

Daimler India Commercial Vehicles completes major expansion of solar power facilities

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- **More than 10,000 new polycrystalline solar power panels added, share of solar power to reach more than one fourth of daytime need**
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Chennai – Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Daimler AG, has taken solar power usage at its manufacturing plant in Oragadam near Chennai to the next level. With the completion of a major addition to the plant's existing photovoltaic installations, the overall technical capacity has increased from 0.8 to 3.3 Megawatts.

The new solar power field, built on previously idle stretches of land within the plant's highly modern commercial vehicle test track area, consists of more than 10,000 new polycrystalline photovoltaic panels. Thanks to the upgrade, the share of solar power is now covering more than one fourth of the average daytime electrical power need of DICV's operations on site.

Commenting on the milestone, **Mr. Marc Llistosella, President and CEO of MFTBC and Head of Daimler Trucks Asia** said: "At Daimler worldwide, we minimize negative effects from our activities with the help of effective environmental management systems and state-of-the-art technologies. This project is a perfect example of how Daimler Trucks Asia promotes climate protection, conserves valuable resources and contributes to the preservation of a livable environment."

Mr. Erich Nesselhauf, Managing Director and CEO Daimler India

Commercial Vehicles added: "Various green production efforts have been an integral part of our DICV manufacturing plant and operations from the start. The massive expansion of our solar power facilities underlines our commitment to be an industry leader with regard to sustainability and environmental protection as well."

Further environmental and sustainability efforts at DICV

Daimler India Commercial Vehicles' environmental management system is certified by the renowned institute UL-DQS according to the global standards of the ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management System certification. The company's environmental and sustainability efforts cover various aspects of its operations.

The plant in Oragadam near Chennai is spread over 400 acres. More than 16,000 trees have been planted since the start of operations in 2012, as part of ongoing efforts in order to ultimately make the entire site one of India's greenest industrial complexes.

Water management is another focus, ensuring that the precious resource is used as sparingly as possible, and that no water leaves the plant. These efforts include rainwater harvesting with a huge storage pond holding more than 60,000 kilolitres of water, and two sewage treatment plants which return clean water that can be used e.g. for irrigation. Dedicated state-of-the-art facilities are also used to handle, store and dispose of hazardous materials and harmful effluents within the plant complex.

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Daimler Trucks Asia at a Glance

Daimler Trucks Asia combines the strength of two distinct legal entities Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) and Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation (MFTBC), collaborating on a range of topics ranging from product development, production and R&D to Sales & market development activities.

DICV at a Glance

Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) is a 100% subsidiary of Daimler AG, Stuttgart, Germany. DICV is a full-fledged commercial vehicle player in the Indian market. It currently produces and sells above 9 to 49 tons trucks for the Indian

volume market, under the brand BharatBenz. BharatBenz stands for Indian engineering with German DNA. Under its bus division, the company produces and sells BharatBenz buses and Mercedes-Benz buses from its manufacturing plant at Oragadam. Bharat-Benz products have been engineered to serve all major customer segments with a focus on total-cost-of ownership, safety, reliability and comfort. The DICV-built FUSO trucks from Oragadam are exported to markets in South East Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

The state-of-the-art production plant at Oragadam, near Chennai, spreads over 400 acres (160 hectares). It includes a modern test track designed to simulate Indian conditions – making it one of its kinds in Asia. DICV has made an initial investment of 4,400cr and additional 425cr for the bus plant facility.