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Methane as auto fuel

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Calcutta, Oct. 30: The country's first compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel station for automobiles using coal bed methane (CBM) will come up in the Asansol region.

Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd (GEECL), which has developed CBM gas on a commercial basis in India, today signed an agreement for supply and retailing of CNG through Indian Oil Corporation's petrol pumps in Asansol, Durgapur, Raniganj and other cities of Bengal.

Prashant Modi, president and chief operating officer of GEECL, said five stations have been identified for CNG. "The first outlet will be ready in a month. The rest will come up over the next six months," Modi added.

