

Ashok Leyland announces ₹500 cr battery pack manufacturing facility near Chennai

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Auto major Ashok Leyland on Wednesday announced the groundbreaking for a greenfield battery pack manufacturing facility in Pillaipakkam, near Chennai. The project would entail an investment of ₹400-500 crore, and is part of investments from the Hinduja Group under an MoU signed in September 2025.

The battery pack project aligns closely with Tamil Nadu's Electric Vehicle Policy 2023, the National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage, and India's vision of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.

Chief Minister MK Stalin unveiled the foundation plaque in the presence of Industries Minister TRB Rajaa and Shenu Agarwal, MD and



POWER-PACKED. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin unveiling the foundation plaque for Ashok Leyland's greenfield battery pack manufacturing facility in Pillaipakkam, near Chennai, in the presence of senior company officials

CEO, Ashok Leyland, said a company statement.

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The new facility represents a strategic step in building a robust EV ecosystem. It will localise EV battery pack production, strengthen India's electric mobility supply chain and create new opportunities for employment and advanced skill development

in Tamil Nadu, reinforcing the State's position as a leading hub for next-generation automotive manufacturing and EV innovation, the statement added.

Dheeraj Hinduja, Executive Chairman, Ashok Leyland, said, "Our journey has been closely intertwined with the growth of Tamil Nadu for more than seven decades. Ashok Leyland,

along with its subsidiary Switch Mobility, has already developed a vast range of electric commercial vehicles, and taken a lead position in the EV market. The groundbreaking of the new battery pack manufacturing facility marks an important step in our electric mobility journey and reinforces our commitment to building a strong domestic EV ecosystem."

Ashok Leyland MD and CEO Agarwal said, "Battery pack technology is central to the future of electric mobility and energy storage. This facility will enable us to build advanced battery pack solutions with greater efficiency and reliability while supporting the battery supply chain localisation."

"It will also contribute to developing specialised talent and creating new opportunities in high-technology manufacturing within Tamil Nadu."