

GUJARAT

Gujarat Announces New subsidy schemes for e-Vehicles

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Background

- The government's new scheme, aimed at fostering growth in the adoption of electric vehicles in the state, commemorates 11 years of the state's climate change department
- These announcements were made to combat the climate change and air pollution
- On the same occasion, the government signed a memorandum of understanding with 10 organisations in order to increase the use of renewable energy by using the geoinformatics and space Technology

Key Facts

- Government would provide a subsidy of 12,000 rupees to students who are studying in Standard-9th to colleges in order for them to use battery-operated two-wheelers.
- Around 10,000 students would be benefited under this scheme as per the government target.
- Subsidy of 48,000 rupees would be given for three-wheeler e-rickshaw to the individual and institutional beneficiaries.
- Around 5000 e-rickshaw would be provided under the subsidy.
- 50-lakh rupee has been allocated under the scheme for creating necessary infrastructure for charging e-vehicles.
- These announcements were made on the occasion of foundation day of the climate change department in the state and PM's Narendra Modi birthday that is celebrated as "Seva Saptah"

Way Ahead

- The state's chief minister, Vijay Rupani, said the Gujarat government has set a goal to see that at least 10,000 electric two-wheelers and 5,000 electric three-wheelers make it to Gujarat's road by the time the current fiscal year comes to an end
- This, Rupani explained, is in pursuit of the aim to cut down the pollution caused by vehicles powered by conventional fuel

For Further Study

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