

Amazon India Commits to 10,000 Electric Vehicles in its Delivery Fleet by 2025

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The company piloted electric vehicles in several cities across India in 2019; and is now expanding this initiative across the country

The fleet of 10,000 EVs has been designed and manufactured by OEMs in India

The initiative is part of the company's commitment to the Climate Pledge

Bangalore, January 20, 2020–Amazon India today announced that its fleet of delivery vehicles in the country will include 10,000 electric vehicles (EVs) by 2025. This commitment comes after successful pilots across different cities in 2019; learnings from which have helped the company create scalable and long term EV variants to build this large fleet. These EVs are in addition to the global commitment of 100,000 electric vehicles in the delivery fleet by 2030 announced in the Climate Pledge signed by Amazon.

With the introduction of electric vehicles, Amazon India aims to reduce carbon emissions and environmental impact of delivery operations. The fleet of 10,000 EVs will include 3-wheeler and 4-wheeler vehicles which have been designed and manufactured in India. In 2020, these vehicles will operate in over 20 cities of India - Delhi NCR, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Nagpur and Coimbatore to name a few, and this number will continue to grow.

Amazon India has been working with several Indian OEMs to build a fleet of vehicles that ensure sustainable and safe deliveries of customer orders. Significant progress in the Indian e-mobility industry in the last few years has led to advanced technology, and superior motor and battery components. In addition, the government's focus to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles in the country, and steps towards setting up of charging infrastructure with the FAME 2 policy has helped the company accelerate and chart its vision for EVs in India.

Akhil Saxena, Vice President, Customer Fulfillment - APAC & Emerging Markets, Amazon, said, "At Amazon India, we are committed to building a supply chain that will minimize the environmental impact of our operations. The expansion of our Electric Vehicle fleet to 10,000 vehicles by 2025 is an integral milestone in our journey to become an energy efficient leader in the industry. We will continue to invest in the electrification of our delivery fleet, thereby reducing our dependence on non-renewable resources."

The launch of EVs is another step towards the overall sustainability commitment at Amazon India. In September 2019, the company announced its plan to eliminate single-use plastic in its packaging from Amazon India's Fulfilment Centers by June 2020, among other initiatives to reduce packaging waste. Amazon India has also invested in energy conservation and solar power generation in its Fulfilment Centers and Sort centers, with advanced building energy management systems, and water conservation methods to make operations more sustainable.

In September 2019, Amazon became the first signatory of the Climate Pledge, which states that the company will be net zero carbon by 2040 across its businesses – a decade ahead of the Paris Accord's goal of 2050. By joining The Climate Pledge and agreeing to decarbonize on a faster time horizon, signatories will play a critical role in stimulating investment in the development of low carbon products and services that will be required to help companies meet the pledge. As part of the pledge, globally, Amazon announced its plans to introduce 10,000 of EVs into its delivery fleet in 2022 and 100,000 vehicles by 2030 – saving 4 million metric tons of carbon per year by 2030.

Amazon India's other sustainability initiatives

- All plastic dunnage across the fulfillment network has been replaced with 100% recyclable paper cushions.
- Single use plastic used for packaging will be eliminated from the Fulfilment Centers by June 2020.
- All packaging material in the form of corrugate boxes and paper dunnage is biodegradable.
- To reduce packaging waste, Packaging Free Shipment (PFS) has now expanded to 14 cities within a year.
- 8 Fulfilment Centers and 2 Sortation centers are solar powered and produced close to 10 Megawatt of solar energy in 2019 to run operations in the buildings.
- Across facilities, an advanced energy management system provides building operators with a dashboard that enables them to optimize energy use and identify opportunities for further savings.

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