URBAN PARKING SPACES TO GET FASTAG ACCESS, EV CHARGERS

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LUCKNOW: Several authorised parking spaces in the state are set for an overhaul with FASTag integration and electric vehicle (EV) charging points among other facilities. Acting on chief minister Yogi Adityanath's directives, the urban development department has drafted a comprehensive plan to modernise the parking system across major cities, aiming to enhance public convenience and improve traffic management.

While charges may become expensive, a final decision on rates and timings will be made by a parking management committee of the government, an official said. According to a state government spokesperson, preparations are underway to equip parking locations with a suite of modern technologies.

"Alongside FASTag compatibility for seamless payment, the plans include the installation of EV charging points to cater to the growing number of electric vehicles," he added. Other planned features include automated ticket dispensers, CCTV cameras for security and monitoring, digital signage for information display, boom barriers for controlled access, and handheld POS devices for flexible payment options.