

## **PRESS NOTE**

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### **Signing of MOU with Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) & Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) for installation of Public Charging Stations for electric vehicles in Punjab.**

Punjab Energy Development Agency being a State Designated Agency of Department of New & Renewable Energy Sources, Government of Punjab for implementation of Energy Conservation Act, 2001 and has made efforts to promote Energy Efficiency in various sectors i.e. Buildings, Industries, Municipalities, Agriculture and Transport etc. in the State of Punjab.

Sh. Navjot Pal Singh Randhawa, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, PEDA signed an MoU with Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd. (EESL) – a Joint Venture of PSUs under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India on 17.09.2021 at PEDA Office, Chandigarh for installation of Public Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles for the entire state of Punjab. The MoU has been signed keeping in mind the need of e-mobility in the state. With this collaboration, CESL is planning to expand its EV transition portfolio and provide accessible and affordable charging infrastructure in the State. This partnership will establish a roadmap for the installation of public charging stations at various locations, promoting the adoption of e-vehicles including electric 2/3/4 wheelers in the Punjab region.

CEO, PEDA informed that “this MoU will steer the state towards a new e-mobility journey. Punjab has been slowly adapting to the new dynamics and we are quite optimistic about this collaboration with CESL. We believe that this will help us in attaining the larger agenda of electric vehicle transition, further reducing the carbon footprints.” Sh. M.P. Singh, Director, PEDA further informed that “the charging units, with its compatibility with a wide range of electric vehicles will greatly spur e-mobility adoption in the State of Punjab. It will go a long way in making EV charging hassle free and convenient for the consumers, thereby making e-mobility adoption an attractive proposition across regions in the State.”

Sh. Rajneesh Rana, Cluster Head (North), CESL explained that this will act as a bridge to develop a resilient e-charging infrastructure for widespread acceptance of electric vehicles in Punjab. “It is crucial to building an accessible and robust network of EV charging infrastructure for making the transition to e-mobility. This will not only bring us a step closer to the net-zero mission but will also help in innovating the transportation sector of the country. With PEDA’s support, I am confident that we will be able to encourage the development of an EV ecosystem in Punjab,” he added.

Sh. Paramjit Singh, Senior Manager, Sh. Money Khanna, Project Engineer, PEDA, Sh. Chandrasekhar, State Head CESL were also present during the signing of MOU for installation of Public Charging Stations for electric vehicles in the State of Punjab. Photograph taken during Signing of the MoU:



Right to Left:

1. Sh. Navjot Pal Singh Randhawa, IAS, CEO, PEDA
2. Sh. M.P. Singh, Director, PEDA
3. Sh. Rajneesh Rana, Cluster Head (North), CESL
3. Sh. Paramjit Singh, Senior Manager, PEDA
4. Sh. Money Khanna, Project Engineer, PEDA
5. Sh. Chandrasekhar, State Head, CESL