

Ashok Leyland opens plant in Lucknow to manufacture EVs

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Commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland, the flagship of the Hinduja Group, on Friday inaugurated its latest integrated commercial vehicle plant in Lucknow that focuses on green mobility.

The plant was inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh and Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises HD Kumaraswamy.

The primary focus of the plant will be the production of electric vehicles. It is designed to produce up to 5,000 vehicles annually. Most of the employees are from Uttar Pradesh, with a significant percentage of women workforce, according to a statement.

GREEN FACILITY

Designed as a green facility, the plant incorporates rooftop solar panels, energy-efficient LED lighting, battery-operated in-plant logistics, positive water bal-



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ance initiatives and a zero-discharge system.

'NEW CHAPTER BEGINS'

Dheeraj Hinduja, Chairman, Ashok Leyland, said: "The inauguration of this new plant marks the beginning of an important chapter for Ashok Leyland in Uttar Pradesh. Our Group remains deeply committed to unlocking further opportunities that drive economic growth, create

meaningful employment and foster long-term prosperity in the region."

He added: "This manufacturing plant reaffirms our resolve to help shape the future of India's commercial vehicle industry, and we are confident it will make a strong contribution towards employment generation while advancing sustainable mobility."

Shenu Agarwal, MD and

CEO, Ashok Leyland, said: "Uttar Pradesh has demonstrated a strong and consistent commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable development, making it a natural partner in our green mobility journey. This, coupled with Ashok Leyland's ambition to achieve Net Zero by 2048, has been a key catalyst for establishing this facility in Uttar Pradesh."