

400 e-buses for last-mile link to Noida airport in 3 months?

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Noida: At least 400 electric buses will be required to run the city bus service by the three industrial development authorities to provide last-mile connectivity in the city and to connect nearby towns with the Noida International Airport in Jewar, officials said.

UP industrial development commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh on Thursday chaired a workshop on the public transport system (New Age Mobility Solution) in Noida, Greater Noida, and the Yamuna Authority areas.

At the meeting, officials emphasized the need to start the service within the next three months or so. Formalities related to the tender process will be completed once the model code of conduct is lifted, officials noted.

The three authorities plan to run low-floor EV buses.

Noida CEO Lokesh M said that he would soon hire a consultant company to run buses in the city, which will decide the routes and the number of buses according to the needs of the city. At present, the industrial township does not have a city bus service, and several attempts in the past failed to garner any positive outcome.

Singh, who is also the chairman of the Noida and Greater Noida authorities, said, "Such a system should be developed based on modern technology and reliability so that the number of cars on the roads can be reduced, and smooth connectivity to Noida International Airport is provided from Noida, Greater Noida, and the Yamuna Authority and around the NCR. "

The workshop laid emphasis on developing modern mass transport focusing on the Noida Airport, which will start its commercial operation by the end of 2024.