

TWO-WHEELERS DRIVE ADOPTION

Registrations of EVs jump 84%; UP leads among states

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STATES ARE INCREASINGLY shaping the pace and composition of India's electric vehicle (EV) adoption, with the top 10 markets accounting for nearly 73% of total EV registrations in September. However, demand patterns vary significantly across regions.

Southern states together accounted for 29% of EV registrations, compared with 23% for northern states. "However, the demand drivers differ significantly across the two regions," according to data from JMK Research based on the Vahan dashboard.

EV adoption in southern states is primarily driven by private ownership, with electric two-wheelers dominating registrations. In contrast, northern states have a higher share of electric three-wheelers, supported by their widespread use in commercial and last-mile mobility services.

Uttar Pradesh led state-wise registrations with 44,253 units, followed by Maharashtra at 39,108 and Karnataka at 28,606. Tamil Nadu ranked fourth with 27,192 units, while Madhya Pradesh recorded 19,279, Bihar 18,951 and Rajasthan 17,783. Kerala, Odisha and Delhi registered 16,159, 16,090 and 14,982 EVs, respectively.

The top 10 states accounted for around 73% of India's total EV registrations in September 2026,* the report said.

In terms of national market share, Uttar Pradesh accounted for 13.26% of EV registrations, followed by Maharashtra at 11.72%, Karnataka at 8.57% and Tamil Nadu at 8.15%. Karnataka remained the leading southern state and ranked third nationally.

JMK attributed its position to early EV policy initiatives, a strong manufacturing and startup ecosystem, extensive charging infrastructure and robust demand led by Bengaluru.

The widening state-level

GREEN SHIFT

State-wise Registered EV Sales (September 2026)

	Units Sold	Market Share
Uttar Pradesh	44,253	13.26%
Maharashtra	39,108	11.72%
Karnataka	28,606	8.57%
Tamil Nadu	27,192	8.15%
Rajasthan	17,783	5.33%
Madhya Pradesh	19,279	5.78%
Bihar	18,951	5.68%
Kerala	16,159	4.84%
Odisha	16,090	4.82%
Delhi	14,982	4.49%
West Bengal	13,503	4.05%
Telangana	13,198	3.96%
Andhra Pradesh	10,521	3.15%
Gujarat	12,677	3.80%
Assam	10,541	3.16%
Others	30,827	9.24%
Total	333,670	100%

Source: Vahan Dashboard, JMK Research

adoption coincided with a sharp rise in overall EV registrations. India recorded 333,670 EV registrations in September, up 12.04% month-on-month from 297,820 in August and 83.58% year-on-year from September 2025. Overall EV penetration reached 13.11%.

Electric two-wheelers remained the largest segment, accounting for 62.13% of total EV sales, followed by passenger electric three-wheelers at 22.25%.

Electric cars accounted for 10.82%, while cargo electric three-wheelers made up 3.33%.

High-speed electric two-wheeler registrations rose 13% month-on-month and 91% year-on-year to 207,314 units in September. Penetration in the two-wheeler segment increased to 11.58% from 10.68% in August and has remained above 10% since June.

Rice exports may take a hit next year

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SHIPMENT OUTLOOK WEAKENS

■ Rice exports projected to fall 4% to 24 MT in 2027

■ Output is seen declining 4.5% to 147 MT in 2026-27

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