NHAI increases rate of the FASTag Annual pass

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The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has revised to Rs. 3075 from the Rs. 3000rate for FASTag Annual Pass for the upcoming financial year 2026-27.

- **Annual Pass -** The annual Pass was introduced in order to give relief to the public from high toll charges and enhance ease of commuting.
- **Introduced in -** August 15, 2025.
- **Legalized under -** The increase in the rate is in line with the National Highway Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) (Amendment) Rules, 2025, mandates the amount of annual pass will be revised every year.
- **Eligibility** - Under this system, a person who owns a vehicle (Car, Jeep and Van) registered for ***non-commercial purpose*** and has a functional FASTag is eligible for the pass.

  According to the data available with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), over 50 lakh national highway users are currently using the annual pass for tolling.

- **Validity** - It will be valid for ***1 year or for two hundred crossings*** through any fee plaza on a national highway, irrespective of the fee leviable at each fee plaza.
- Once the Annual Pass completes either 200 trips or one year from the date of activation, it will automatically revert to a regular FASTag.
- **Usage** - It is valid only at about 1150 fee plazas on ***National Highways and National Expressways.***
- **Exclusions -** At fee plazas on Expressways, State Highways (SH), etc. managed by State Governments or local bodies, the FASTag will operate as a regular FASTag, and applicable user fee charges will apply.
- The existing FASTag ecosystem continues to operate for users who do not

opt for the Annual Pass.

- **Website -** A FASTag Annual Pass can be bought from Rajmargyatra mobile application or NHAI website.

Reference

The Indian Express | FASTag Annual pass

