

Financing Indian Automotive MSMEs for EV Transition

Panel Discussion and Report Launch

Date: Sep 23, 2025,

Time: 10:00 hrs. to 14:00 hrs.

Mode: In-person only

Venue: The Claridges, 12, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Rd, New Delhi- 110011

About Climate Policy Initiative (CPI)

CPI is an analysis and advisory organization with deep expertise in finance and policy. Our mission is to help governments, businesses, and financial institutions drive economic growth while addressing climate change. CPI has seven offices around the world in Brazil, India, Indonesia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Background

India is at a critical juncture in its transition toward electric mobility, a shift necessary for achieving national climate targets, improving air quality and transport decarbonization. Automotive MSMEs form the backbone of India's automotive manufacturing ecosystem, significantly contributing to employment, innovation, and economic growth. However, transitioning these MSMEs toward electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing poses considerable challenges, including limited access to technology, capacity development complexities and inadequate financing options. Targeted policy interventions and robust financing mechanisms are essential to indigenize and scale up India's EV supply chain successfully.

Objective

To underscore the requirements of automotive MSMEs for the transition, Climate Policy Initiative will release its report "**Roadmap for an Automotive Component Technology Upgradation Financing Facility**," accompanied by a presentation of its key findings. The report provides a strategic blueprint for developing a dedicated financing facility to ensure increased availability of affordable capital, enhance the bankability of investments, and facilitate technological advancements among automotive MSMEs amid India's transition to electric vehicles. Following the launch, expert panel discussions will bring together policy, industry, financial institutions, academia and civil society representatives. These discussions will focus on identifying measures to mitigate risks in MSME financing, establishing sustained, accessible capital flows, supporting MSME integration into the EV ecosystem, and promoting an inclusive and resilient transformation of India's automotive sector.

Agenda

The detailed agenda for the event is as follows:

PARTICULARS	TIME
Registration	10:00-10:30
Welcome Address (Director, CPI)	10:30-10:35 (5 mins)
Opening Remarks	10:35-10:45 (10 mins)
Keynote Address	10:45-11:00 (15 mins)
Context Setting Presentation & Launch of Report: <i>Roadmap for an Automotive Component Technology Upgradation Financing Facility'</i>	11:00-11:15 (15 mins)
Panel 1: Policy Pathways to support transition of MSME into Clean Mobility value chain	
<p>A panel of experts from Policymaking, Industry and Developmental finance will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term policy mechanisms: concessional finance, PLI-type schemes, phased technology mandates Role of public financial institutions and green finance instruments in bridging viability gaps for MSMEs across the EV value chain <p>Followed by Q&A</p>	11:15-12:00 (45 mins)
Panel 2: De-risking finance for MSMEs to support EV supply chain indigenization	
<p>A panel consisting of experts from Financing sector will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key financial risks faced by MSMEs in transitioning to EVs Dedicated instruments addressing MSME-specific constraints and incentivizing deeper localization of critical EV components Design of targeted incentives and schemes to support transitioning <p>Followed by Q&A</p>	12:00-12:45 (45 mins)
Vote of Thanks and Closing remarks	12:45-13:00 (15 mins)
Networking Lunch	13:00-14:00 (60 mins)