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Through this initiative NSEFI in partnership with HAI will drive the industry response to promote indigenous manufacturing, advocating policy measures and supporting Pilot projects while facilitating Industry Academia Collaboration.

The roundtable witnessed two panel discussions with stellar panelists encompassing entire Green Hydrogen Value Chain.

The first session chaired by Dr. V K Saraswat , Member Niti Ayog and Co-Chaired by Dr. Anil Kakodkar deliberated on future of Green Hydrogen in India and the measures required to make it viable. Dr. Ajay Mathur, DG, ISA, Shri Tarun Kapoor, Former Petroleum Secretary, Shri S M Vaidya Chairman IOCL, Mr Erik Solheim, Chair of the green hydrogen development plan, Green Hydrogen Organisation, Shri B C Tripathi, former Chairman, GAIL, Mr. Rajat Seksaria, CEO, ACME, Mr. Pashu Gopalan, Co-Chairman and CEO, Sunedison shared their views in this session. Dr. R K Malhotra , President, HAI, Former DG, Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry(FIPI) and Former Director , R&D and Chairman, IOCL moderated this session.

The Second session saw panelists discuss about Industry Academia collaboration. Prof. Ardeshir Contractor, Chair of NSEFI Innovation Initiative for Sustainable Energy and Professor of Practice at Ohio State University moderated this session where Dr. Ashvini Kumar, Technical advisor, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, Mr. D.M.R. Panda, General Manager, NTPC, Mr. Kapil Maheshwari, President, Reliance Industries Limited and Dr. Narendra S Shiradkar, Assistant Professor, IIT-Bombay shared their insights.

NSEFI also signed an agreement of Cooperation with Green Hydrogen Organization based out of Switzerland for international collaboration on Green Hydrogen. Speaking on this occasion NSEFI Chairman Pranav R Mehta said ““Green Hydrogen has a great potential for India, indeed a game changer and its applications should be inclusive and judiciously planned ”