

# UP races ahead of Delhi & Maha, tops country in EVs

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**Lucknow:** UP appears to be spearheading India's electric vehicle (EV) revolution. With more than four lakh electric vehicles registered, the state has taken the top spot nationally, surpassing major states like Delhi and Maharashtra, with around 1.8 lakh electric vehicles each.

Officials said that the state govt had launched the Electric Vehicle Manufacturing and Mobility Policy 2022, aimed at accelerating EV adoption, building a robust charging infrastructure and establishing UP as a global hub for EV and battery manu-



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facturing.

The policy aims to attract an investment inflow of Rs 30,000 crore and create 10 lakh jobs, setting the stage for transformative growth in the state's electric vehicle (EV) ecosys-

tem. A key driver of this momentum is the widespread popularity of e-rickshaws, which now account for 85% of electric vehicle (EV) sales in the state.

UP has also emerged as the biggest beneficiary of the govt of India's FAME I and FAME II (Faster adoption and manufacturing of hybrid and electric vehicles in India) schemes, further bolstering its e-mobility efforts.

The UP govt has recently approved the installation of over 300 new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across 16 municipal bodies. Ayodhya is expected to see the highest number of new charging points.

India currently has around 33,000 EV chargers, of which 35% are fast chargers. Given the rising demand, chief minister Yogi Adityanath has prioritised the development of additional fast-charging stations and the upgrading of existing facilities, officials said.

Projections suggest that India could have 102 million electric vehicles (EVs) by 2030. However, the current EV-to-public-charger ratio in India stands at 135, far above the global ideal of 6-20, as per a study by Alvarez & Marsal. The UP govt is moving swiftly to bridge the gap in public infrastructure, said officials.