

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

First batch of 1000 E-rickshaws 'SmartE' flagged off in Gurugram Today 'SmartE' will provide last mile transport connectivity to Metro commuters

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Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation flagged off a fleet of first batch of 1000 E-rickshaws from Huda City Centre metro station in Gurugram today. Speaking on this occasion Shri Gadkari said that the E-rickshaw fleet will not only provide cost effective and pollution free substitute in transport system of Gurugram, but will also generate employment opportunities for marginalised youth. He further said that public transport on electricity is the necessity of the country and his ministry is committed to providing it soon.

The E rickshaw fleet is being operated by Treasure Vase Ventures Private Limited in partnership of Delhi Metro, under the **SmartE** brand name. **SmartE** will provide the last mile transport connectivity in the area. The E Rickshaws have been manufactured in India and are fitted with GPS and tracking system. **SmartE** has established strategic partnerships with the Haryana government (HSIIDC) and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation to launch 1000 vehicles in Gurugram and Faridabad in 2017. The E-rickshaws **SmartE** will provide meaningful self-employment for over 1,00,000 marginalised youths, in next 4-5 years.

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