

Bangalore to get electric buses, says Dy CM at Busworld India

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increased by 100 per cent to 70 lakh in the past 20 years.

Electric Bus Efficiency

The efficient and frequent electric buses would not only reduce air pollution, but also make more people use them for commuting, the Minister added. The state-run Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc), which is one of largest public transport corporation in India, operates about 6,500 diesel buses across the city, commuting about 50 lakh passengers, which is 50 per cent of the city's more than 1-crore population.

"Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy discussed the BMTc plan with officials to replace all buses of the state-run public transport service with electric battery version to reduce depending on polluting fossil fuel and the operation cost," the Minister further revealed.

Organised by Busworld International, the three-day trade fair has showcased products, technology, services and solutions of about 120 bus and coach makers, component suppliers and technology providers.

"As the main issue in many countries and cities is congestion and pollution, the expo is the right platform to find solutions to the urban menace," said Busworld International President Didier Ramoudt while

Bangalore, the automotive technology capital of India and most sought after city by foreign investors, will slowly switch over to battery-driven electric buses while phasing out polluting diesel vehicles.

Step-by-Step transformation
The transformation from diesel

to electric-driven buses will take in the five years, revealed Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara while delivering inaugural speech at at the 8th edition of "Busworld India", an international trade fair for bus and coach industry that held in Bangalore from August 29-31., 2018.

Vehicle Pollution

"The move to use battery-driven electric buses is to curb vehicular pollution caused by diesel and reduce operating cost of the state-run public transport," Parameshwara said.

He said the number of private vehicles including two-wheeler, three-wheeler and four-wheeler

