



e-FAST India, an initiative of NITI Aayog, launches PACT to support accelerated zero-emission freight deployment in India

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New platform will aggregate freight demand across India by continuous engagement with ecosystem stakeholders to facilitate scaled deployment and strengthen the commercial case for zero-emission trucks. The 5th e-FAST India Summit also introduced the ZET Marketplace to unlock business, financing and charging partnerships.

Shri Rajiv Gauba, Member, NITI Aayog today launched the Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT) at the 5th e-FAST India Summit 2026, marking a significant step towards accelerating the deployment of zero-emission trucks in India. The platform was launched in the presence of Shri V Umashankar, Secretary, MoRTH; Dr. Hanif Qureshi, AS, MHI; Ms Archana Mittal, PD, Electric Mobility, NITI Aayog; Shri Pawan Mulukutla, ED, WRI, and around 250 participants from across the industry, finance and freight ecosystem.

A flagship initiative under the e-FAST India platform, PACT is designed to aggregate freight demand from shippers, Logistics Service Providers (LSPs) and other ecosystem stakeholders and translate it into deployment opportunities across identified freight corridors. By bringing together shippers, LSPs, vehicle manufacturers, financiers, charge point operators (CPOs) and other ecosystem partners, the platform aims to improve demand visibility, support charging infrastructure planning and strengthen the commercial case for electric medium- and heavy-duty vehicles (e-MHDVs).

The launch comes at a time when India's electric freight market is gathering pace. E-freight vehicle deployments increased more than fourfold, from 201 vehicles in FY25 to 826 in FY26. Today, over 3,000 e-MHD trucks are in operation across the country. Sustaining and scaling this momentum will require coordinated action to aggregate demand, expand charging infrastructure, improve access to finance, and provide greater certainty for fleet operators and investors.

Speaking at the Summit, Chief Guest **Shri Rajiv Gauba, Member, NITI Aayog**, said, "While significant progress has been made in building domestic EV manufacturing capacity and supportive policy mechanisms, the next phase of growth will depend on our ability to address ecosystem-wide challenges through collaboration. The launch of PACT and the ZET Marketplace brings together various ecosystem stakeholders on a common platform. As freight electrification gains momentum, innovative financing models, corridor-based charging infrastructure, and market-driven partnerships will be critical to accelerating the commercial adoption of e-trucks and strengthening India's clean mobility future."

Shri V. Umashankar, Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) said, "Accelerating electric freight mobility will require innovations in logistics operations, financing charging infrastructure, and battery governance. Measures such as battery health monitoring systems and new operating models for high-utilization vehicles can improve transparency, strengthen resale value, reduce

financing risks, and unlock greater investment. With growing industry interest and rising demand, India is well positioned to build a scalable and commercially viable electric trucking ecosystem that advances both logistics competitiveness and energy security.”

The Summit also introduced the ZET Marketplace, an interactive business-engagement platform connecting e-truck manufacturers, LSPs, CPOs, financiers, and technology companies. The Marketplace enabled participants to showcase products, explore commercial opportunities and develop partnerships needed to move zero-emission freight projects from intent to implementation.

The plenary and technical sessions at the Summit deliberated on financing and de-risking mechanisms, charging infrastructure, policy priorities, and lessons from early deployments. Together, the discussions underscored the need to move beyond individual pilots towards coordinated, commercially viable deployment at scale.

With each evolving year, the e-FAST India platform is moving from building market readiness towards enabling deployment. Through initiatives such as PACT and the ZET Marketplace, NITI Aayog and its partners aim to convert freight demand, investment interest and technology readiness into scalable zero-emission freight projects across India.

Key Announcements

- Launch of the Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT)
- ZET Marketplace

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About e-FAST India

e-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport - India) is a NITI Aayog-led platform that brings together government and industry stakeholders - including OEMs, logistics service providers, financiers, shippers and charge point operators - to accelerate the transition to zero-emission freight in India, particularly in the medium- and heavy-duty vehicle segments.

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