

India's autogas growth looks certain



Did you know?

- With an estimated **1.5 million autogas vehicles** in the country, India clocked an impressive **growth rate of 28% last year**.
- Autogas consumption touched **318,000 tonnes** in 2009 in India.
- Close to **900 stations** are operational across the country, spread over **400 cities**, making autogas the most widely available cleaner, alternate auto fuel.
- LP Gas has **a significantly lower local-air-quality footprint** than conventional auto fuels.
- Using LP Gas vehicles in urban areas can make **a significant improvement to air quality**.
- With a vehicle population in excess of close to 95 million, India still managed **to achieve a growth rate of 26.4%** with more than 12.2 million vehicles hitting Indian roads last year.



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It is critical for both the central and state governments, to shift to cleaner fuels like autogas and make it mandatory for all public transport.

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What are we doing?

- With India's vehicle population of more than 95 million vehicles, of which **72% are two wheelers and 13% being passenger cars**, this signifies a huge opportunity to the aftermarket convertors and the autogas fuel providers.
- Figures indicate that for all new vehicles **more than 70% are petrol driven**, which indicates a tremendous scope for autogas powered automobiles.
- By using state and city specific fiscal policy measures, several Indian cities are addressing the problem of vehicular pollution.
- The key focus of these measures is **clean fuels, disincentives for older vehicles** (Green taxes), and pollution control efforts.
- Subsidies for conversion to autogas are provided by many cities including Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Chennai.
- From a consumers perspective, autogas is an attractive choice in several cities, since it is **cheaper than petrol** (by approximately 40%), easily available (900 stations, covering 400 plus cities), has faster refueling time than other alternate fuels, with much lower cost conversions (approx US\$400 for a passenger car).

What is the result?

- Chennai and Pune have effectively introduced autogas with about 25 and 13 autogas filling stations respectively and with over 10,000 auto rickshaws already running on autogas in Pune.
- In Bangalore, the use of LP Gas was made mandatory for three wheelers, resulting in the presence of **75,000 autogas rickshaws** – one of the most successful autogas markets in the country.
- Out of 32,000 auto rickshaws plying on the streets of Kolkata and its suburbs, **4000 have converted to autogas.**
- India's autogas fleet reached an impressive growth rate of 28% last year.
- The collaboration between India's state and regional governments and the Indian LP Auto Coalition has led to the availability of autogas nationwide allowing the **reduction of CO₂ emission and healthier living conditions** for millions of people in the country.