economic downfall and deterioration. A stable supply of clean, secure renewables that have no adverse societal effects requires sustainable development. Sun rays, wind, waves and tides are all known to be long-term sources of renewable energy. Waste-to-energy solutions and Waste-to-energy routes (WTERs) are turning waste into useful energy, such as hydrogen (bio-hydrogen), biogas, organic alcohol etc. This article examines future energy use patterns including their environmental consequences, as well as proposed solutions to current environmental problems including alternative fuels as well as their correlation to long-term development, with a particular stress on WTERs.

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1. INTRODUCTION

India, the world's 11th largest Gross domestic product economy as well as third-largest PPP economy, is a rapidly developing country [1]. Industrialization, urban development and population are on the rise, all of which place excessive pressure on the infrastructure of the country as well as produce increasing quantities of waste. Many developing as well as developed nations, including Malaysia, Bangladesh, Nepal, and many others, are in the same boat. India, the second largest populous nation with 1.2 billion people, has shown a 31.8 percent population growth over the last decade [2].

A substantial drop in national resources is the exponential growth of the country's population. It is also anticipated that the country will strive for the best utilisation of resources and the retrieval of something from the resources used. In lieu of the utilisation of energy, which would lead to sustainability. When materials are used, it is worth taking into account 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). If resource use is not monitored in optimal fashion, waste, emissions and an economic downturn will increase. Which not only decreases economic activity but can also affect the climate including public health. It also reduces economic activity. Therefore, monitoring the utilisation and recovery of capital is highly necessary. The unchecked urbanisation in India could not be coped with in the towns and cities. There are no simple equipment such as an appropriate waste collection system and drainage system. Lifestyles and fashions have changed greatly over the years. The quantities of waste generated have been changed. As a result, governments, local municipalities, including municipal ULBs have increased their waste collection, treatment, including disposal efforts [3].

Deposits, that also pose a serious environmental risk due to GHG emission in the form of CO_2 as well as the CH_4 and the processing of leachates, have become the most common disposal practise. This technique must therefore be improved [4]. A mechanism for the MSW is therefore urgently needed in natural, economic and socially sustainable terms. The method of energy loss is long overlooked, but has a great capacity for drawing energy from wasted capital.

1.1 Worldwide status of the WTE

An overview can be taken at the use of waste as energy technology historically. The United States consumed, produced from MSW, an estimated 394 trillion Btu of power in 1990. The electricity generation in 102 incineration plants started operation as of late 1991, according to the Japanese Ministry of H & W.

In the 1990s, Germany operated many waste-to-energy plants. Sweden's incinerator emissions have been reduced 90 percent since 1985 by renewable fuels including new incineration technologies. The Royal Commission's 70th study on environmental pollution in the United Kingdom emphasised the value of new energy waste technologies in particular [5]. Today waste to energy technology has achieved a lot of modernization and importance with such developments in the 1990s. The feedstock it uses has also been diversified. Let's look at current energy waste practices worldwide.

Several African nations, including Ghana, are using farmland biomass as a feedstock that can provide decentralized rural electricity. A total of 12.5 kW of electricity is produced by two generators of 7.5 kVA and 5 kVA. A local 230 V grid delivers the produced electricity to the population 12 hours a day [6]. Innovative products such as biocells have long been used in the City of Thessaloniki in Greece to help use biogas from combined solid waste collection and electricity generation. The choice of energy harvesting from food scraps has long been emphasized in Singapore, and the several policy measures are being introduced to encourage it. [7]. Canada also pressed the trigger and also has accelerated the transition of food scraps energy while also developing individual traits to fulfill the standards. An annual energy surplus of 134.6 MWh is generated annually.

The world is rapidly transitioning to this development, which not only aids nations in reducing emissions and moreover ensures energy security. Therefore, it is time for developing and developed countries to begin emulating these countries and to make a step towards sustainable management practices in MSW.

In the context of the sustainable growth of world energy, renewable residues produced in agriculture [8]–[12], industries [13]–[15]. In general, sustainability with existing and alternative routes is considered within the four energy pathways [16]. The foregoing are: path (1), continuing energy-service techniques; path (2), uniform implementation of advanced transport- including electricity-generating technology solutions; path (3), alternate renewable energy supply output and biomass services in order to complement traditional energy generation methodologies; and path (4), central energy-induced growth. The objective of this thesis was to explore the potential for renewable energy supplies generation (Path 3), the implementation of WTER technology for the transport as well as the electrical generation, including the development of unconventional sources of fuel, H_2, including biogas including technological growth. [17]–[22].

1.2 Renewable energy related problems of the World

Impact on global resources as well as a shortage of energy supplies, for instance, of fossil fuel use, have increasingly undermined world peace. The results on culture at all stages, i.e. local, regional and worldwide, are detrimental. The following three sections summarize these global problems:

- Reduction in reserves of fossil fuel as a result of global population growth and increased energy consumption.
- The increasing concentration of CO_2 in the atmosphere causes global change.
- Increased waste (solid/liquid) levels due to the growth of world population.

The renewable energies are potentially renewables for sustainable development and transition to waste energy routes through varieties of agricultural (plants as well as the animal waste), industrial (confiterary waste, pulp, paper, dairy waste, tannery, slaughter houses and sugar refinery) as well as the residential like the (kitchen as well as the garden waste). A lot of R&D is being discussed throughout the world to solve local, regional and global problems. Most researchers demonstrate their reliance on sustainable development and long-term energy technologies on their daily energy requirements in this world, by means of waste-to-energy routes (WTER), which have no negative social impacts [23].

Likewise, the futuristic prospective of the biomass resources in the EU was reviewed by Panoutsou et al. based on different industries, such as agriculture, industry [24]. The whole review also highlights the decline in production levels in the European Union by new policies on waste management, increased usage of resources and progress towards more balanced consumption practices. Energy sources like solar energy, wind, waves and tides are usually seen as renewable and thus largely reliable for the long term. Sustainable, widespread energy sources:

• Encourage the implementation of emerging technology by WTER or necessitate them;

• Reduce emissions of air, water and land and forest degradation.

• Reduce or avoid rivalry between countries in energy reserves.

• Limit the number of people who die as a result of energy-related ailments.

As a result, the changeover to a sustainable energy source must be promoted, as well as the investments in WTERs from the different sectors in developing countries should in particular be increased.

1.3 Potential Alternatives of the WTERs

By 2100, global energy requirements will grow by about six times. Because such demand is subdivided among industrialized as well as developing nations, influence is not lacking. In emerging countries like China and India, the energy ratio available is strongly incompatible with energy needs. A technique to be built to mitigate the energy crisis of the unequal world power distribution as a secondary energy supply. It will be prudent to produce other fuels with little CO2 emissions and with environmental waste that can be produced quickly. WTER technologies should also leverage the potential of recycling degrading and organic waste from a range of operations as a possible solution not just for renewable energy sources and moreover. Only two potential replacements of WTER technology are taken into account.

1.4 Biogas technology (BT)

In 1776 Volta showed methane in swamp gas formed for the first moment in the bottom sediments of wetlands with organic flux. Organic matter are then transformed under anaerobic conditions to gas (biogas) and organic fertilizer by micrological reactions (manure). The final products of BT include biogas as well as manure, whereas the conventional composting manures the decay of farm organic waste. Its robustness as well as smoother operation could also be regarded as superior compared to BT and superior product selection. CH_4 is the main ingredient of the biogas. The substrate contains approximately 90% methane oil. It is primarily used in the cooking and illumination in internal combustion engines of water pumps as well as power generators. The cheapest benefits are carbon minimization and energy consumption for various purposes.

1.5 Efficient feedstocks

Various waste resources, such as urban, agricultural, industrial, vegetable, etc., produce huge amounts of waste with a large portion of biodegradable/organic matter with the highest proportion of MSW. This material, when anaerobically processed, generates not only significant amounts of biogas, that is approximately 250–350 m^3/ton of waste as well as the manure along with reduces the charge in landfills and, in return, prevents environmental quality degradation as organic matter in waste disposal is uncontrolled. For biogas production, Bouallagui and others have jointly studied both fruit as well as the vegetable waste [12]. This studies have involved market waste and home-based solid waste (rotten vegetables, fruit peel, potato, onion, etc) (intensively used for production of methane), respectively Ranade and others, Mataalvarez and others, and Pavan and others.

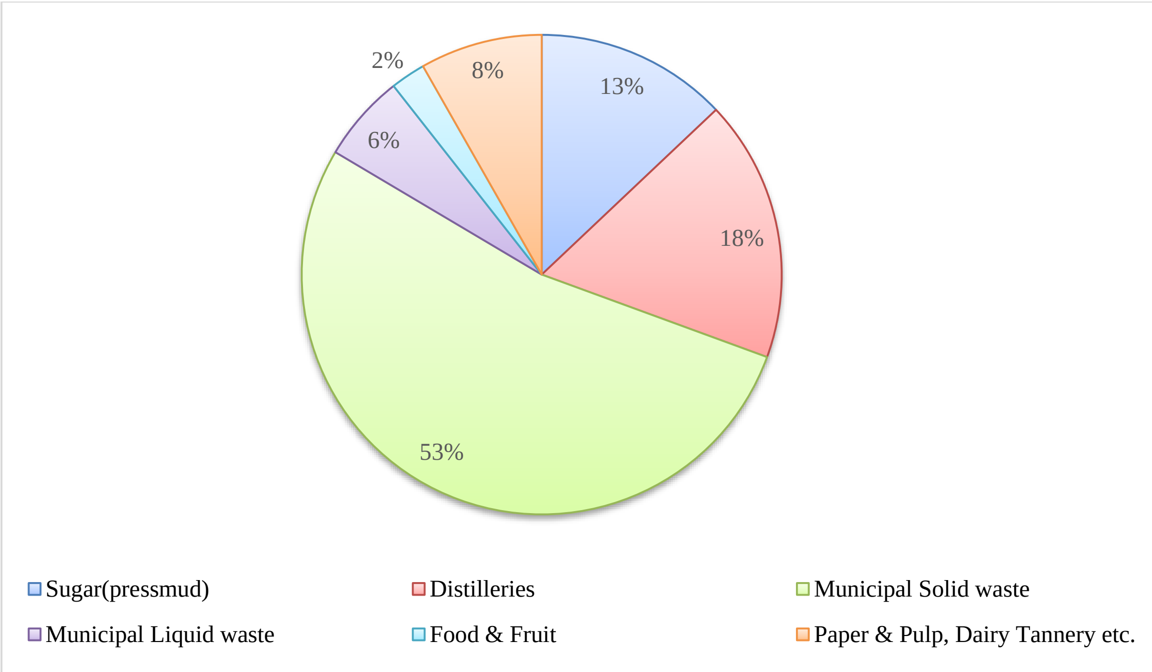

Figure 1: Shows the contribution the different types of wastes towards the recovery of the energy collected from the Industrial as well as the Urban areas.

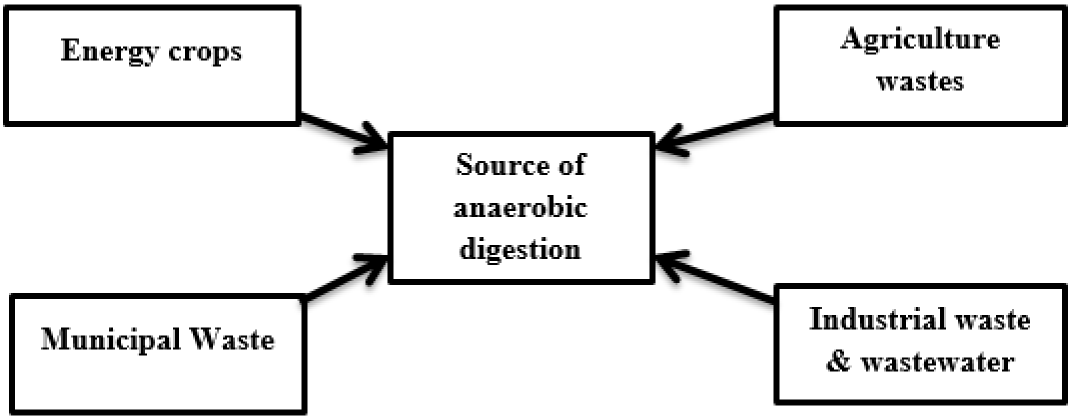

Figure 2: Shows the different kinds of feed-stocks for the generation of the Biogas.

A mono substrate with such a low pH of about 3.3-3.4 without incorporating fertilizer has been used for beet silage. In the hydraulic holding range from 15 to 9.5 days as well as in the organic load rates from 6.33 to 10 g was added the mesophilic Biogas Digester. Figure 1 illustrates the potential for energy recovery of diverse industrial and urban organic waste as biogas [25]. The different effective feedstocks of biogas power and the process are shown in Figure 2. Anaerobic digestion is shown in Figure 3 to decompose waste feedstock. Table 1 also shows the source of the feedstock for the biomass.

In oxide-free conditions, a warmed, enclosed airless jar is the perfect environment for microbes to ferment organic substances. In order to make sure organic matter becomes biogas, the digestive tank must always be adequately heated as well as mixed. Limitations of the biochemical parameter with relationships among reactor configuration but also operational efficiencies should be set up in order to design anaerobic reactor as well as scale it appropriately. Anaerobic digestion process occurs primarily through two types of mesophilic (30 to 35.8 ^{o}C temperature range and 15 to 30 days of retention) digestive process and thermophilic (temperature ranges = 55.8 ^{o}C and 12 to 14 days of retention time). Anaerobic digestion is a major advantage for biogas processing compared to other types of waste management, including:

- Fewer sludge biomasses are generated compared with aerobic treatment technology
- Successful treatment of water residues with less than 40% dry matter [26].
- Greater efficacy of removing pathogen [27]. This particularly applies to multi-stage digesters [28], or when the process involves a pasteurization step.

- Minimal odors are decomposed oxidative after combustion, as 99% of volatile compounds, e.g. H_2S and SO_2.
- Increased compliance thresholds of many national waste policies in order to reduce organic wastes volumes entering sites of waste.
- Generated slurry is an improved plant availability fertiliser [29].
- A carbon-neutral energy source in biogas form is produced.

In the literature basic tank type reactors, which suit high humidity waste ideally, are discussed different types of biogas digesters, such as a lagoon cover, plug flow etc.

Consequently, biogas is becoming more important in supplementing the fuel/energy requirements through W2E as well as energy sources.

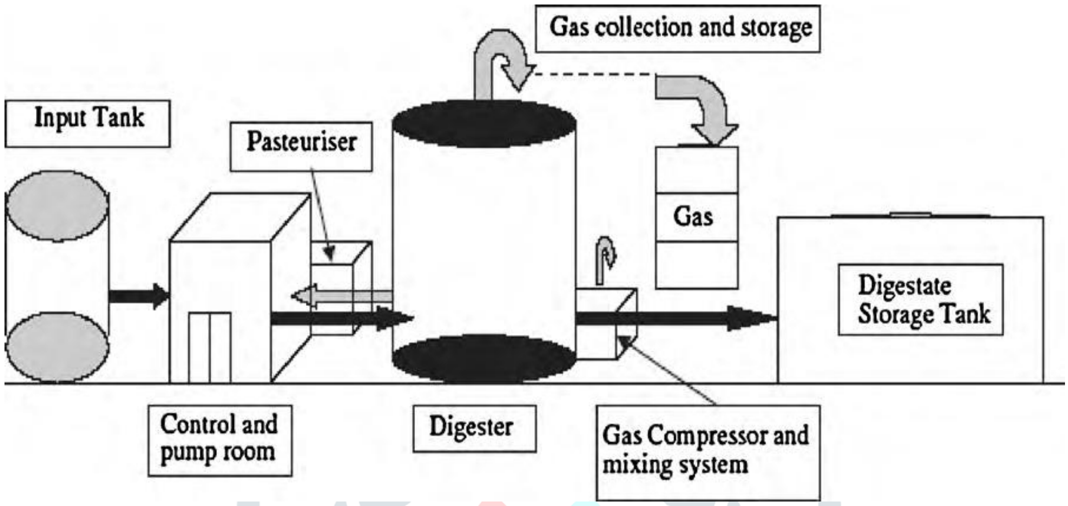

Figure 3: Shows the Anaerobic digester's a schematic layout and its complete components.

Table 1: Shows the list of the feedstock biomass which is responsible for the production of H_2.

Biomass Feedstock	Conversion Technology
Almond Shell	Steam gasification
Pine Sawdust	Steam reforming
Crumb rubber	Supercritical conversion
Rice straw/Danish wheat waste	Pyrolysis
Microalgae	Gasification
Tea waste	Pyrolysis
Peanut shell	Pyrolysis
Maple sawdust slurry	Supercritical conversion
Starch biomass slurry	Supercritical conversion
Composed municipal refuse	Stem gasification
Kratt lignin	Supercritical conversion
Paper & Pulp waste	Microbial conversion

1.6 Waste generation in India

Lifestyle changes and the increase in PPP for urban Indian people have shoot up from earlier 0.429 kg/day to 0.49 kg/day (as per a survey conducted in 2001 and 2011 respectively) the rate of waste production in India. Since 2001, waste produced in Indian cities has grown by 50 percent over a decade. There are around 53 cities having population more than 10 lakhs, representing 86 000 TPD of waste generated. It is predictable that in India there is a total of 68.8 MTY or 188,500 TPD produced in municipal solid waste [3]. Not only did this increase in waste generated burden the national resources, it also threatened the health and safety of the nation and its environment.

1.7 Types of WM practices

Practices of WM in India are till date in its infancy. The practices for WM cannot cope with the rate at which the waste is produced. Many have been attracted to this and therefore many innovations have been observed in the area of WM. MSW being blend of the components as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Shows the MSW mix with the component and type of waste generated

Component	Material
Compostable	Food waste, landscape, tree trimmings etc.
Recyclables	Papers, plastics, glasses, metals etc.
Inert	Stones and slit, inorganic material etc.
Toxic substances	Paints, pesticides, used batteries, medicines etc.

The various forms of waste processes may be used depending on feedstock type, the required form of energy, economic factors as well as the environmental standards. The processes that are commonly used for waste conversion include heat transformations (gasification, bio-methanation, refractory fuel, anaerobic digestion, incinerations, and pyrolysis, composting, vermi-composting) (trans esterification and the transformation of plants and vegetable oils in biodiesel). Everyone has its own advantages and constraints. The most famous and the next section are explained in this section.

1.8 Conversions on the basis of heating process (thermally)

Thermal waste conversion comprises combustion, gasification and pyrolysis methodologies. They lead to the production of different by-products which are subject to different treatment techniques for energy and resource recovery.

1.8.1. Incineration

Due to Incineration's capacity to minimize waste mass by 70% as well as the volume by 90%, this is one of India's most popular waste processing methods. It thus helps to generate electricity by recovering energy from waste. The process occurs through three phases: incineration, power generation as well as pollution monitoring [30]. In process contaminants that can contribute to air pollution and health dangers are found in air pollutants such as NOx, SOx, Cox. The cremators are indeed mainly configured with accessories for controlling pollution. This process takes place in the 750-1000 1C range and as such can be combined with method of producing high - pressure steam. A sterile ash residue is produced by this method.

1.8.2. Pyrolysis

Pyrolysis is an oxygen-free method of processing thermal waste. There are three methods of pyrolysis, relying on their operating parameters: traditional pyrolysis, fast pyrolysis, as well as flash pyrolysis. Pyrolysis gas is the outcome of the treatment of the MSW, whose composition is given in Table 3 [30].

Table 3: Illustrates the different constituents of the Pyrolysis gas obtained from the MSW.

Constituent	Amount (Vol %)
CO	35.5
Co_2	16.4
CH_4	11.0
H_2	37.1
Calorific value (Kcal/Nm^3)	3430

1.8.3. Gasification

In order to initially produce gas and carbon, the gasification process is a partial bio combustion. Then CO2 and H2 are reduced in particular by carbon-to-carbon dioxide and H2. Methan and other high hydrocarbons (HCs) are also produced [17], the configuration and operating parameters depend on the reactor. Where a gasifier is present the feedstock is converted into gas by various heterogeneous reactions [18-20]. This gas includes H2O, traces of larger HCs, CH_4, CO, CO2, inert gases and different contaminants, including small char particulate matter, tar. Alternative power source is needed if the biomass gasification is not using the oxidising agent. This method is called indirect gasification by an external agent [22, 23]. Because of the easy processing and its capacity to raise hydrogen levels in the fuel gas, steam is the indirect gasification most commonly used [22]. There are three main elements of the gasification system: (1) cleaning of the unsafe parts of fuel gas; and (2) Energy recuperation framework; (3) gasifier producing the fuel gas [24].

1.9 Biochemical conversion

The biochemical waste transformation into energy is much more environmental-friendly than previous strategies mentioned. Biochemical conversion mainly involves the transformation of waste into energy by microorganisms' enzymes. Anaerobic digestion and composting are the techniques falling within this category. Organic waste is fed in anaerobic digestion as a feedstock in the process, which is used in the absence of oxygen by the microorganisms [25-29]. This reduces the amount of waste that can be used for combined thermal energy or as a transport fuel and produces biogas. Inorganic waste is incinerated and gasified, as well as inert waste. The average temp can rise to 65.1 ^{o}C mostly during cycle but decrease over just few months. It was estimated that in 3 weeks 1 ton of the MSW produces methane approx. two - four times the volume of waste produced in waste dumps in 6-7 years by means of controlled AD.

UNEP explains composting in a State sufficiency for secure handling as well as processing as well as generated successfully for secure agricultural applications as the biology break down of the compostable solid waste in an aerobiological scenario [2]. The energy generated during oxidation seems to be the result of enhanced temperature incineration. As a result of this energy loss, the aerobic composting of waste management hierarchies falls below the anaerobic composting. Composting mixed waste results in poor compost quality, which is not very useful and could lead to the introduction into the human food chain of heavy metals [31].

1.10 Landfilling

Sometimes hygienically accessible from sites are over 90% of the MSW generated by India. MSWM is the most unorganized, even then being the widely accepted, waste disposal technique. Without any kind of sanitation initiatives, the meaning of the waste management mechanism has shifted in India into just dumping waste. It not only pollutes the climate but seriously endangers public health in the region. In certain coastal regions, such unwelcome disposal contributes to the dumping into the sea of heavy metals. For instance, the growing population in Delhi the area of the land available in connection with such practices [32]. The city's borders are widening and in many places these sites have become part of the city. Proper preventive leakage measures such as compaction, waste leveling and soil coverage are not observed. These sites are also without an appropriate system for the collection & monitoring and collection of leachates and gas deposits. Since there is no source of separation, the waste collected from such sites is generally not separated. In common with other waste, toxic substances are.

It seems obvious that in the near future waste disposal will continue as the main MSWM technology, since all other techniques produce some residues, which have to be disposed of, and thus the principles of sanitation must be respected.

1.11 Energy Recovery Potential from the Industrial as well as the Urban waste

With the continuous increase in the population, MSWM generates its waste is a major challenge facing all developing countries. The waste generated has become unsustainable with growing development. It is also important for public information to be spread through the masses about optimal health policies for waste management or disposal. India is the second most populated 1,2 billion-person nation in the world and creates huge waste each day [2]. Such kind of waste has enormous energy generation potential. There is a potential of some 1460MW of electricity from MSW [42], according to MNRE estimates.

2. DISCUSSION

But the use of waste substrates as an immediate source of electricity has a host of pitfalls. The most pressing challenge is that emerging anaerobic digestion methods are insufficiently efficient at cost-competitive for recovering useful energy in relation to fossil fuel technology. For renewable waste to be a bioenergy option, major changes in energy reclamation production or additional value-added advantages such as disposal of waste or GHG reduction should be implemented to make these processes more cost-effective. A further critical aspect is the spread or dispersal with energy substrates of green waste. Huge sources of waste substrata are often far from potential locations for generating electricity. The collection, transfer as well as recycling of renewable waste poses important challenges for their use in energy generation. There are direct relative costs to gather and transfer the feedstock to the energy production facility. In potential waste-to-energy routes would certainly be appealing, as fossil fuels diminish and become even more expensive. Better preprocessing as well as recovery techniques may increase the output of fermentation systems, contributing to their overall viability. Besides that, the assessment of collateral avoidance of environmental concerns linked to green waste, such as municipal waste sites including the use of MSW, will influence the viability of WTE methods in the long term. In view of all this, what is now the most realistic energy generation opportunity for green waste substrates in the world? Although further study is clearly necessary to increase the productivity of the energy generation anaerobic fermentation process, certain waste residues are likely to produce considerable power using existing technologies. Industrial waste containing organic matter is recycled and can thereby generate useful energy on a long-term basis for many populations. Agricultural livestock feedstock near urban and rural centers is also able to co-digest manure in the domestic industry with organic municipal solid waste (OMSW), contributing in electricity available as well as value-added fertilization, thus reducing environmental problems.

WTER technologies were also constrained by the amount of energy needed for substrate pre-treatment, biogas and hydrogen purification, manpower, reactor maintenance, and other factors. Whereas low yields as well as output rates of oil may be resolved by more productive species or mixed crops, more efficient manufacturing strategies may be developed and the environmental conditions optimized. The significant capacity for biogas and hydrogen energy generation has been achieved here by using microbial developments for established and, in any event, unused renewable waste materials, supports the field, recalling more groundbreaking work to advance progress and generating market drivers in favor of the modern enhancement of this opportunity. From now on, WTER engineering restrictions can be addressed as a crucial, financially reasonable portion of an inexhaustible, dependent economy by science & design progress.

3. CONCLUSION

The waste-to-energy process has been attempted in a number of Indian cities, but has largely failed. The shortcomings are primarily due to a lack of financial and logistical preparation, as well as a lack of a sound policy mechanism for waste to energy conversion. Over the decades, a series of initial setbacks have turned people and investors against the operation. However, as technology and education progress, people's views are evolving. As well as waste-to-energy projects are becoming more viable as have fuel and electricity costs. This has resulted in many investments throughout the country on the basis of pilot but also large-scale plants. Micro organization plans are also required, which may include details on routes, schedule, appliances and personnel allocation for the collection, transport, care and disposal of high-level priorities according to the present study.

Door-to-door collection of the waste as well as household segregation, could lead the Indian MSWM scheme to a whole new existence. Separation of wastes at the source. Through the participation of civil society in the MSWM through the development of capacity as well as public awareness campaigns. The principal objective of this initiative ought to be to increase general awareness of the dangers of inadequate MSWM and the advantages of proper, hygienic MSWM.

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