

CONFERENCE: GOAL

India's per-capita bus availability is just 1.2 per 1,000 people as against 6-8/1,000 in similar countries. The headroom is undoubtedly huge. But a range of factors have held back the sector from achieving its true potential. Most important of them all is a fragmented ecosystem.

Under the patronage of Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari and Belgium's Ambassador to India, H.E. Mr. Didier Vanderhasselt, Busworld aims to bring together OEMs, body builders, operators, suppliers, financiers, and policymakers—to drive collaboration, innovation, and sustainable growth.

 **Venue: Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi**

 **Date: April, 28, 2026**

REGISTRATION WITH WELCOME TEA AND COFFEE

08:00

WELCOME AND INSIGHTS

09:00 – 09:30

- Vincent Dewaele, CEO, Busworld International

Advisory Panel:

- Nishant Arya, Chairman, JBM Electric Vehicles (P) Ltd.
- Akash Passey, President, ZF Group, India
- Prasanna Patwardhan Chairman and Managing Director, Purple Mobility Solutions Pvt Ltd, President, Bus Operators Confederation of India

SESSION 1: LOOKING BEYOND DIESEL, GLOBAL AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

09:30 – 10:30

Theme: *Transition to more sustainable energy adoption*

Discussion Points:

- Incentivizing e-bus adoption/Preparing for Euro VII.
- Charging and grid infrastructure
- Financing models: OPEX vs CAPEX, PPP frameworks, fleet leasing.

Moderator: Akash Passey, President, ZF Group, India

Panelists

1. Nishant Arya, Chairman, JBM Electric Vehicles (P) Ltd.
2. Mahesh Babu, Managing Director, Olectra Greentech Limited
3. Venkat Srinivas, Executive Director and CEO, SML Mahindra
4. Anand S, Vice President and Business Head, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Passenger Business
5. Andamuthu Ponnusamy, Vice President, Head of Business, Daimler India Commercial Vehicles
6. Sukanta Sahu, Head, Bus Sales and Marketing, Switch Mobility
7. Mahua Acharya, Founder and CEO of INTENT
8. Vaibhav Dange, Co-Founder, Build India Foundation



SESSION 2: ROUNDTABLE: TALKING TO NEXT-GEN OEMS

10:30 – 11:30

Theme: *How is the e-bus market opening up to welcome new players*

Discussion Points:

- Low entry barriers but established incumbents
- Open market for technology which is continuously evolving
- How do we differentiate?
- Philosophy/approach/strategy

Moderator: Jan Deman, Executive Director, Busworld Foundation

Panelists

1. Sumit Mittal, CEO, JSW Greentech
2. Dr. Aanchal Jain, CEO, PMI Electro Mobility
3. Arathi K Parigi, Managing Director, Neuton Auto Pvt Ltd
4. Venkatesh Challa, Director, Keto Motors
5. Vickrant Mahajan E-Bus Director, VinFast India
6. Sanyam Gandhi, Whole-time Director, Chartered Speed Limited
7. Ankit Singhvi, CEO & Founder, NaArNi

SESSION 3: INAUGURAL SESSION

11:30 – 13:00

- Welcome and felicitation by Vincent Dewaele, CEO, Busworld International
- Address by Anil Mohan Kamat, Chairman and Managing Director, MG Group
- Address by PATRON of the Busworld India Conclave, Ambassador of Belgium to India, HE Mr Didier Vanderhasselt
- Address by GUEST of HONOUR Minister of Industries, Commerce and Food Processing, Andhra Pradesh, Shri TG Bharath
- Inauguration on stage by CHIEF GUEST Honourable Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari and other dignitaries
- Address by Shri Gadkari
- VVIP tour of the exhibition and buses on display

NETWORKING LUNCH

13:00 – 14:00

SESSION 4: BUS OPERATORS: MOVERS AND SHAKERS

14:00 – 15:00

Theme: *Thought process of next-gen private fleet operators, aggregators and select PTAs*

Discussion Points:

- Understanding how the bus-based public transport market has evolved.
- Leveraging data and technology to optimise fleet management
- Understanding and resolving pain points
- How can private operators, aggregators and PTAs work together especially for EV bus operations?



Driving the Future of Indian Bus & Coach Mobility – Innovation, Sustainability and Excellence

Moderator: Prasanna Patwardhan, Chairman and Managing Director, Purple Mobility Solutions Pvt Ltd

Panelists

1. Saurabh Patwardhan, Director, Purple Mobility Solutions Pvt Ltd
2. Prabhu Salageri, Executive Director, Vijayanand Travels Pvt. Ltd.
3. Harsh Kotak, Managing Director, Modern Tours and Travels
4. Surya Khurana, Managing Director, Flixbus India
5. Akram Pasha (IAS), Managing Director, Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (TBC)
6. Manoj Aggarwala, Chief Business Officer, Redbus.in
7. Shatrughan Kumar, Managing Director, Trans ACNR Solutions

SESSION 5: BUILDING INDIA'S NEXT-GEN COACHES

15:00–16:00

Theme: *Design, Comfort & Localisation*

Discussion Points:

- The growing demand for premium intercity and tourist coaches.
- Innovations in lightweight and modular coach body structures.
- Passenger comfort, interior design, digital amenities, and connectivity.
- Enhancing partnerships between OEMs and coach builders for faster delivery and supply chain management.

Moderator: Dr. Sudhir Mehta, Founder & Chairman, EKA Mobility & Pinnacle Industries Limited

Panelists

1. Sivakumar V. President - Strategy & Sales, MG Group
2. K Srinivas Reddy, Managing Director, Veera Vahan Udyog Private Limited
3. Kanwal Preet Singh, Managing Director India & Head-Asia Pacific, Eberspaecher Suetrak India
4. AG Giridharan, Executive Director, CEO-SCS Domain at Uno Minda Limited
5. Veeresh Manrai, General Manager- Business Development, Southco India Private Limited
6. Harpinder Singh, Sr. Manager – Product Development, L&L Products
7. Buddhiraj Deshmukh, CEO, TACO Air International Thermal System

HI - TEA

16:00–16:20

SESSION 6: SAFETY, STANDARDS & SKILLS

16:20–17:35

Theme: *Addressing perhaps the most critical issue for the bus industry*

Discussion Points:

- New AIS and CMVR standards for buses and coaches.
- Driver and technician training programs.
- Role of telematics in enhancing safety and compliance.

Keynote Address by Tuhin Sinha, National Spokesperson, Bharatiya Janata Party, acclaimed author and road safety crusader.

16:20

'Effective public-private partnership to promote road safety'



PANEL DISCUSSION

16:35

Moderator: Bhagwan Bindiganavile, EVP - Strategic Planning, Brand & Communications, VECV

Panelists

1. KC Sharma, Director (Road Safety) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
2. Suresh Chettiar, Executive Vice President & Head of VECV Bus Division
3. Dinesh Sharma, Managing Director, Damodar Group
4. Soumik Ukil, CEO, LightMetrics
5. Jalpa Jain, Director, Aadinath Bulk Pvt. Ltd.
6. Amit Chhabra, Head of OE and Institutional Sales, Apollo Tyres
7. Jaywant Hardikar, Head – CMVR, International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT)
8. C Balasubramanian, CTO, Chemito Infotech Pvt. Ltd.
9. Shyam Sundar, Program Manager, Trucks and Buses, Frost and Sullivan

SESSION 7: LOCALISING THE EV SUPPLY CHAIN

17:35–18:35

Theme: How can the Indian bus industry create a secure ecosystem for the sustainable adoption and deployment of electric buses?

Discussion Points:

- Sourcing for e-mobility
- Challenges for suppliers to invest in development of components for multiple-energy platform vehicles
- Catering to Indian OEM export requirements
- Imperative to fine-tune predicatability of requirements
- Busworld Plaza as an enabler

Moderator: Pawan Mulukutla, Executive Program Director - Integrated Transport, Clean Air and Hydrogen at WRI India

Panelists

1. Representative from JBM
2. Vinay Jain, Managing Director, Masstrans Technologiies Private Limited
3. Sachin Nijhawan, Chief Operating Officer, Vertelo
4. Ravin Mirchandani, Chief Dream Merchant, Quench
5. Vishwas R Moktali, Head - Strategic Business Development - EV, Medha Servo Drives Pvt Ltd.
6. Himanshu Vyas, Sr. General Manager, Manatec Electronics Pvt. Ltd.
7. Abhishek Jain Beckyn Protocol (TBC)

CLOSING KEYNOTE & NETWORKING RECEPTION

18:35–18:45

- Recap of the day's key insights and action points.
- Networking with delegates and industry partners.

NETWORKING DINNER

19:30- 23:00