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Kejriwal Government becomes the first state govt to launch a step-by-step guide to promote workplace charging of Electric Vehicles (EV)

DDC launches the ‘Workplace EV Charging Guidebook for Corporates in Delhi’ in partnership with WRI India; will help employers in their journey of adopting EV charging at the workplace

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The Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) of Delhi released the ‘Workplace Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Guidebook for Corporates in Delhi’ today, in partnership with World Resources Institute, India (WRI India). With this launch, Delhi Government has become the first state government in the country to come up with a step-by-step guide to help employers adopt workplace charging of EVs.

The Guidebook was launched in the presence of Shri Jasmine Shah, Vice-Chairperson, DDC Delhi, Dr. OP Agrawal, CEO, WRI India, Amit Bhatt, Executive Director (Integrated Transport), WRI India along with other leading industry leaders. Through this guidebook, Delhi Government seeks to encourage corporates to join hands in promoting EVs by adopting workplace charging.

Senior industry leaders from various industry bodies like the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM), Society Of Manufacturers Of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) etc. discussed the role of corporates in EV adoption in Delhi and ways to plan, install and manage EV charging at workplaces.

In his keynote address, Jasmine Shah, Vice Chairperson, DDC Delhi said, “I am very thrilled today that we are launching a very practical guidebook to answer many of the queries that we have been receiving since Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced the Delhi EV Policy in August 2020. The nature of the climate and environmental emergencies we are facing calls for the political leadership to take very ambitious decisions. With Delhi’s EV policy, he fixed an ambitious target of making 25% of EVs among total vehicle registrations in Delhi by 2024, at a time when the share of EVs in new vehicle registrations was 1.2%.”

He said, “As the think tank of the Delhi Government, DDC has been very closely involved in the framing of the EV Policy and in working with various stakeholders so that we move towards the CM’s vision. Since the announcement, the Delhi Government’s efforts have been to understand the concerns, constraints and challenges in EV adoption despite goodwill about the future being electric. Delhi set up a fully online, seamless process wherein the subsidy reaches your bank account within a week of buying an EV. More than ten thousand EVs have received subsidies from the Delhi government. Through the ‘Switch Delhi’ campaign, we worked with various groups to make EV adoption a mass movement. Delhi has the cheapest EV tariff in the country and more than 380 public charging points are live in Delhi as of today, with 500 more charging points to be added within the next 6 months.”

Highlighting the need for such a guidebook, he said, “Research shows that 90% of EVs are charged at home or workplace. To build charging infrastructure at a mass scale, we are also subsidising the private installation of chargers. The private sector showed great interest and we heard their concerns regarding the planning and implementation of EV charging stations at workplaces. This guidebook details the processes involved for effective decision-making to install workplace charging and is aimed at making corporations an integral part of the EV movement.”

Speaking on the need for transitioning to electric mobility, Dr OP Agarwal, CEO of WRI India, said, “The recently concluded COP26 has highlighted the importance of reducing emissions from the transport sector. Zero-emission transport through the likes of electric vehicles will help in reducing emission from the transport sector as well as contribute towards cleaner air in cities.”

Executive Director (Integrated Transport) for WRI India, Amit Bhatt said, “Delhi Government’s EV policy is a very progressive step towards improving Delhi’s air quality. The government is also doing multiple things to move towards a zero-emission future. It’s time that the private sector and citizens come together to help scale this transition. The launch of the guidebook is an important step in that direction.”