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Overall Report

on the

"one day workshop on Biodiesel production"









Topic: workshop on Biodiesel production

Theme: "Engineering a Sustainable Future with Biodiesel"

Objectives of the Event:

- 1. Understanding the concept of biodiesel, its properties, and its environmental and economic advantages over traditional fossil fuels.
- 2. Educate participants about the various feedstock's that can be used to produce biodiesel
- 3. Provide a comprehensive overview of the biodiesel production process
- 4. Explore the economic aspects of biodiesel production
- 5. Highlight the environmental benefits of biodiesel
- 6. Explore opportunities for biodiesel production and consumption

Speakers: Dr. Suresh R, Professor, Mechanical engineering Deartment, Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumkur, Karnataka.

Brief report of the event:

The one-day workshop on biodiesel production for engineering students was conducted on 31/08/2023 at SJM Institute of Technology, Chitradurga. The event aimed to provide participants with practical insights into the production of biodiesel, its significance in the renewable energy sector, and its potential contributions to sustainability. The event featured a knowledgeable resource person who shared their expertise and insights on biodiesel production. The workshop was organized by department of mechanical engineering with Bio energy Research, information and Demonstration center (BRIDC), and it saw enthusiastic participation from 76 students, faculty and staff.

The event commenced with an inaugural ceremony featuring distinguished guests from academia by watering the Simaruba plant. After the end of the welcome and Guest introduction session, the workshop coordinator, gave opening remarks about the importance of Bio diesel in the context of renewable energy.

Later, the session was taken over by the eminent resource person of the event Dr. Suresh R, to deliver his speech. The workshop was structured to cover various aspects of biodiesel production and its significance. The agenda included the following sessions;

Session 1: Introduction to Biodiesel and Feedstock selection

- Overview of biodiesel
- Basic chemistry and properties of biodiesel
- Discussion on the environmental benefits of biodiesel
- Detailed explanation of various feedstock options for biodiesel production (e.g., vegetable oil,
- ➤ animal fat, algae)
- > Factors influencing feedstock selection, such as regional availability and cost factors.
- Pros and cons of different feedstock choices
- > Ethanol is a renewable bio-fuel derived primarily from plant materials

Session 2: Biodiesel Production process

- > In-depth exploration of the production process used to produce biodiesel.
- > Demonstration of the chemical reactions involved in biodiesel production
- > Discussion of the equipment and chemicals required for the production process

Session 3: Laboratory demonstration

- > Demonstration of biodiesel production in a controlled laboratory setting.
- Safety precautions and best practices emphasized during the demonstration.

Key areas of the discussions held in this event are:

- > Exploration of the current trends in biodiesel research and development.
- Discussion on the potential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions through biodiesel use.

- Presentation of career opportunities in the field of renewable energy and biodiesel production.
- Analysis of the environmental impact of biodiesel compared to traditional fossil fuels.

In the end he also emphasizes the ethanol production as a critical component of the renewable energy landscape, and government cooperation plays a pivotal role in its growth and regulation. Striking a balance between economic development, environmental sustainability, and food security is crucial as governments work to promote ethanol as a cleaner and more sustainable alternative to fossil fuels.

The workshop ended with a questions and answers session with the attendees to clarify doubts and Dr.Rajeesh A.M, ChiefCo-ordinator, BRIDC, concluded the program by delivering a vote of thanks. About 76 students and faculty registered and successfully attended the event.

Conclusion:

The one-day workshop on biodiesel production for engineering students was a resounding success. It provided an excellent platform for participants to learn about biodiesel, its production, and interact with industry experts. The event fostered a deeper understanding of renewable energy sources and their potential impact on sustainability. The organizers are committed to continuing such informative and hands-on workshops to empower engineering students with the skills and knowledge needed to address the global energy and environmental challenges of the future

Overall, the one-day workshop on biodiesel production for engineering students proved to be an enriching and educational experience, equipping students with valuable insights into the world of renewable energy and sustainable fuel production.

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Key outcome of the World Bio-Fuel day celebration:

- 1. Participants gained practical knowledge of the biodiesel production process
- 2. Increased awareness of the environmental benefits and economic viability of biodiesel
- 3. Exposure to potential career opportunities in the biodiesel industry
- 4. Participants gain insights into the economic aspects of biodiesel production, including cost analysis and an understanding of the potential for biodiesel projects to be financially viable.
- Understanding the relevant government policies, incentives, and regulations related to biodiesel production.

These outcomes empower participants with the knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm to contribute

to the sustainable and renewable energy sector while aligning with their academic and career goals

Media coverage:

