Bharat Taxi

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Why in News?

Recently, the Union Minister Amit Shah informed the Lok Sabha about Bharat Taxi under the Ministry of Cooperation, aligned with the Sahkar se Samriddhi vision.

- India's ***1st cooperative-led ride-hailing digital mobility platform***.
- **Established in –** 2025.
- **Developed by –** Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited.
- **Nodal Ministry –** Ministry of Cooperation.
- **Registered under –** The ***Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.***
- **Implementation –** Nationwide rollout across all states and cities by 2029.
- **Key Features – Operates on –** A *zero-commission and surge-free pricing model, with direct distribution of profits to drivers.*
    - **Vision – *Sarathi Hi Malik (Driver is the owner).***
- **Indigenisation** – Homegrown cooperative alternative to foreign investment-based aggregator platforms.
- **Social Security** – Health insurance, accident insurance, retirement savings, and a dedicated driver support system for Sarathis.
- **Safety & Flexibility** – Rapid emergency assistance, verified ride data, live tracking, and freedom for drivers to work on multiple platforms without exclusivity restrictions.

The vision of Sahkar-se-Samriddhi (Prosperity through Cooperation) aims to strengthen cooperatives, expand their grassroots reach, and enhance their performance and profitability.

- **Charges** – No platform fee, convenience fee, or commission in-app; 7% service charge at airport prepaid booths for operational expenses.
- **Women Empowerment** – *Bike Didi* initiative with over 150 women drivers onboarded to promote women's livelihood and safety.
- **Infrastructure** – Seven help centres in Delhi to support drivers and ensure grievance redressal.
- **Ecosystem** – State-level help centres, strengthened driver social security, and integration with national digital public infrastructure.

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