



CNG takes the PV wheel in India's fuel shift

Compressed natural gas (CNG) is quietly transforming the country's automotive sector. After surpassing diesel cars for the first time in 2024-25 (FY25), CNG continues to gain ground in the passenger vehicle segment in 2025-26 as well. In June 2025, the share of gas in new passenger car sales stood at 21 per cent, up from 18.2 per cent in June 2024. According to an Equirus report, share of petrol cars dropped from 52 per cent to 48 per cent in a year, staying below the 50 per cent mark for the fifth straight month.

Here's a look at what's driving the CNG shift in the PV market:

The quiet fuel steering a market rethink

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Number of CNG stations in 2014

7,996

Number of stations as of May 2025

18,336

Committed CNG stations by 2034, according to city gas distribution companies

- **Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh:** States with the largest number of CNG outlets

CNG wins wallet wars despite costly start

Price-conscious buyers are giving CNG an edge despite higher upfront costs

₹76.09 per kilogram: Current price of CNG in Delhi

₹87.67 per litre: Diesel price in Delhi

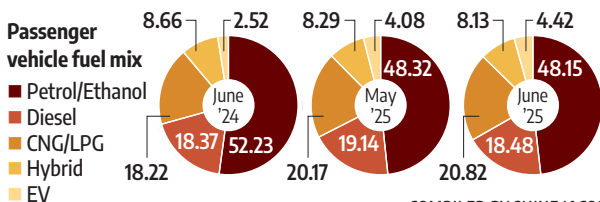
₹94.77 per litre: Petrol price in Delhi

₹75,000-1,00,000: Initial price difference between CNG and petrol variants of major models

A typical CNG car can run at about ₹2 per km, compared with ₹4-6 per km for diesel cars, according to Indian Oil-Adani Gas data.

- **CNG's share in the fuel mix has been steadily rising over recent months**

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