Environmental Impact of Electric Vehicles
Battery

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Abstract:
Electric vehicles reduce pollution only if a high chance of the electricity blend comes from renewable sources and if the battery manufacturing takes place at a point far from the vehicle use region. Diligence developed due to increased electric vehicle relinquishment may also beget fresh air pollution. The Indian government has committed to working New Delhi’s air pollution issues through an ambitious policy of switching 100 of the light duty consumer vehicles to electric vehicles by 2030. This policy is grounded on vehicle grid commerce and relies on participated mobility through the electric vehicle line. There are several mortal behavioural changes necessary to achieve 100% relinquishment of electric vehicles. This paper reviews different ways in the lifecycle of an electric vehicle (EV), their impact on environmental emigrations, and recommends programs suitable for different socio-profitable group that are applicable to the Indian request. To reduce air pollution through relinquishment of electric vehicles, the Indian government needs to borrow programs that increase trade of electric vehicles, increase chance of renewable energy in the electricity blend, and help air pollution caused from battery manufacturing. The recommended programs can be customized for any request encyclopaedically for reducing air pollution through increased relinquishment of electric vehicles.

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Introduction-
Air Adulterants, including particulate matter (PM), sulphur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), carbon monoxide (CO), and ozone (O3) frequently exceed the National Ambient Air Quality norms (NAAQS) in Indian metropolises. The World Health Organization (WHO) has listed New Delhi amongst top 10 world metropolises with the worst PM10 pollution in its 2014 assessment. Vehicles, manufacturing and assiduity, construction conditioning, road dust, and solid biomass combustion are the most generally linked sources of air pollution. Vehicular emission from internal combustion machine vehicles is one of the major contributors of air adulterants. Vehicular emigration can be from running exhaust emissions, running loss evaporative emissions, or non-exhaust emissions. These emission types have been described in further detail latterly in the composition. The emission type determines the type of gaseous and particulate matter (PM) suspended into the atmosphere. The particulate matter and gassy dormancies in the atmosphere cause colourful health hazards. Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSAT) released during running exhaust emission can beget a wide range of health hazards including birth blights and negative goods on order, lungs and nervous system. PM10 emission from running exhaust emission and non-
exhaust emissions is a major cause of breathing and respiratory conditions, lung associated issues, cancer and unseasonable death.

Several of Indian government’s programs that concentrated on using a cleaner energy did reduce vehicular emissions during the 2000s. Electric vehicles is one similar technology that the Indian government is counting on to reduce Delhi’s vehicular emissions. The Government of India lately blazoned its intention to vend only electric vehicles by 2030. India’s minister of Power and Renewable energy believes that shifting from petrol and diesel to electric will reduce air pollution and will address climate change. Niti Aayog, the strategy arm of the Indian government, has prepared the roadmap for the same. They’ve linked three critical rudiments for causing a paradigm shift in the Indian mobility structure. Different occasion areas have been bandied that include mobility as a service, big data, vehicle- grid commerce, and domestic manufacturing. The proposed connected mobility strategy involves creating a line of electric vehicles that can transport people when demanded and can support the grid at other times. The strategy combines two of India’s biggest challenges — mobility and electricity vacuity- and aims to break both by achieving technological advancements, business model invention and by bringing a behavioural change in the way people commute. espousing electric vehicles also presents unique challenges similar as disposing used Li-ion batteries. Also, with increased demand for lithium, price of lithium will also go up which may make electric buses more precious. Battery product process for lithium batteries as well emits several air adulterants including sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and carbon dioxide. These emissions are largely caused as derivate of raw material processing, and energy needed during the manufacturing and assembly of the battery cells. Air quality impact of electric vehicles also depends a lot on the source of electricity.

India’s Roadmap to Sell Only Electric Vehicles by 2030-

Integrating transportation with electricity, developing the participated ecosystem platform, and spanning up the manufacturing are the crucial corridor of India’s roadmap to vend only electric vehicles by 2030. The plan has been divided into three phases.
1. In phase 1, the thing is to capture openings that are formerly profitable, while preparing for strategic options that will be feasible in near future. This involves erecting the structure for transportation. This structure includes both software platform and the physical on-demand transport vehicles.

2. The alternate phase involves perfecting and spanning upon the conduct recommended in the first phase, while encouraging participation from private players. The aim of this phase is to install a system-wide mobility result.

3. The third phase integrates electricity with the transportation system and enables electric vehicles to discharge electricity to the grid. All the government impulses too will be phased out at this stage. Presently, the government is working towards programs for colourful impulses for possessors of the two and four wheelers, and for the metropolises that have advanced EV penetration. In the history, government has handed concessions up to Rs. 150,000 for buses and SUVs, and over Rs. 30,000 for electric two-wheelers.

**Objective:**
The objective of this paper is to review case studies of electric vehicle adoption, analyse the feasibility of environmental, sociological, and environmental changes needed based on various policies that have been successful in India’s context, and estimate overall impact of these changes on air pollution. The paper also recommends policies to make adoption of the connected mobility strategy more sustainable.

**Case Studies Analysis—**
Studies in the U.S. and India have shown that electric vehicles help in reducing air adulterant emigrations and CO2 emigrations in the long term if the incremental weight is supplied through non-emitting generation. Largest PM reduction due to switching to electric vehicles occurs in communal areas. Switching all passenger vehicles to electric vehicles without changing the energy mix in Yangtze River Delta region of China would reduce NOx, PM2.5 and changeable organic conflation (COC) by 10, 0.2 and 7.8 singly, but increase SO2 by 3.5. A change in the energy mix towards lower carbon ferocious power generation sources will further reduce air pollution. In Madrid and Barcelona 40 EV conversion could affect in farther than 10% reduction in NOx, but will have limited impact on PM10 and PM2.5, and no increase in electric generation emigrations. In Taiwan, 100 EV penetration along with all fresh power coming from thermal power shops can reduce CO, VOCs, NOx, O3 and PM2.5 pollution by 85, 79, 7 (net), 39 and 7.2 singly, while adding SO2 by 11. In Belgium, where nuclear energy is a large share of electricity mix, EVs will have lower life cycle emissions of CO2, SO2, NOx and PM compared to petrol and diesel vehicles. Based on the below, it can be concluded that handover of electric vehicles reduces air pollution for ultimate of the emigrations. Greater the chance of renewable energy in the electricity mix, lower is the reduction in air pollution. Thus, a region’s energy mix determines the intensity of air pollution reduction due to switching to electric vehicles in a region. Still, as seen over, in case of archconservative energy-predicated generation systems, SO2 is one of the emissions that increases with increased handover of electric vehicles.

**India’s Energy Mix—**
India’s presently installed capacity of 260 GW is primarily grounded on reactionary energy grounded and indeed though India’s peak demand is only 140 GW, several corridors of the country don't have access to electricity or face frequent outages. India also has 10,000 GW and 2000 GW of solar and wind eventuality.
Independent. By 2030, 50% of India’s electricity could be coming from renewable sources. In such a future, air quality impact of switching to electric vehicles will increase immensely as the electricity for charging the batteries will be coming from non-fossil energy-grounded sources.

**Observation**
Lithium-ion batteries are the most common types of batteries presently being used for electric buses. Adding demand for electric buses will increase demand for lithium, and manufacturing of lithium-grounded batteries. An increase in demand for lithium will increase lithium mining, as lower than 1% of lithium can be reclaimed at the moment. It's estimated that close to 40% lithium will be recyclable in 2050 but the non-recyclable lithium will have a disastrous impact on the terrain. Lithium mining may also be limited in certain areas due to social or environmental issues guiding the process of lithium extraction. The manufacturing process for lithium-grounded batteries too causes air pollution but as this pollution is caused at manufacturing spots, which are generally located further from the densely peopled areas where hydrocarbon-grounded buses beget pollution at the moment, the net air pollution in the populated position decreases. A less contaminating battery manufacturing process may be constructed in future, further reducing air pollution. But if a pollution reducing battery manufacturing process isn't constructed in future, air pollution due to this process may cause environmental concern. Also, as the exhaust from this process is emitted through high heaps, these emissions may beget an impact that's different from what we're used to seeing at the moment.

**Research Methodology**
Primary research was conducted through questionnaires issued via Google forms. In total, 72 responses were received. Secondary research was done through journals, magazines on the issue and various weblinks.

**Findings**

![Survey Results Image]

How familiar are you with the term "electric vehicle battery production"?

- 44.4% very familiar
- 38.9% somewhat familiar
- 16.7% not familiar

Would you consider switching to an electric vehicle even if you knew its battery production had some environmental impact?

- 83.9% Yes, definitely
- 18.1% Maybe, depending on the impact
- 18.1% No, I only buy eco-friendly products
Which of the following do you think has a *larger* environmental impact:
72 responses

- Producing an electric vehicle battery: 29.2%
- Driving a gasoline-powered car for 10 years: 26.4%
- Recycling plastic bottles: 44.4%

How much more would you be willing to pay for an electric vehicle with a battery made from recycled materials?
72 responses

- 5% more: 33.3%
- 10% more: 23.6%
- 15% or more: 34.7%
- No additional amount: 0%

Which of these energy sources do you consider most sustainable for charging electric vehicles?
72 responses

- Solar power: 61.1%
- Coal power: 11.1%
- Natural gas power: 11.1%
- Mix of renewable and non-renewable sources: 16.7%

Do you think research and development into new, more sustainable battery technologies is important?
72 responses

- Yes, absolutely!: 29.2%
- It’s important, but not a top priority: 12.5%
- No, we should focus on other renewable energy solutions: 58.3%
Would you be interested in buying an electric vehicle with a shorter range if it had a battery made with less environmental impact?

72 responses

- Yes, range is less important than sustainability. 33.3%
- Maybe, depending on the difference in range and impact. 48.6%
- No, range is a key factor for me 18.1%

What do you think is the biggest challenge in making electric vehicles truly environmentally friendly?

72 responses

- Battery production 30.6%
- Lack of charging infrastructure 36.1%
- High cost of EVs 29%
- Lack of public awareness 8.3%

Who do you think is most responsible for addressing the environmental challenges of electric vehicles?

72 responses

- Car manufacturers 25%
- Governments 16.7%
- Individual consumers 22.2%
- All of the above 51.4%

What additional information would you find helpful in making informed decisions about electric vehicles and their environmental impact?

72 responses

- More detailed information on battery production processes 48.6%
- Comparisons of different EV models and their environmental footprints 23.6%
- Government incentives and regulations for cleaner EVs 22.2%
- All of the above 23.6%
Conclusions

• Case studies on impact of EVs on air pollution in several countries showed an overall reduction in emissions.

• It was found that the NOx emissions caused by vehicles can be reduced by 7% – 25%, depending on charging energy source, while CO and CO2 can be reduced by over 85%, if the charging energy were to come from renewables. If the charging energy comes from fossil energies, SO2 emigrations can increase by 11%.

• Unproductive circle illustration of vehicular emission and an EV’s lifecycle emission suggested that emission during battery manufacturing process can negate any savings achieved by EVs, unless a better electricity generation source is used.

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