



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah to launch the first cooperative-sector taxi service, “Bharat Taxi”

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Based on the vision of ‘Sarathi Hi Malik’, Sarathi partners will also be owners in Bharat Taxi

Bharat Taxi’s ‘Sarathi Didi’ initiative is a strong step towards women’s safety

More than three lakh drivers have joined Bharat Taxi so far; over 10,000 rides are being completed daily on the platform

Top-performing Sarathis since the soft launch of Bharat Taxi will be honoured during the programme; they will be provided share certificates along with personal accident insurance and family health insurance

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Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah will launch India’s first cooperative-based ride-hailing platform, “Bharat Taxi,” on 05 February 2026 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. In line with Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s vision of ‘*Sahkar se Samridhhi*’, this launch will be a significant milestone in the Government of India’s continued efforts to strengthen the cooperative sector and promote inclusive, citizen-centric mobility solutions.

Under the leadership of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry of Cooperation is committed to strengthening cooperatives as an effective means of employment generation, social security, and grassroots-level economic participation. Bharat Taxi has been conceptualised as a transformative initiative in the mobility sector, placing drivers—referred to as Sarathis—at the centre of ownership, operations, and value creation, thereby freeing them from exploitative aggregator-based models.

During the programme, the top six performing Sarathis will be honoured for their outstanding contributions to the cooperative-based mobility ecosystem. The Hon'ble Minister will distribute share certificates to these Sarathis, further reinforcing the core principle of '*Sarathi Hi Malik*'. Each honoured Sarathi will be provided with a personal accident insurance cover of ₹5 lakh and a family health insurance cover of ₹5 lakh, reflecting Bharat Taxi's commitment to driver welfare and long-term social security.

On this occasion, nine Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) will be exchanged with key public and private stakeholders to strengthen operational integration, digital empowerment, safety, and service delivery.

Bharat Taxi is India's first cooperative-led ride-hailing platform registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, and was established on 6 June 2025. The platform operates on a zero-commission and surge-free pricing model, with direct distribution of profits to drivers, presenting an indigenous alternative to foreign investment-based aggregator platforms.

Bharat Taxi prioritises social security for Sarathis through health insurance, accident insurance, retirement savings, and a dedicated driver support system. Support centres are being operated at seven key locations in Delhi. The platform provides rapid emergency assistance, verified ride data, and allows drivers the freedom to work on other platforms without any exclusivity clauses. To promote women's empowerment, initiatives such as "*Bike Didi*" are being implemented, under which more than 150 women drivers have joined Bharat Taxi so far.

Since its inception, Bharat Taxi has emerged as the world's first and largest cooperative-based ride-hailing platform and the world's largest driver-owned mobility platform. Around 4 lakh drivers have joined Bharat Taxi platform and over 10 lakh users have successfully registered on the platform so far. Approximately ₹10 crore has been distributed directly to drivers so far.

In the coming years, Bharat Taxi aims to expand to all States and cities across the country within the next two years, establish dedicated support centres in every State, further strengthen drivers' social security, and develop a sustainable, inclusive, and cooperative-based mobility ecosystem through deeper integration with national digital public infrastructure.

More than 1,200 Sarathis from various regions of the country are expected to participate in this launch programme, reflecting the platform's growing national reach and drivers' confidence in the cooperative-based mobility model.

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