

Impact of Electric vehicles in India

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Even though transportation is a necessity of modern life, the conventional combustion engine is quickly going out of style. Due to their high pollutant output, petrol and diesel vehicles are being phased out in favour of all-electric ones. Fully electric vehicles (EVs) are much better for the environment because they don't produce any exhaust emissions. You can take part in the transformation brought on by electric vehicles.

➤ **Less expensive operation**

Comparable petrol or diesel vehicles have much higher operational expenses than an electric vehicle. Electricity is used to charge the batteries of electric vehicles rather than fossil fuels like petrol or diesel. Because they are more effective, electric vehicles are also less expensive to charge than petrol or diesel vehicles when the cost of power is taken into account. The use of electric vehicles may be more environmentally friendly when powered by renewable energy sources. If charging is carried out using renewable energy sources installed at home, such as solar panels, the cost of electricity can be reduced even further.

➤ **Lower than average operating costs**

Electric vehicles require less maintenance than internal combustion vehicles since they have fewer moving parts. Electric-powered automobiles require less maintenance than those fuelled by traditional gas or diesel. As a result, operating an electric vehicle has substantially reduced annual costs.

➤ **There are no exhaust fumes.**

Driving an electric vehicle can help you lower your carbon footprint because there are no tailpipe emissions. Utilising renewable energy for household electricity can help you lessen the environmental impact of charging your car.

➤ **Finances and taxes**

Compared to fuel or diesel vehicles, electric vehicles pay less in registration fees and road taxes. Various policies and incentives are provided by the government depending on which state you live in.

➤ **The use of fuel and petrol is destroying our planet.**

Fossil fuels are scarce on our world, and the amount we use is endangering it. The long-term consequences of toxic emissions from petrol and diesel vehicles on public health are detrimental. Compared to petrol or diesel vehicles, electric cars produce considerably less pollution. Diesel and gasoline-powered automobiles can only transfer 17% to 21% of the energy in the fuel to the wheels, while electric vehicles can convert about 60% of the electrical energy from the grid to power the wheels. That represents a waste of about 80%. Even when power production is taken into account, petrol or diesel vehicles still generate approximately three times as much carbon dioxide as fully electric vehicles, despite the fact that the latter have no exhaust emissions.

➤ **Electric cars are quiet and easy to operate.**

Electric cars are extremely simple to drive and lack gears. There are only three controls: steer, brake, and accelerate. Simply plug your car into a home or public charger to start charging it. Additionally, because they are quieter than conventional cars, electric vehicles contribute less to overall noise pollution.

➤ **There isn't any noise pollution.**

Since there is no internal combustion engine, electric vehicles can run completely silently. Since there won't be an engine, there won't be any noise. You have to peek into your instrument panel to check if the electric motor is on because it runs so silently. Electric vehicles must have artificial noises added by manufacturers to make them safe for pedestrians because they are so quiet.

Electric vehicles (EVs) have grown in popularity recently as a more eco-friendly, effective substitute for conventional gasoline-powered transportation. Due to improvements in battery technology, an expanding network of charging infrastructure, and rising consumer demand, EVs are now an affordable option for many drivers throughout the world.

These vehicles, which are altering the way we think about driving, are propelled by electric motors that use battery energy rather than petrol.

India is third globally in terms of sales, behind only Germany and Japan. Manufacturers and countries now have the chance to collaborate in order to change consumer demand in favour of greener products. The Indian

automobile sector generates a sizable amount of employment and accounts for 7.1 percent of the country's GDP.

According to the Indian Economic Survey 2023, sales of domestic electric vehicles in India would reach 10 million annually by 2030 and grow at a CAGR of 49% between 2022 and that year. Furthermore, by 2030, the electric vehicle market is predicted to support 50 million direct and indirect jobs.

The Indian government has established a goal of converting 30% of the nation's fleet of vehicles by 2030 and has put in place a number of incentives and policies to support the development of the EV market. The manufacture of electric cars, the usage of hydrogen fuel, and the adoption of evolving technological advancements all saw major funding increases in the FY24 Union Budget.

Nirmala Sitharaman, the finance minister, proposed a budget allocation of INR 35,000 crore for significant investments aimed at accomplishing the energy transition and net-zero targets by 2070 in the 2023–24 Union Budget. She also mentioned that the government would cover the viability gap for battery energy storage systems with a 4,000 MWH capacity. The Faster Adoption of Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles Scheme-II (FAME-II) and the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) are two initiatives the government has already announced in an effort to encourage the production of electric vehicles. For its FAME-II scheme, which aims to support and promote the use of sustainable energy vehicles, the Budget has allocated INR 51.72 billion (roughly \$631 million). This is an 80% budget allocation increase from prior years.

Well-known Indian automakers like Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra have started producing electric cars, and more foreign firms have also entered the market. India is a potential location for Volvo Cars, a Swedish luxury manufacturer, to establish a new electric vehicle manufacturing facility outside of China.

Government and business sector investments in charging stations are expanding the infrastructure for charging vehicles. The first EV charging plaza in the country was constructed by EESL in July 2020, and in just one year, the number of charging stations has multiplied by more than five. The success of the Delhi EV Policy, which went into force in 2020, can be seen by the rising number of EVs in the nation's capital. In Delhi, 16.8% of all vehicle sales in December 2022 were electric vehicles, an increase of 86 percent from the previous year.

India's market for electric vehicles is anticipated to grow rapidly in the next years. The nation is in a good position to transition to a more sustainable and ecologically friendly mode of transportation thanks to supportive government legislation, growing consumer awareness, and technological advancements.

The opportunity for both domestic and foreign firms to participate in and contribute to the development of India's EV ecosystem increases along with the demand for EVs. India has long been recognised as one of the most significant countries for the global auto industry. A number of businesses are actively establishing manufacturing operations in India. For instance, Dana TM4 Inc. declared intentions to start a manufacturing facility in Pune, India, in September 2020. The new 4,600 square metre plant would manufacture electric motors, vehicle control systems and Dana TM4 low- to high-voltage inverters. Phase II of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) programme, launched by the Indian government, aims to expand the use of electric vehicles while simultaneously fostering the eco-system for their production. Phase II of the FAME programme would be accomplished through the following pillars: promoting EV demand; managing awareness campaigns, including public relations and information, education, and communication (IEC) duties; and developing a charging infrastructure.

The COVID-19 pandemic had an impact on global economic dynamics in 2020 and is anticipated to continue to do so in the years to come. Supply lines were hampered by lockdowns that were implemented throughout the world in an effort to stop the coronavirus from spreading. producing was halted at a number of producing plants as part of the lockdowns. As a result, production quantities plummeted and shipments were delayed, which negatively impacted car manufacture. Due to anticipated delays in international shipping, raw material supply challenges for electric vehicle manufacturers persisted, causing reported manufacturing delays. Regardless of who was responsible, the epidemic significantly decreased sales of both passenger and commercial vehicles.