

Govt to strengthen fleet of e-buses in five cities

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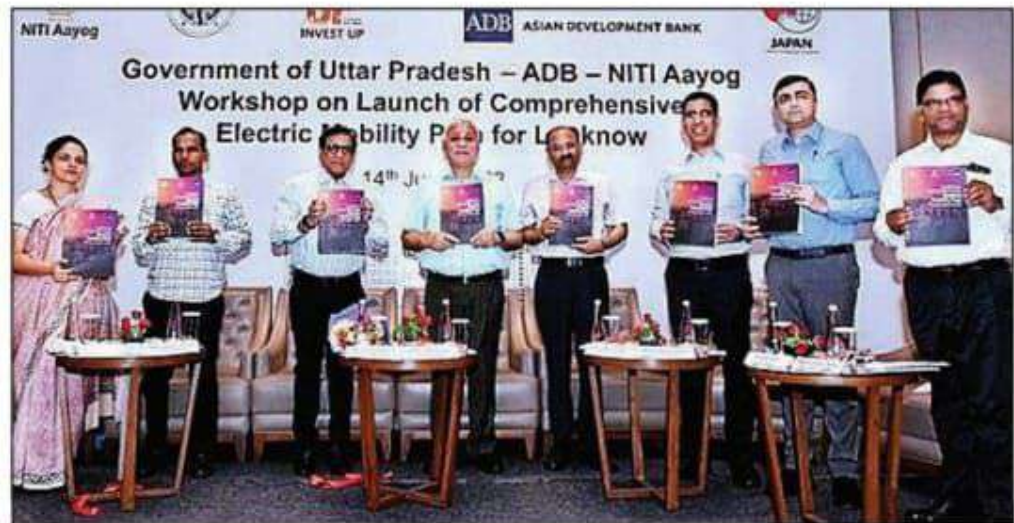
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Lucknow: Five prominent cities of Uttar Pradesh are set to have a better public transport system with more electric buses in their fleet within a year.

Presiding over a conclave on improving electric mobility in Uttar Pradesh, chief secretary DS Mishra on Wednesday announced that the fleet of electric buses in Kanpur, Agra, Varanasi, Ayodhya and Lucknow will go up from the current 750 to 2,500 within a year.

The participants at the event emphasised on the need for a comprehensive electric mobility plan and appealed to the urban development department to take things forward in 17 cities which are governed by municipal corporations.

"Motor vehicles, particularly those which run on diesel, increase air pollution. While additional electric buses will improve air quality in these five cities, ropeway facility will be introduced in Varanasi within a few days which will improve mobility and accessibility in congested loca-



Chief secretary DS Mishra along with other officials at the conclave

lities," the chief secretary said.

Principal secretary, industries, Narendra Bhooshan highlighted the benefits, incentives and subsidies being offered by the Yogi Adityanath government for creation

of a strong electric vehicle manufacturing ecosystem.

"Under the EV manufacturing policy, projects worth over Rs 3 lakh crore are being realised in UP at present. Many more units will come up in future," he said.