

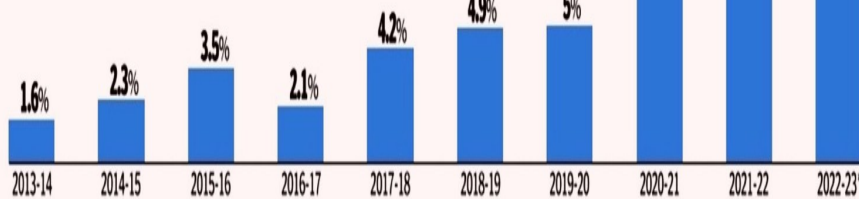
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Sugarcane Production, Price Woes Weigh On Ethanol Blending Targets

The ethanol blending programme (EBP) is progressing with year-to-date blending levels at **11.8%** (highest ever). While the government has reiterated its target of **20% EBP by 2025**, concerns over sugarcane and sugar production, and an increase in grain prices are likely to push the target by a couple years. Estimates say that sugar-based ethanol production capacity of 8.5bn litre, and grain-based capacity of 3.5bn litre is in place – sufficient to achieve **15% blending over 2 years**

Ethanol Blending Levels Over The Years

■ Average Ethanol Blending In Motor Spirits (%)



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