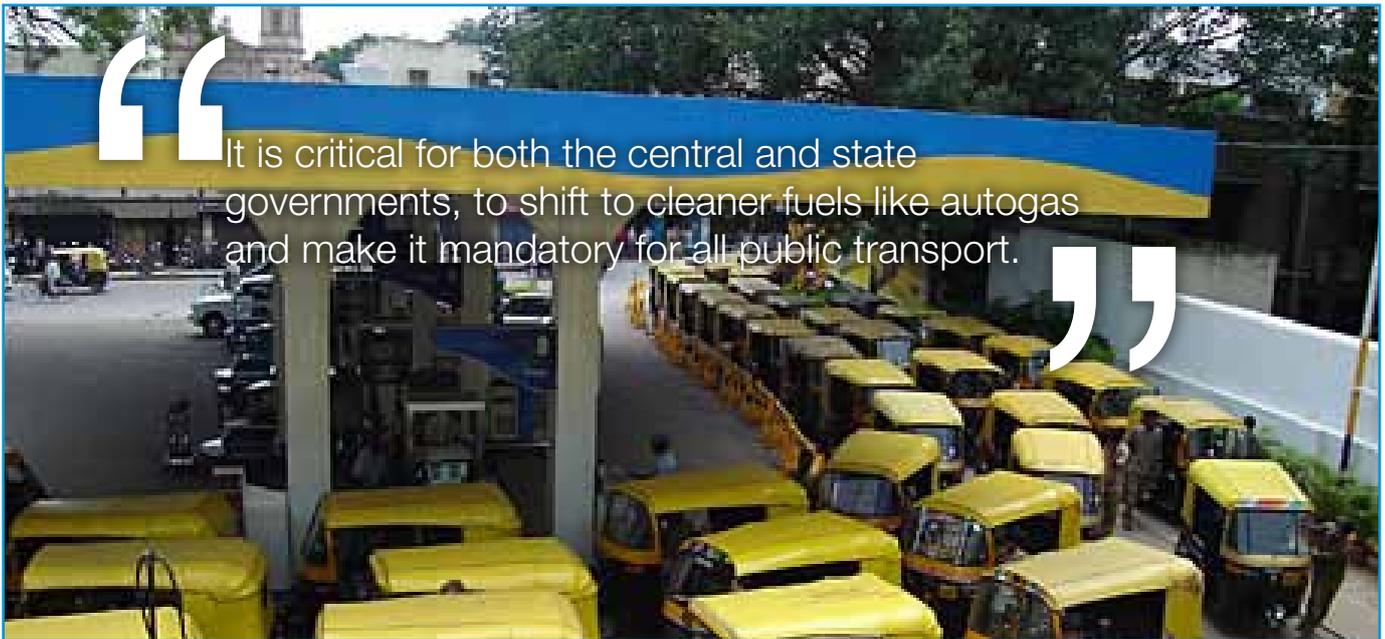


## India's autogas growth looks certain



### 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.



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.

## 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 CO<sub>2</sub> emission and healthier living conditions** for millions of people in the country.