

# Govt announces e-vehicle subsidy

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**Gandhinagar:** The state government on Thursday announced a new scheme for promotion of electric vehicles (two and three wheelers) on the occasion of completion of eleven years of the climate change department in Gujarat.

School (class IX and above) and college students who buy electric two-wheelers will get a government subsidy of Rs 12,000, while rickshaw drivers and self-employed persons who buy electric three-wheelers will get a subsidy of Rs 48,000 per vehicle.

CM Vijay Rupani said the state government has set a target of having 10,000 electric two-wheelers and 5,000 electric three-wheelers on the roads in the current fiscal year. He added that the

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government has resolved to promote e-mobility as a measure to curb pollution caused by fossil fuels.

The government also announced that ten public charging stations will be set up in Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat and Rajkot to facilitate charging of e-vehicles. A sum of Rs 50 lakh has been earmarked for setting up these charging stations.

The event also marked the virtual signing of 10 MoUs between the department of climate change and institutes such as IITs, IIMs, BLSAG, Anand Agricultural University and other departments of the government such as GSRTC, Gujarat Gas, GUJCOST, GLPC, the chief town planner, GSTBM and Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat.

A compendium titled, "Bu-

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► BISAG-N will partner with GOG to apply geoinformatics and other tools for vulnerability assessment

► IIM-A and the climate change department to work on aspects of climate change risk assessment and mitigation, climate finance, climate policy

► IIT-Gandhinagar and the climate change department to collaborate on knowledge sharing, research, sensitization, awareness and capacity building in the field of climate change



► Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat and Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA) to jointly promote climate change research in higher education

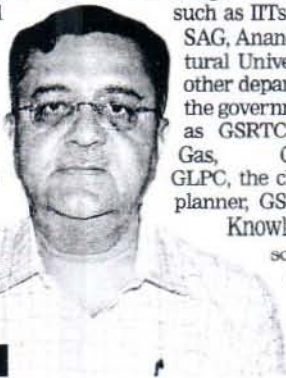
► Anand Agricultural University and GEDA to work in the area of bio-gas technology to increase effective use of cow dung

► Office of the chief town planner and GEDA to formulate an Energy Conservation Building Code

ilding a Climate Resilient Gujarat: A Decade of Climate Action and A Road Map for the Future" was also e-released by the CM. The collection is a compilation of various actions of the state government in addressing issues related to climate change, including promotion of renewable sources of

energy like solar and wind energy.

Officials said Gujarat is the leader in the residential solar rooftop power generation scheme, which has at a subsidized cost, installed solar rooftops at over 1.38 lakh houses in the state with an aggregate capacity of 513MW.



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