Delhi's New EV Policy

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The Delhi government has recently notifying its new EV policy.

- **New EV Policy** – It focus entirely on electric vehicles (2 & 3-wheelers) with an aim to combat air pollution and accelerate EV adoption.
- It creates a clear roadmap by combining consumer incentives, charging infrastructure expansion and long-term ecosystem investments.
- **Nodal Agency** – Department of transport, NCT of Delhi (implementation) & Delhi Transco Ltd. (DTL) (developing charging infrastructure) including collaborating with the power department and distribution companies.
- **Budget** – Rs.7,000 crore budget with an overall investment of Rs.15,000 crore.
- **Effect from** – The 'transformative and revolutionary' policy has come into effect on July 1, 2026, and would remain effective till March 31, 2030.
- **Need for New Policy** – In NCT Delhi, the 33% of air pollution was caused by commercial goods carrier vehicles and 46% by two- and three-wheelers.

Key Highlights of the Policy

- **Dedicated Portal** – A dedicated EV portal would set up to keep track of purchased and registered vehicles.
- **Deadlines for transition to EV** –
  - From January 1, 2027, only electric three wheelers and N1 trucks will be registered.
  - From April 1, 2028 only electric two-wheelers will be registered.
  - School buses must convert atleast 10% of their fleet to EVs within two years of policy notification;
  - Existing fossil-fuel vehicles can allowed to continue for their full lifecycle.
- **Tax Exceptions** – The road tax and registration fee exemption would be applicable for cars costing only up to Rs.30 lakh, at ex-showroom price.
- **Purchase Incentives**
  - **Two-Wheelers** – Rs.30,000, Rs.20,000 and Rs.10,000 respectively, for the first, second and third years.
  - **Three-Wheelers** – Rs.50,000, Rs.40,000 and Rs.30,000 respectively, for the first, second and third years.
- **Scrapping Incentives**
  - **Vehicles below BS-IV emission norms** – Around Rs. 10,000 for two-wheelers,

Rs.25,000 for three-wheelers and Rs.1 lakh for four-wheelers.
    - **N1 Trucks** – Rs.50,000
    - **Gramin Seva Units** – Rs.15,000 (completing their lifecycle in the coming years).
- **Subsidies** – The consumers can apply within 30 days of registration for a subsidy of up to Rs.1 lakh on N1 commercial trucks & no subsidy for hybrids, which will be disbursed via DBT within 60 days.
- **Infrastructure Development** – Install 32,000 charging points over the next four years, funded under PM e-Drive schemes and the Delhi government budget, with about Rs.1,000 crore allocated for charging infrastructure development.

Reference

[The Hindu | Only electric two-wheelers to be registered in Delhi from 2028]

