

Indian Auto LPG Coalition fighting pollution

The Indian Auto LPG Coalition (IAC), was incorporated as a trust, in 2005 by major stakeholders of the Indian ALPG industry. The coalition was actively supported by United States Asia Environment Partnership (USAEP) under the global "Clean Cities Programme". Stake-holders of this coalition include major oil companies have ALPG outlets, station equipment and kit manufacturers/importers, vehicle-certifying agencies (ARAI/VRDE), automobile manufacturers / SIAM, Government Transport Departments, and international and environment agencies.

The mission of Indian IAC, in line with the thrust given to curb pollution in the cities by the country's apex court and high courts, is to promote the use of ALPG, as it is intrinsically a clean, un-adulterable and economic fuel. IAC's focus, therefore, is to ensure the development of an effective auto-LPG programme for safe installations, informed usage and economical practices to ensure maximum benefits for both the ALPG vehicle-users at large and the stakeholders.

IAC, therefore, keeps itself abreast of the latest global standards and codes, and conducts training programmes for retrofitters / kit installers, and transport authorities. Safety awareness campaigns for consumers are also conducted.

To facilitate the achievement of the mission objective, IAC has developed a comprehensive and professionally-managed website, www.iac.org.in. The website contains details of Auto LPG station network across the country, information on quality conversion options, recommended safety measures and new technologies.

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The president of the coalition is Reliance. Mr John Joseph, who works for Re-



Seminar organised by IAC for RTOs in Maharashtra on inspection and safety of Auto LPG, recently on 12th Sep. '06. Seen in the picture are, Mr. John Joseph, President, IAC, and Vice President, Reliance Industries Ltd., (fifth from right in front row) and Mr. S.D. Shinde, Commissioner of Transport, Govt. of Maharashtra, (sixth from right front row) alongwith other senior officers of the Maharashtra Transport Dept, ARAI, Oil Companies, OEMs and Retrofitters.

liance Industries, is heading the ALPG division. The vice-president of IAC is Mr. Sunil Mathur, who heads the ALPG division of Indian Oil Corporation.

Some activities the coalition initiated in 2006-07 are:

- a. Conducted a programme along with ARAI, for the alpg kit importers/manufacturers, to ensure better compliance with standards of safety of installations and ensure professionalism by way of maintenance and after-sales service programmes.
- b. Initiated a programme for the development of an LPG bus engine for demonstration to State governments, which do not have access to the CNG network.
- c. Pursuing with OEMs to roll-out ALPG-fitted cars and address warranty extension in retro-fitted vehicles.
- d. Conducting free-checking of ALPG vehicles as an on-going campaign. ♦

