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Flex-fuel vehicles: Automakers get 6-month deadline

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TO SUBSTITUTE INDIA'S petroleum imports, the government has advised automobile makers to start manufacturing flex-fuel vehicles and flex-fuel strong hybrid electric vehicles complying with BS-VI emission norms within six months, Union minister Nitin Gadkari said on Monday.

Gadkari further said this move will drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles on a well-to-wheel basis, helping India to comply with its commitment made at COP26 to reduce the total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonne by 2030.

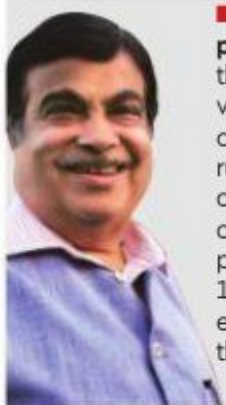
"In order to substitute India's import of petroleum as a fuel...we have now advised the automobile manufacturers in India to start manufacturing flex fuel vehicles (FFV) and flex fuel strong hybrid electric vehicles (FFV-SHEV) complying with BS-6 Norms in a time bound manner within a period of six months," the road transport and highways minister said in a series of tweets.

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ble of running on a combination of 100% petrol or 100% bio-ethanol and their blends, along with strong hybrid electric technology in case of FFV-SHEVs.

