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About InnoBus Expo 2026

InnoBus is a dedicated platform for India's bus, e-bus and commercial vehicle sector. The aim of this platform is to bring together government, ministries, state transport undertakings (STUs), city bus agencies, OEMs, charging infrastructure providers, financiers, private operators, and technology companies to address the practical challenges of deploying, procuring, financing, and operating clean bus and commercial vehicle f leets across India. InnoBus is exclusively oriented around buses, e-bus and commercial vehicles, as this segment carries the greatest share of India's urban passengers, yet receives the least dedicated sectoral attention on an implementation stage. The event is structured around actionable session discussions, policy dialogue, market analysis and procurement conversations.

The Scale of the Mandate

The PM-eBus Sewa scheme, approved by the Union Cabinet, aims to deploy 10,000 electric buses on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to augment city bus operations across urban areas. The scheme has a total estimated cost of Rs. 57,613 crore, with the central government providing support of Rs. 20,000 crore. The scheme covers city bus operations, depot and charging infrastructure, and green mobility initiatives—including accessible bus stops, last-mile connectivity, Intelligent Transit Management Systems (ITMS), and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC)-based ticketing—to promote clean, efficient, and technology-driven urban transport for citizens across the country. Alongside the PM-eBus Sewa scheme, PM E-Drive has a provision of Rs. 4,391 crore in support for the procurement of 14,028 electrified buses through STUs under the Gross Cost Contract (GCC) or Operational Expenditure (OPEX) model. Along with the deployment of e-buses, the scheme places a strong emphasis on charging infrastructure with a provision of 1,800 fast chargers for e-buses. This incentivization creates a pool of opportunities for OEMs, charging infrastructure providers, and component manufacturers.

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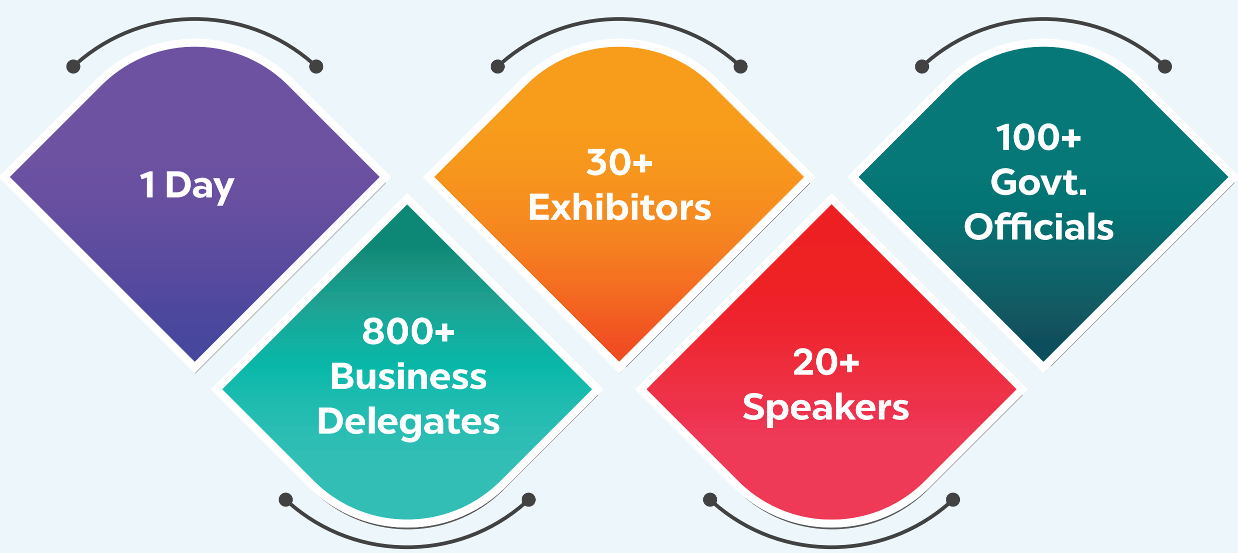

What InnoBus Offers?

InnoBus 2026 is structured as a one-day conference and exhibition that creates the link between the stakeholders who hold different pieces of India's e-bus transition puzzle. It is designed to be practical, senior, and outcome-oriented.

Conference

The conference will feature 6-7 curated sessions that cover the most pressing implementation topics in India's bus sector, including presentations, panel discussions, and structured Q&A sessions. These sessions are designed to produce specific insights, recommendations, or shared frameworks, rather than just conversation

Exhibition

The exhibition area will provide OEMs, charging companies, financiers, and component manufacturers the opportunity to meet qualified buyers, STU representatives, and decision-makers in a focused environment. Networking Structured networking breaks are designed to facilitate introductions between government procurement officials, OEM representatives, charging infrastructure companies, and financiers.

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FOCUSED TOPICS

India's E-Bus Policy Architecture: From FAME to PM E-DRIVE and Beyond

- 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.

Procurement & Tendering: Making GCC Work for STUs and OEMs

- 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.

Depot Electrification and Charging Infrastructure: Assessing the Readiness of Electric Ecosystem for Buses

- 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.

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

- 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.

Financing the Fleet: Unlocking Capital for STUs and Private Operators

- 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.

Private Bus Electrification: Intercity and Institutional Fleets

- 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.

Technology, Safety & Digital Operations: Smart Buses for Smart Cities

- 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.

Who Should Attend?

InnoBus is designed for decision-makers and practitioners across the entire e-bus ecosystem. The participants should expect to engage directly with counterparts from government, industry, and finance who are actively involved in bus sector decisions.

Government	Officials from MoHUA, the Ministry of Heavy Industries, MoRTH, NITI Aayog, CESL, state transport departments, and city bus agencies are involved in scheme implementation, procurement, and policy design.
State Transport Undertakings	Managing Directors, Operations Managers, and Procurement Heads from STUs across all states, including those actively procuring under PM-eBus Sewa and PM E-DRIVE tenders.
Bus OEMs	Leaders, sales, and product teams from manufacturers of buses, e-buses, and commercial vehicle platforms will be in attendance.
Charging Infrastructure	Charge Point Operators (CPOs), depot electrification EPC companies, energy management firms, and smart charging technology providers.
Financiers & Investors	Banks, NBFCs, DFIs, and multilateral lenders who are evaluating or actively financing e-bus fleets, depots, and charging infrastructure projects in India should participate.
Private Bus Operators	Intercity operators, stage carriage companies, and shuttle operators who are exploring electrification and new business models will benefit from attending.
Technology & Component Suppliers	Battery management system makers, telematics companies, ITMS providers, and fleet software companies serving the bus sector are encouraged to attend.
Consultants & Research Bodies	Urban transport planners, sustainability consultants, think tanks, and academic institutions working on bus sector policy, financing, and operational research should join the dialogue.

Why attend InnoBus-

Become a part of INR 57,613 crore Cr. Dialogue – The InnoBus is meticulously designed to address the gaps and opportunities in India's evolving Bus sector. The vision behind this 1-day gathering is to materialisesynergies among policymakers, public transport authorities, manufacturers, technology providers, operators, and other industry stakeholders to create a cohesive ecosystem for the future of sustainable and efficient bus mobility in India.

- **Direct access to procurement decision-makers:** Meet the actual buyers, STU CMDs, purchase heads, and government officials who decide tenders and fleet upgrades, in one place.
- **B2B networking:** Targeted networking, discussions, and one-to-one meetings, designed to convert conversations into contracts.
- **A single view of the innovation landscape:** See the latest in electric buses, ITS, telematics, fare collection, safety technology, and financing models on a single platform.
- **Early visibility into upcoming tenders and policy direction:** Sessions with policymakers and STU leadership offer insight into where budgets and priorities are headed next.
- **Peer benchmarking:** Learn how other states, cities, and operators are approaching improved charging infrastructure, PPP models, and fleet modernisation.
- **Brand visibility with the right audience:** For sponsors, a focused, credible platform to be seen by the specific institutions and individuals who matter, rather than a general audience.
- **Qualified lead generation:** Conversations at InnoBus are pre-filtered for relevance, reducing time spent on unqualified enquiries.
- **Influence on standards and policy:** A genuine channel to share ground realities with regulators shaping safety, emission, and procurement norms.
- **Access to international best practices:** Exposure to global case studies and delegations, useful for both technology benchmarking and partnership opportunities.

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