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PERMISSION FOR VEHICLES RUNNING ON 100% ETHANOL

- The Central Government has amended the Central Motor Vehicle Rules to permit vehicles operating on petrol blended with 85% ethanol to 100% ethanol (pure ethanol).
- The Central Government has been promoting the use of ethanol-blended petrol to reduce the country's dependence on imported crude oil used for petrol and diesel.
- The proportion of ethanol blended with petrol has been gradually increased. At present, 20% ethanol-blended petrol (E20) is widely supplied across the country.
- In this context, the Central Government has decided to permit vehicles running on the following alternative fuels: E85 Petrol: Petrol blended with 85% ethanol and 15% petrol, E100 Ethanol: Vehicles running on 100% ethanol (Flex-Fuel Vehicles), B100 Biodiesel: Vehicles operating on 100% biodiesel, Hydrogen-CNG Blend: Vehicles operating on a mixture of hydrogen and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). Key Objective: To promote alternative fuels, reduce dependence on imported crude oil, and encourage cleaner transportation in India.