

PM Modi to make e-payment of Rs 14 to e-rickshaw

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi would be making a mobile e-payment of Rs 14 to Vijay Pandey, who would be escorting him from the entrance of Colvin Taluqdars College to the stage of the main programme. Pandey would be driving the PM on an e-rickshaw. More than from entrance of Colvin Taluqdars College to the stage. The payment has been facilitated by an app called ONGO developed by Mumbai based company called IndiaTransact.

The company has already taken up the task of making e-payment to taxis of different unions in Mumbai. CEO Deepak Bhutra told TOI that if all goes well in Lucknow, then the city may see the implementation of the same e – payment in Lucknow in next financial year. The company is also planning to expand the ambit of its micro – credit e – payment to vegetable vendors and tea sellers.

Lucknow on this occasion, would also be able to have a first-hand experience of Startup India, as 48 battery charging centres (for charging the batteries of e-rickshaws), are also likely to become operational. As many as 10 service centres (for maintenance of e-rickshaws and batteries) would also be established at part of Startup India. The charging centres are located at every 5 kilometres, an official said and added that two charging centres are already operating from Jankipuram and Jankipuram Extension.

Elaborating further about the event, Vijay Pandey (managing director of a Lucknow-based micro-credit service), said the e-rickshaws, which would be flagged off by PM Modi incorporate a number of welfare schemes/programmes initiated by the Centre. When asked how much money he expects to get from the PM, Pandey said, “I would be only driving the e-rickshaw.”

“The e-rickshaws are India e-rickshaws approved by Indian Council of Automotive Design (unlike the earlier Chinese ones). The e-rickshaws would be GPRS-enabled and symbolise Digital

India,” said Vijay Pandey.

The programme would culminate the PM flagging off rally of as many as 2100 e-rickshaws. Prior to this, an award ceremony would be held in which ASDC certificate and PMJDY will be given to 11 rickshaw families.