## Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways

### 'Go Electric' is the way forward as Shri Gadkari launches the campaign

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Relevant to Mahindra Electric, M&M Auto

#### **Background**

- The Go Electric Campaign was launched with the objective of helping India in reducing its fossil fuel import dependence in upcoming years.
- This campaign was also launched as a step forward towards a greener and cleaner future. This campaign also aims to create awareness at the PAN-India level.
- It is expected that the campaign will boost the confidence of Electric Vehicle manufacturers.

#### Fight against Fossil Fuels

- The Electric fuel is an important alternative for fossil fuels. Because it will help in reducing the import bill of India raised with the import of fossil fuels.
- The import bill stands at Rs. 8 lakh crores.
- Further, the electric fuel reduces the emissions and has a low cost as compared to the fossil fuels.

## Why the campaign?

- This campaign was launched in order to spread awareness with respect to the benefits of Electric Vehicles Charging Infrastructure.
- The campaign would also raise awareness regarding e-mobility and electric cooking across India.
- Go Electric campaign is the future of India. It will help in promoting the environmental-friendly, cost-effective and indigenous electric products in the country.
- While launching the campaign, the power minister, R.K. Singh, also stated that this energy transition is the need of the hour so as to reduce the dependency on the

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imported fossil fuels. The minister also urged the people to adopt the electric appliances.

# **For Further Reading**

- 1. <a href="https://www.gktoday.in/current-affairs/road-transport-ministrys-go-electric-campaign/">https://www.gktoday.in/current-affairs/road-transport-ministrys-go-electric-campaign/</a>
- 2. <a href="https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1699386">https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1699386</a>

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