

City to have 3 electric charging stations soon

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Lucknow: Three electric vehicle charging stations are going to be established in the city in the coming months. Lucknow development authority (LDA) has identified sites within three prominent parks where public charging stations will be set up.

Post Noida, Lucknow is going to be the second city in the state to offer such facilities within parks. Invest UP, an agency of the state government set up for promoting investments, had asked the urban development, transport, energy, housing and industries departments to start pushing for increased EV usage within the urban centres and spell out their targets for the present fiscal year.

Invest UP chief executive officer Abhishek Prakash said that data on existing charging stations has been sought from all the develop-

ment authorities, municipal corporations, transport department, energy department and industrial authorities in the state. "Apart from existing ones, we have also sought the future action plan from the government departments concerned. The compiled report is going to be presented before the government," said Prakash.

In response to the government's directives, LDA has started work on installing the charging stations at Ram Manohar Lohia and Janeshwar Mishra Parks in Gomtinagar and Jyotiba Phule Zonal Park in LDA colony.

The stations will have fast-charging options for both two-wheelers and four-wheelers and will be equipped with CCTV cameras. "They will be set up on a revenue sharing model and we are going to provide the space to the operator," said an engineer involved with the project.