

# UP govt mulls 4 EV hubs in state

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**Lucknow:** Home to maximum number of electric vehicles, the Uttar Pradesh government is mulling to set up four EV hubs in the state.

This was revealed during the mobility session at the Global Investors Summit on Saturday evening.

UP has the highest number of electric vehicles in the country that hovers around 22% and the private players active in the sector from India and abroad were upbeat about the benefits of the state government's electronic vehicle manufacturing policy released last year.

Chief executive officer of the NITI Aayog, Parameswaram Iyer presented the key points of UP government's EV policy.

"The state is poised to create at least four EV hubs. Noida, Lucknow, Kanpur and Meerut are some locations around which EV manufacturing hubs have been conceived," said Iyer.

The government sector in itself holds a lot of potential.

A senior UP government office said the programme to scrap vehicles that have been registered more than 15 years back is already going on.

## UP's first e-bike unit to come in Greater Noida

**Lucknow:** Former aeronautical engineer with the Indian Navy turned entrepreneur will set up UP's first electric two-wheeler manufacturing plant along the Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida along with a Qatar-based partner. Chief executive officer of Kabira Mobility, Jaibir Siwach on Saturday said the company will invest Rs 300 crore to set up the plant. The company set up by the former defence personnel started operations in 2017 and will produce 10,000 motor vehicles in a year. Costing about Rs 1.5 lakh, the bikes will be available at a lower rate as the government policy offsets the vehicle registration cost and also offers incentives to the manufacturers. While participating in the EVs session on Saturday, he said: "I want to emphasise that we are doing end-to-end production of our product in the country with the help of Indian companies and vendors. No part, including the battery, is being procured from other countries. TNN



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