

## India promoting advanced biotechnology for biofuel production

Biofuel made from microalgae can prove to be an alternative to conventional fossil fuels, said experts participating in the international conference, titled 'Microalgal and Cyanobacterial biotechnology (MACB) 2016' conducted by the National Facility for Marine Cyanobacteria (NFMC) in the city on [Aug. 30].

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[India] being a tropical country and a mega diversity hotspot for flora and fauna, [has] germ plasm [resources that play] a significant role in biotechnology.

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T Madan Mohan, advisor to Department of Biotechnology (DBT), said that researchers around the world are also aiming at such projects focusing on algae and cyanobacteria. He emphasized that NFMC will continue to perform well as a cyanobacterial bioinformatics research centre.

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NFMC was established in 1991 at [Bharathidasan University] by the department of biotechnology, Union government, with a vision to create a repository or gene bank for these primordial organisms.

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