

'E-buses will replace diesel vehicles in 5 yrs'

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Bengaluru: The state government is contemplating replacing all diesel buses with electric ones in five years.

At the 8th edition of Busworld India 2018 that began at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre on Wednesday, deputy chief minister G Parameshwara said: "Every day, over 70 lakh vehicles ply in Bengaluru and our roads are not designed to take a huge traffic load. While we're expanding Metro service, we need more efficient environment-friendly buses. BMTTC has taken steps to induct electric buses. I recently had a discussion with the chief minister to come up with a policy to replace all diesel buses."

The opening day of the expo saw launch of new buses by Force Motors, GM Automotive, electric buses by Oelectra (formerly Goldstone) and display of five new public transport vehicles by Tata Motors. Over 115 exhibitors, including those from Germany, Belgium, Turkey, China, Belarus, Korea and Austria, are taking part. TNN