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InnoBus EXPO 2026

Connecting Policy, Procurement & Public Transport

InnoBus Expo & Conference is India's focused bus, e-bus and commercial vehicle implementation platform, created to support the country's transition toward clean, safe, connected and future-ready public transport.
Built around practical implementation, InnoBus focuses on STU procurement, e-bus deployment, PM-eBus Sewa and PM E-DRIVE opportunities, GCC models, depot charging, financing and leasing, Make in India supply chain, passenger safety, accessibility and state transport modernisation.

- Bus, E-Bus & Coach Manufacturers
- Charging Infrastructure & Depot Solutions
- Battery, Powertrain & Components
- Body Builders & Body Aggregators
- Telematics, Safety & Fleet Software
- Financing, Leasing & GCC Operators

Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Date: October 15th, 2026

REGISTRATION WITH WELCOME TEA — **09:00**

INAUGURAL CEREMONY — **09:30 – 9:45**

Opening Keynote Speech: — **9:45 – 10:00**

SPONSOR PRESENTATION — **10:00 – 10:30**

SESSION 1: India's E-Bus Policy Architecture: From FAME to PM E-DRIVE and Beyond — **10:30 – 11:10**

Discussion Points:

- Assessing the impact of (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India) FAME, PM-eBus Sewa, PM E-DRIVE, and Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) on market growth.
- Policy certainty beyond 2028-29: What should India's next-generation e-bus policy look like?
- Inclusion of private operators, intercity services, and smaller cities.
- Harmonising central and state policies to create a unified national e-bus ecosystem.
- Incentive structures required to accelerate localisation, manufacturing, and fleet adoption.
- Regulatory reforms needed to attract long-term private and institutional investment.

Moderator:

Panelists:

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SESSION 2: Procurement & Tendering: Making GCC Work for STUs and OEMs — 11:10 – 11:50

Discussion Points:

- Lessons from recent large-scale Gross Cost Contract (GCC) tenders and their implications for the market.
- Balancing risk between STUs, OEMs, operators, and financiers under GCC contracts.
- Improving tender design to expand participation beyond a limited pool of bidders.
- Escrow mechanisms, payment security, and bankability of contracts.
- Procurement challenges faced by Tier-II and Tier-III cities.
- Aggregation models unlock economies of scale for smaller cities

SPONSOR PRESENTATION — 11:50 – 12:20

SESSION 3: Depot Electrification and Charging Infrastructure: Assessing the Readiness of the Electric Ecosystem for Buses — 12:20 – 13:00

Discussion Points:

- Depot readiness as the biggest constraint to fleet deployment.
- Financing depot electrification
- Addressing delays in grid connectivity, land availability, and utility approvals.
- Business opportunities in charging infrastructure, energy management, and EPC services.
- Integrating renewable energy, battery storage, and smart charging for cost optimisation.
- Public-private partnership models for charging infrastructure deployment.

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NETWORKING LUNCH — 13:00 – 13:40

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SESSION 4: Bus Manufacturing in India: Localisation, PLI, and Export Potential

13:40 – 14:20

Discussion Points:

- India’s readiness for large-scale e-bus demand over the next decade?
- Localisation roadmap for batteries, power electronics, drivetrains, and critical components.
- Supply-chain vulnerabilities and opportunities for domestic component manufacturers.
- Leveraging PLI schemes to strengthen manufacturing competitiveness.
- Building India as an export hub for electric buses and components.
- Emerging opportunities for MSMEs in the e-bus value chain.

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14:20 – 15:00

SESSION 5: Financing the Fleet: Unlocking Capital for STUs and Private Operators

15:00 – 15:40

Discussion Points:

- Improving the financial viability and bankability of e-bus projects.
- Innovative financing models: leasing, Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS), pay-per-km, and asset-light structures.
- Role of multilateral institutions, climate funds, and green finance in scaling deployment.
- Mobilising private capital through green bonds and blended finance mechanisms.
- Risk allocation frameworks for operators, OEMs, lenders, and public authorities.
- Creating sustainable financing pathways for private and intercity operators

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HIGH TEA 15:40 – 16:20

SESSION 6: Private Bus Electrification: Intercity and Institutional Fleets 16:20 – 17:10

Discussion Points:

- Commercial viability of electric buses in intercity and institutional applications.
- Overcoming financing, charging, and regulatory barriers faced by private operators.
- Developing shared charging and fleet aggregation models for smaller operators

Moderator:

Panelists:

SESSION 7: Technology, Safety & Digital Operations: Smart Buses for Smart Cities 17:10 – 17:50

Discussion Points:

- Digitalisation as a driver of operational efficiency and profitability.
- Leveraging telematics, AI, and predictive maintenance to reduce lifecycle costs.
- Data monetisation opportunities in connected public transport systems.
- Safety regulations, battery performance standards, and cybersecurity preparedness.
- Workforce transition: preparing drivers and maintenance staff for electric mobility.
- Building interoperable and integrated smart mobility ecosystems.

Moderator:

Panelists:

VOTE OF THANKS & CLOSING REMARKS 17:50 – 18:00