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WHY IN NEWS:

In response to elevated petrol-diesel prices linked to the **West Asia crisis**, Odisha Chief Minister **Mohan Charan Majhi** issued an **8-point fuel-austerity directive on May 21, 2026**, with implementation orders extending into May 22. From **June 1, 2026**, all new two-wheelers and four-wheelers procured — including rented four-wheelers — for state-government use must be **electric vehicles**. **Odisha becomes the first Indian state to mandate 100% EV procurement for new government vehicles.**

THE 8-POINT FUEL-AUSTERITY DIRECTIVE

#	MEASURE
1	All new government two-wheelers and four-wheelers procured to be EV only (from June 1, 2026)
2	Rented four-wheelers for official use must be EVs
3	Car-pooling mandated for officials commuting on similar routes
4	50% cut in monthly fuel quotas for government vehicles
5	Electric buses for staff colonies and official transport
6	10% mandatory year-on-year reduction in monthly fuel consumption
7	Audio/video conferencing instead of physical travel wherever possible
8	Awareness campaigns through the General Administration Department (GAD)

The order is administrative — implemented through GAD circulars binding all departments, PSUs and field offices.

STATE-LEVEL EV POLICIES IN INDIA

Odisha now joins a growing list of states with EV frameworks — but is the first to commit to a **100% EV mandate** for new government vehicle procurement.

STATE	EV POLICY YEAR
Karnataka	2017 (first state EV policy in India)
Kerala	2019
Delhi	2020 (extended) — target 25% EV sales by 2024
Maharashtra	2021 — 10% EV sales target
Gujarat	2021
Telangana	2022
Tamil Nadu	2023
Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh	Active policies in place
Odisha	First 100% government-procurement EV mandate (2026)

INDIA'S NATIONAL EV ECOSYSTEM

EV30@30 Commitment

India joined the **Clean Energy Ministerial EV30@30 campaign in 2017**, targeting **30% EV penetration by 2030** across new vehicle sales.

Central Schemes

SCHEME	PERIOD	OUTLAY	FOCUS
FAME-I	2015–2019	₹895 crore	Demand incentives + pilot infra
FAME-II	April 2019 – March 31, 2024	₹10,000 crore (enhanced)	e-2W, e-3W, e-4W, e-buses, charging
EMPS 2024	April–July 2024 (bridge)	~₹500 crore	e-2W, e-3W continuity
PM E-DRIVE	Launched September 2024	₹10,900 crore (2 years)	e-2W, e-3W, e-buses, e-trucks, e-ambulances; ~24.79 lakh vehicles
PLI Auto & Auto Components	5 years	₹25,938 crore	Advanced automotive technology
PLI Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC)	5 years	₹18,100 crore	Battery / cell manufacturing

- **PM E-DRIVE** = Pradhan Mantri Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement.
- **Nodal ministry for EV schemes: Ministry of Heavy Industries (MoHI).**

EV PENETRATION IN INDIA (FY 2024–25)

SEGMENT	EV SHARE
3-Wheelers	~57% (highest segment)
Electric Buses	~5–7%
2-Wheelers	~5–6%
4-Wheelers	~2.5%
Total EV sales (FY25)	~19 lakh units (~7–8% of total auto sales)

The 3W segment leads because of small batteries, predictable urban duty cycles and aggressive last-mile commercial deployment.

CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Public Charging Stations (PCS):** ~25,000+ across India (mid-2025).
- **National Highway for Electric Vehicles (NHEV)** – flagship highway-corridor programme; BHEL, EESL and IOCL are key infrastructure builders.
- **Government target: 1 charger per 3 km of urban roads; 1 per 25 km on highways.**

WHY ODISHA MATTERS STRATEGICALLY

- Rich in **critical minerals**: chromite, bauxite, iron ore.
- **Tata-OSAT (semiconductor ATMP)** at Jagiroad (Morigaon, Assam) is part of the eastern-corridor industrial integration; Odisha hosts adjacent supply-chain capacity.
- **Bhubaneswar smart city** anchor with growing public-transport electrification.
- Charging infrastructure outside the **Bhubaneswar–Cuttack belt** is still thin.
- The mandate creates **demand aggregation** for OEMs (Tata Motors, Mahindra, Ola Electric, Bajaj, TVS).

ENERGY SECURITY ANGLE

- India imports **~87% of its crude oil** requirement.
- The current **West Asia crisis** — Iran–Israel war, Houthi disruptions in the Red Sea — has kept Brent crude elevated.
- Electrifying official mobility is therefore not merely a green choice; it is a **strategic energy-security lever**.

BATTERY & END-OF-LIFE FRAMEWORK

- **Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022** — replaced the 2001 rules.
- Introduced an **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** framework binding producers to collect and recycle used batteries.
- **Domestic cell recycling capacity is limited**. Players include **Tata Chemicals, Attero, Lohum and Gravita**.

WAY FORWARD

- **Replicate the Odisha model** in other states, beginning with central PSUs.
- **Integrate with state solar policy** — charge EVs from rooftop and grid-connected renewables, ensuring genuine well-to-wheel emission cuts.
- **Critical-mineral diplomacy**: Strengthen the **India–Australia Critical Minerals Investment Partnership (2022)** and **KABIL** (Khanij Bidesh India Ltd.) overseas explorations in the DRC and Zambia.
- Build **state-level battery recycling clusters** to close the loop.
- Pair the procurement mandate with **driver training and predictive-maintenance contracts** to avoid early fleet failures.

UPSC RELEVANCE

- **GS Paper 3 — Economy**: Infrastructure (energy, transport); inclusive growth; industrial policy.
- **GS Paper 3 — Environment**: Climate-change mitigation; air-quality management; India's NDCs.
- **GS Paper 3 — Internal Security / Energy**: Strategic energy security and crude-import dependence.
- **Mains themes**: Federalism in clean-energy transition; state innovation in EV adoption; demand aggregation as industrial-policy tool; critical-mineral geopolitics.

- **Prelims angle:** PM E-DRIVE, FAME-II, PLI ACC, EV30@30, Battery Waste Management Rules 2022, Karnataka first-state-EV-policy fact, Odisha mandate specifics.

FACTS CORNER

Odisha CM: Mohan Charan Majhi (BJP, took office June 12, 2024).

EV mandate effective: June 1, 2026.

Scope: New 2W, 4W, and rented 4W for government use.

EV30@30: Targets 30% EV by 2030 — Clean Energy Ministerial, 2017.

FAME-II: ₹10,000 crore (April 2019 – March 31, 2024).

PM E-DRIVE: Launched September 2024; ₹10,900 crore over 2 years.

PLI ACC (battery): ₹18,100 crore.

PLI Auto & Auto Components: ₹25,938 crore.

First state EV policy: Karnataka, 2017.

Battery Waste Management Rules: 2022 (EPR framework).

India crude-oil import dependence: ~87%.

Nodal ministry for EVs: Ministry of Heavy Industries (MoHI).

3W EV penetration in India: ~57% (highest segment).

Public Charging Stations: ~25,000+ (mid-2025).

Sources: [PIB](#), [MoHI](#), [Business Standard](#)

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