

# Gadkari launches world's 1st BS 6-compliant flex-fuel car

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Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday unveiled the prototype of the world's first Bharat Stage (BS)-VI-compliant electrified flex-fuel car, developed by Toyota Kirloskar Motor.

The car, which runs on 100 per cent ethanol (E100), is based on the Toyota Innova HyCross. It can cover 40 per cent of its distance on ethanol and the remaining 60 per cent on

electric, with the petrol engine shut off. Increased demand for ethanol for blending with petrol and diesel will transform India's agricultural economy, making farmers 'urja daata' (energy provider)," Gadkari said during the prototype launch.

While flex-fuel vehicles have been introduced internationally before, and Toyota launched a flex-fuel version of its Corolla last year, this is the first flex-fuel vehicle compliant with India's BS-VI emission standards, according to the company.