



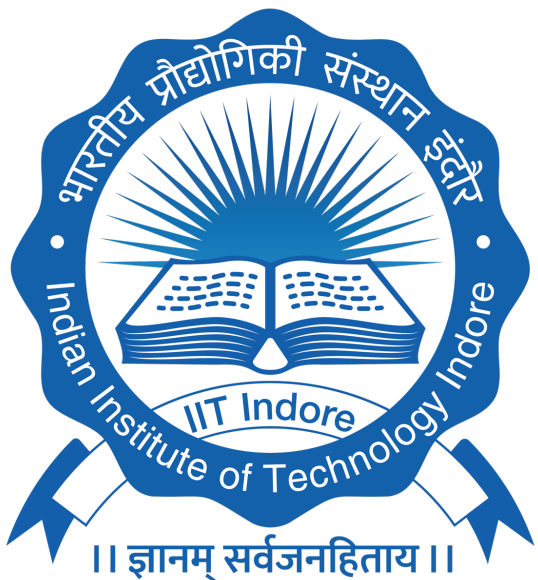
Engineering Bharat's Bio-vision

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WELL DONE & Heartiest CONGRATULATIONS!!!

TO EACH ONE OF YOU

Indore's Famous 'Bhel puri'



@YouTube

**A Great Mix
Can Have
An Amazing Outcome!**

"Mixing engineering and biology" will help to develop new technologies and solutions for the future

The Engineering Of Living Organisms Could Soon Start Changing Everything

**Medicine on Demand-
Reimagining Drug
Development** Through
Oligo Innovation

Ethics Elixirs and
Enterprises: **The Triad of
Longevity's Future**

**Expand Your Design
Space** Ask Bigger
Questions with **Complex
DNA Synthesis Service**

Partnering Intelligent
Algorithms and **Enzymatic
DNA Assembly** to
Accelerate the Future of
Synthetic Biology

Unlocking Possibility:
**Leveraging AI to
Accelerate Novel Protein
Solutions** that Scale

Heads Up Scale Up The
Hidden Costs of
Outsourcing Bioprocess
Development

**Scaling Highly
Engineered Strains** to
Produce Complex
Pharmaceuticals

**Direct Air capture
Enzymatically**
Accelerated Rock
Weathering

**E-Skin That Heals In
Seconds: The Future of
Health Monitoring**

Rapid Protein Production
Achieved Through
Biologically Engineered
Reaction Crucibles

Genetically Modified Fish
Could Erase Mercury
Pollution

Eyes Wide Open: How
Stem cell Shots Could
Reboot Ocular Health

**The Microbe That Speaks
a New Genetic Language**

Engineering Tomorrow:
Push into the **Frontier of
Synthetic Biology**

Engineering Roots for
Climate-Resilient Crops

The **Brain-Machine
Interface** Just Got a Major
Upgrade

The Power Of Synthetic Biology In Shaping A Sustainable Future

Health Bio

Cutting-edge advancements in cellular reprogramming, gene therapies, and neurotech reshaping health innovations through **AI-driven discovery and engineered cell therapies**

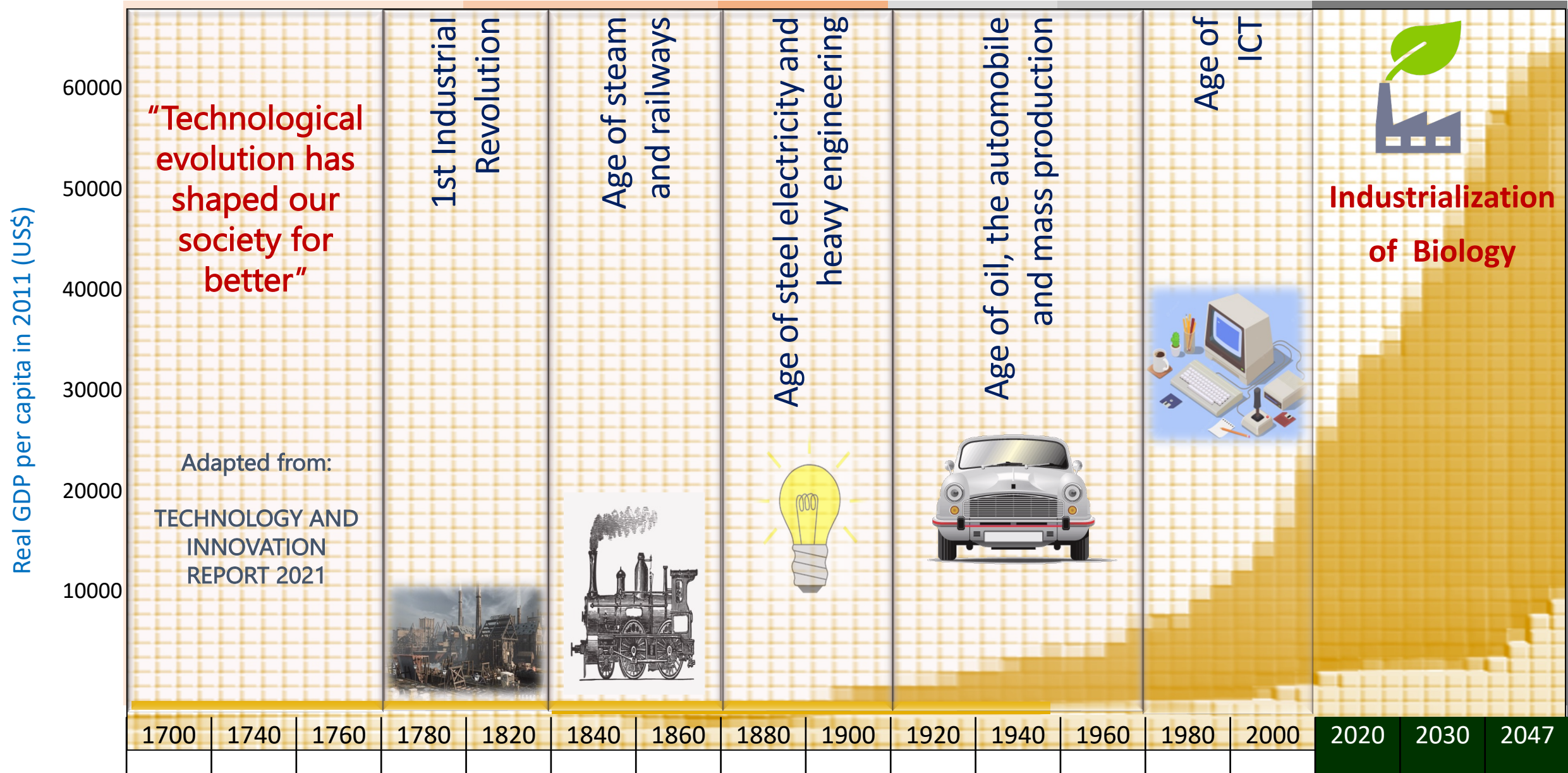
Hyperscale Bio

Fusion of AI, biology, and engineering, driving breakthroughs in automated science, foundational models, and computational drug discovery; transforming protein and antibody engineering

Earth Bio

Uncovering biology's role in addressing climate challenges with innovations in green chemistry, cultivated foods, and renewable fuels; **engineering sustainable solutions at planetary scales**

Industrial revolutions are rare, but when they come, they change everything



BIO-REVOLUTION IS COMING!

PERSPECTIVE:



A Timeless Message

A scene from a 1943 US TV show

Focus on *Twin Tech Transitions*
for Sustainable Development

DRIVE
INNOVATIONS



- **DIGITAL TECH**
- **GREEN TECH**

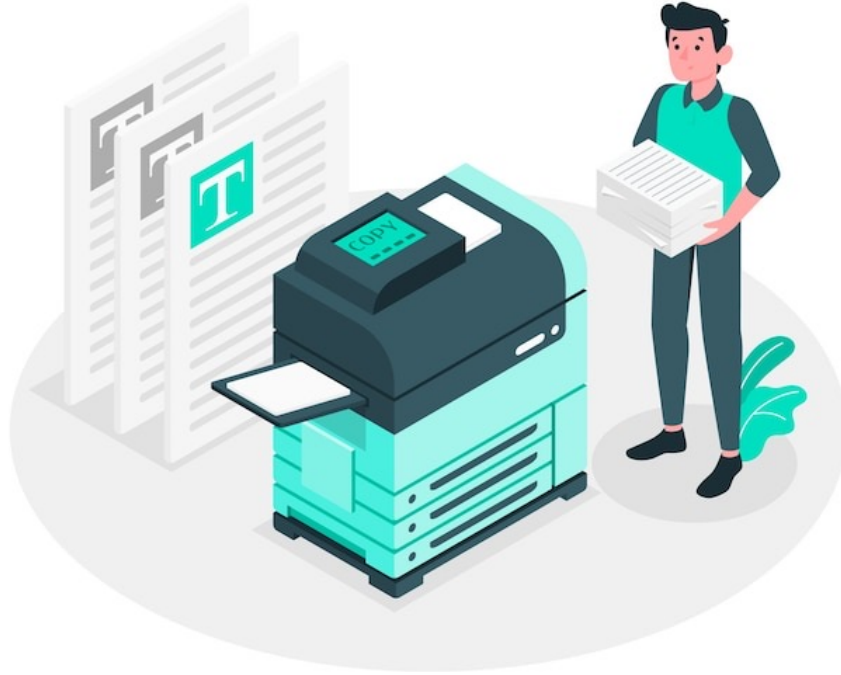


CREATE NEW
OPPORTUNITIES

Strategically **Integrate Finance**
with Technology Development

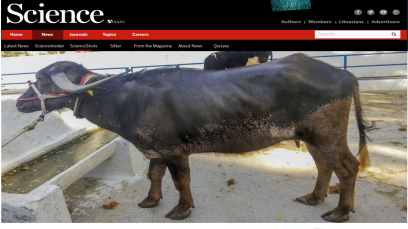
Bharat Needs Its Own Growth Model

Not going by the 'Silicon Valley Playbook' OR 'MassBio recipe'



Let's start solving for Bharat, instead of
cutting and pasting our models and
assumptions **from the rest of the world to**
apply to India

We need to start **asking questions** that are more **in line with our own**
demographic, economic, and geographical **realities**



Let's break Stereotypes!



भैंस की व्यथा

बच्चा जब थोड़ा बड़ा होता

है , दूध *मेरा* पीता है,

वो भी बोर्नविटा डाल डाल कर ।

और

निबन्ध लिखने के लिये *गाय**हाथी* या

कुत्ते क्यों ?

अगर बच्चा लिख नहीं पाता

तो बोलते हैं

*काला अक्षर भैंस बराबर

तो क्या दूसरे जानवर

पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट हैं ??

भैंस की जबान से



यदि काड़े गलती कर तो लोग

कहते हैं कि *गई भैंस पानी में*

बाकी के जानवर क्या

कोका कोला में जाते हैं ?

कोई न सुने तो कहते हैं

भैंस के आगे बीन बजाना

बाकी के आगे क्या

लता मंगेशकर का गाना

बजाते हैं ?

क्या बिगाड़ा है हमने

Global Challenges Require Concerted Sustainable Interventions

- Climate Change
- Unsustainable Material Consumption
- Waste Generation

END-OF-LIFE CYCLE Assessment

What a Mess!



The Sari Mess.

As Char Dham pilgrims discard garments in rivers,
~7 quintal fished out in >2 months

A Pressing Problem

- Pilgrims have been **discarding clothes** on the banks of the *Bhagirathi and Yamuna*
- **4 quintal** clothes from **Bhagirathi**
- Government *appeals make no difference*
- **Not any ritual** but laziness
- Pilgrims **leave** behind **heavy wet clothes** that were used to take a dip in the river

capacity
building

1986

cutting edge research

innovation

2014

entrepreneurship

2024

bioeconomy



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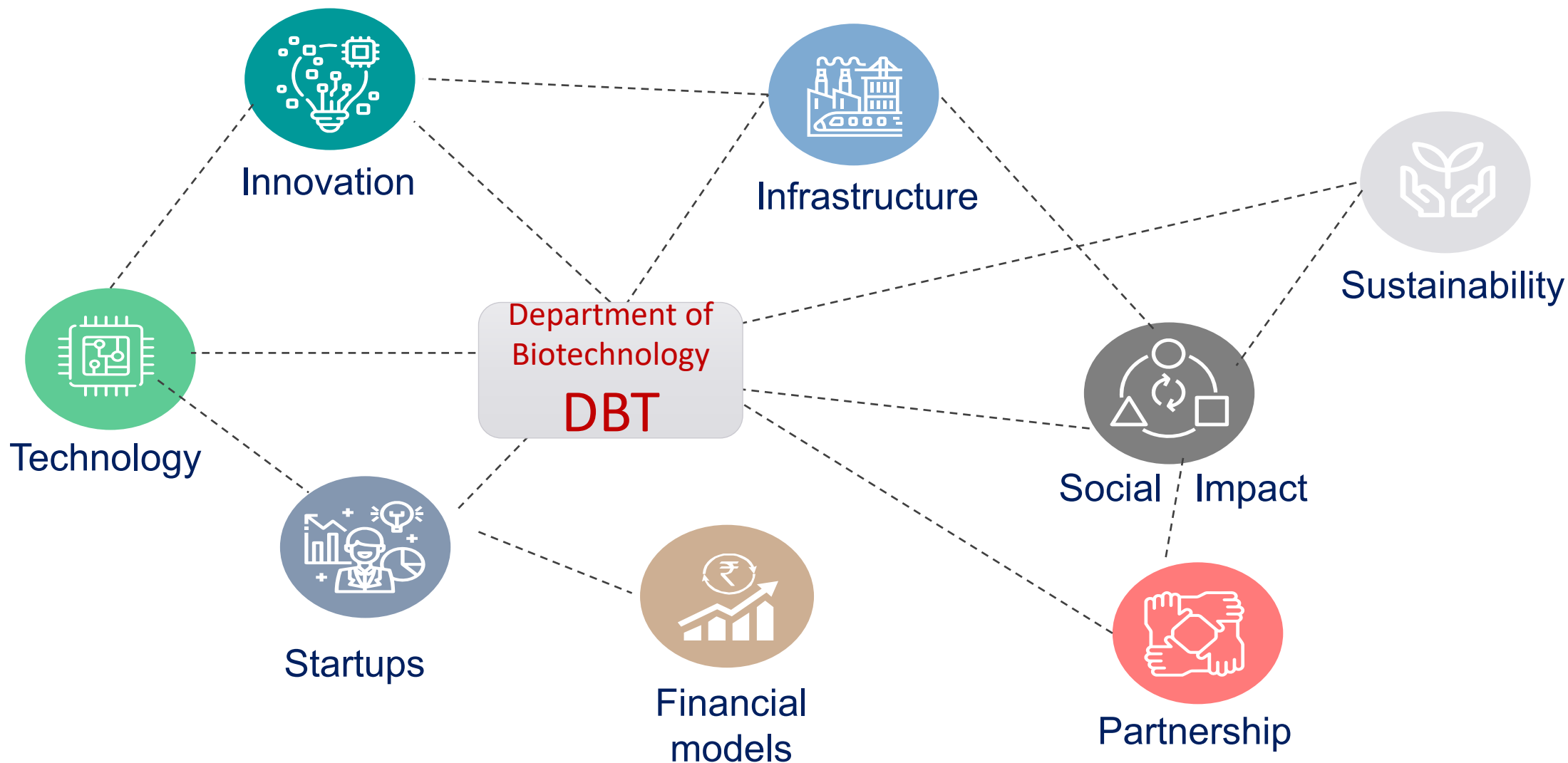
The Department of Biotechnology

*Promoting excellence and innovation –
driven discovery research and
entrepreneurship in biotechnology and
modern biology*

Delivering a Better Tomorrow

Collective Intelligence & Networking

Not just a
funding agency





**The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
Approved BioE3 Policy on August 24, 2024**

- A framework that give directions for future Scientific, Industrial & Societal advancements
- A commitment to foster and advance future that is more Sustainable, Innovative, and Responsive to global challenges
- Bharat to be amongst the global leaders in the next industrial revolution
- Potential to create new jobs and intensify entrepreneurial momentum

The Strategic Roadmap

1.
**Bio-based Chemicals
& Enzymes**
Catalyzing Greener Reactions

2.
**Functional Foods &
Smart Proteins**
Taste without Cruelty

3.
**Precision
Biotherapeutics**
Remedies that understand YOU

4.
**Climate Resilient
Agriculture**
Krishi that makes earth happy

5.
**Carbon Capture &
Utilization**
Recover to Prosper

6.
**Futuristic Marine &
Space Research**
Diving into Infinity

Catalyzing Accelerating Transformation with Bio-Enablers (मूलांकुर)



**Public Private
Partnerships**

**Bio Artificial
Intelligence Hubs**

**Biomanufacturing
Hubs**

**Skilling and human
resources**

**Regulatory enablement
& inter-ministerial
coordination**



**International
Collaboration**

BIOLOGY WILL BUILD THE NEXT TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION!!

Just the way IT Industry revolutionized life in 1990s!

Everything will be impacted by new biology

Food  Water  Energy 
Environment  Plants  Animals  Humans 

The rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and other exponential technologies are reshaping the world faster than ever before!!

Biomanufacturing will empower us to reimagine the future

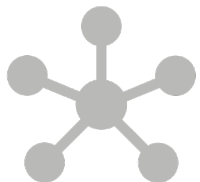
Synthetic Bioengineering



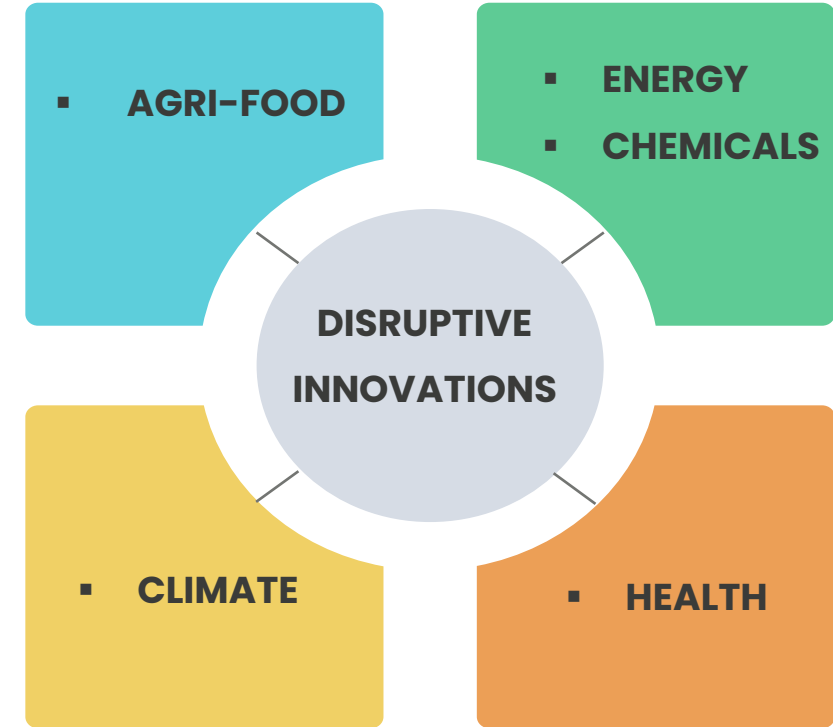
Leveraging Living Systems by genome engineering for efficient production of target compounds/ chemicals/ materials/Proteins



Precision BIOmentation

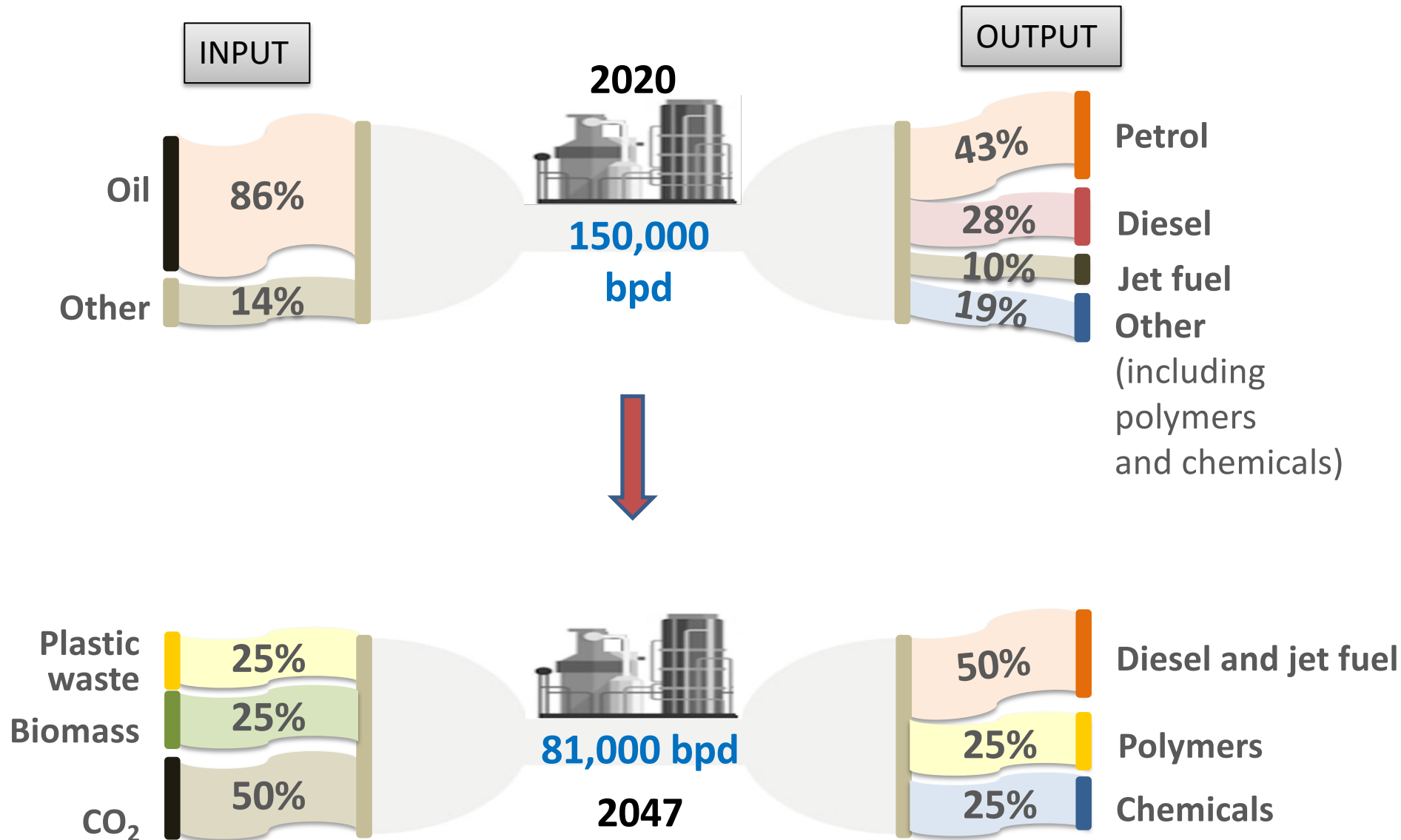


Using customized productive organisms and intelligent bioprocesses



**Tech Solutions for Future Security
(in the non-strategic sector)**

Plotting a Transition Towards Fossil-free Oil Refinery of 2047



(Nature 2024, Vol 629, 295)

Paradoxical Carbon Economy Cycle

- India imports ~350 million tons of carbon in the form of fossil energy.
- This results in 2.6 GT CO₂ emission from this.
- ~450 million tons of carbonaceous resources **is wasted** (Agro/MSW)

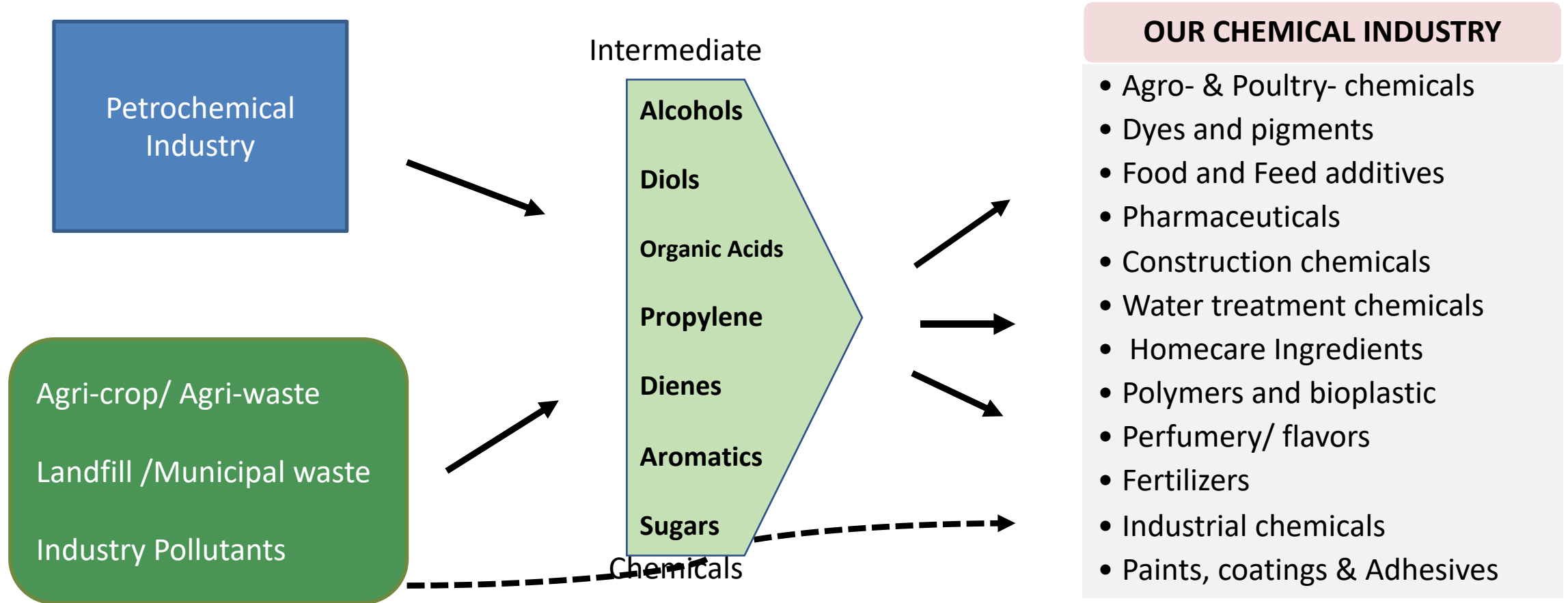
Numaligarh 2G ethanol Plant – Enzyme requirement

- Numaligarh plant has capacity to process 3,00,000 ton bamboo per year
- Numaligarh plant uses formicobio™ technology to process biomass
- The plant can produce 60,000 kilo liter ethanol per year along with 19,000 tons of furfural, 11,000 tons of acetic acid, and 144 gigawatt hours of green energy
- Average biomass composition for bamboo plant – Cellulose (45%), hemicellulose (25%), lignin (25%)
- Pretreated bamboo biomass produced per year – 1,27,750 ton
- Enzyme requirement per year (@9% pretreated biomass) – 11,500 ton
- Cellulase Enzyme cost per year (@Rs 350 per kg) – Rs. 419 crore



Our Chemical Life – About 60,000–70,000 molecules

Speciality Chemical Industry Market US\$60 Billion by 2026 (KPMG report)



TRANSITION from Nonrenewable petrochemical feedstock to biomass-derived feedstock – CIRCULAR ECONOMY

BIOPOLYMER



Manufacturers identifying sustainable chemistry practices in India.

Castor Oil

Castor is grown over an area of about 1M ha in India with a production of around **1.7-2M tonnes**.

India accounts for 65% of worldwide castor oil production and over **87% of global exports**.

India exports castor oil to over 134 countries, with **exports in 2020/21 valued at US\$622.64M**.

China is the largest market for Indian castor oil, importing US\$279.14M worth of product in 2020/21. This was followed by the **Netherlands** (US\$71.34M), **France** (US\$57.6M), USA (US\$55.87M) and **South Korea** (US\$23.37M)

India **has to import castor oil-formulated products** and derivatives at a much higher price than the oil due to a lack of manufacturing facilities for value-added products.

Reimagining Milk, Dairy, MEAT, EGGS

Scarcity of land & water, antibiotic resistance in cattle, cost of feed and GHG impact

THE CATTLE COUNT

- As per 20th Livestock Census in the country
- 303.76 million bovines (cattle, buffalo, mithun and yak)
- 74.26 million sheep
- 148.88 million goats
- 9.06 million pigs
- 851.81 million poultry

THE MILK DATA

- Milk Data for Year: 2022-23 (25% total world)
- Milk Production: 230.6 Million tonnes
- Human Population: 1376 Million
- Per Capita Availability: 459 Gram /day



PRECISION FERMENTATION OF FOOD, DRINK, MEAT, PROTEIN IS THE NEW EXCITING & CRITICAL SOLUTION

Building Next-Gen Biologics: Disrupting Therapeutics with Innovation

The next wave of biologics is set to revolutionize medicine by integrating **synthetic biology, AI-driven design, and precision delivery systems.**



AI-Driven Biologics Discovery & Optimization

Engineered Antibodies & Alternative Scaffolds

mRNA and Gene-Editing Therapeutics

Cell-Based Biologics

Microbial & Synthetic Biology-Based Therapeutics

Smart Drug Delivery Systems

Next-Gen Biologics for Emerging & Rare Diseases



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Bio-Agri



Bio-Industrial



Bio-Energy



Bio-Services



Bio-Medtech



Bio-AI



*From today's consumptive manufacturing paradigm
to the one based on regenerative principles*

– a parable from Your Sacred Self by Dr. Wayne Dyer

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one has ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down

Practise to Perceive Unseen Prospects



Thank you