Nayudamma was not just a top scientist of the country. He also was able to convert knowledge into industry and created one of largest industry in the country, benefiting rural and disadvantaged people

#### EVs in India: The Current State

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#### India Recognises

• India imports most of its oil impacting its economy badly

- It has 14 of 20 most polluted cities in the world
- EV is the future: four times higher energy efficiency and 50% less moving parts
- India's vehicles different from that in most of the world
  - 79% two-wheelers, 5% Autos and e-rickshaw, 3% Buses and large goods vehicle
  - 12% Economy Cars (< \$13000) and 2% Premium Cars ( > \$13000)
  - 98% of public and affordable vehicles: not the focus of the rest of the world; India could attempt to get leadership here
- India has low affordability and can afford minimal subsidy
  - EV must make business sense: How?
  - Battery contributes to 50% of costs
    - falling rapidly over last five years but still expensive

YearLi battery<br/>costs per kWh2012USD 6002015USD 4502017USD 2502020USD 1502024< USD 100</td>

Business needs to depend upon itself. Some help from state governments (local manufacturing + promotion)

# Strategy for EVs for Public Transport

- Higher efficiency Wh/km (kms/litre of petrol) reduces battery size, weight and costs
  - For e-autos in last one year: from 70 to 80 Wh/km to 45/50 Wh/km
  - E-buses: from 1600 Wh/km to 900 Wh/km
- Split battery into smaller size (one third) and swap
  - No waiting time to charge battery: no public infrastructure required
- Battery-life severely affected by Fast Charging at 45 deg C
  - Swapped battery can be charged in conditioned environment and in two hours to maximise its life
- Separate vehicle business (without battery) & energy business (battery)
  - Capital cost similar to that for petrol / diesel vehicle
  - Operation cost today same as petrol / diesel vehicle
    - WITH no SUBSIDY; but lower GST for strictly three years
- Drive volumes aided by Public procurement



#### EV Strategy for Private Transport (2/4-wheelers)

- Batteries dominate the cost of an EV: Tesla uses battery with 540 kms range
  - and also vehicle weight (reducing the energy efficiency or kms/kWh)
  - Smaller battery creates range anxiety
    - Use Public Fast Charger: waiting time + public charging infrastructure: takes an hour to charge battery
    - Fast Charge in 15 to 20 minutes: needs expensive batteries (life impacted as temperature crosses 40°C)
- Suppose EVs have a small low-cost battery with limited range built-in: Affordable
  - Example: 100/ 50 km range for e-car / e-scooter: Enough within cities for 90% of days
  - Use only night-time Slow Charging: maximising battery life
- When one needs to drive longer distances (10% of days)
  - use a RANGE EXTENDER battery to overcome range anxiety
    - Swap-in a second (swappable) battery doubling the range at a petrol pump (3 to 5 minutes)
    - Swap the swappable battery again for still longer range (300 kms or 400 kms)

### **Strategy for EV Batteries**

- Battery pack development: thermal design, mechanical design and Battery Management System to get the best out of low-cost cell: largely ready
  - established and start-ups [30-35% value add]
- Battery Cell Development
  - JV with external tie-ups [30% value add]
- Battery Material Development: great progress with battery recycling (urban mining) [40% value add]
  - scaling on way



### Materials for Batteries (40% costs)

- Li-Ion batteries today use Lithium, Cobalt, Manganese, Nickel and Graphite
  - India does not have much of the mines for any these
    - Import bill could sky-rocket if we import all the materials
  - India may need up to 25 GWh per year by 2025
- Focus on recycling of used batteries (urban mining)
  - A start-up is recovering 95% of Li and Co, and 93% of Ni and Mn and 90%
    Graphite: being scaled today
  - Need R&D to set-up large number of recycling plants with ZERO EFFLUENT
- India could import used batteries and become the urban-mining capital of the world for Li-Ion battery-materials

# Summing up: India's Tasks

- 1. Most Energy Efficient Vehicles: low Wh/km will reduce the size of the battery
  - Better motor and drive (power-train), better tyres, lower weight and better aerodynamics
- Battery ecosystem: Pack manufacturing (30-35%), cell-making (30%), materials and chemicals (40%)
- Charging and swapping Infrastructure for range-extension – Slow-charging, fast charging and battery swapping
- 4. Demand Generation and Policies

#### Vehicles on Drive Pilot with Battery swapping at CBEEV, IITM Campus



Test vehicle with school kids, residents and staff in IITM campus

#### Cell voltage and temperature monitoring during driving



#### Current State and Scaling by better battery utilisation

- Electric three-wheelers with battery swapping will scale soon
- Electric two-wheelers (78% of vehicles) would make maximum impact in short run and would require some innovation to scale
- Buses would still take time to scale: battery-swapping will emerge in 2019 and would compete with fixed-battery buses
- End of 2019: first signs of scaling of 4-wheelers
  - Battery pack manufacturing will start-scaling
  - Battery recycling would bring-up urban mining
- Industry and local governments would push EV forward

## To Conclude

- India needs innovative approach to get its EV to scale today: Not follow the West
  - Or will be flooded by imports in four to five years
  - 7.1% (auto-sector) + 5% GDP (fuel-processing & distribution) + millions of jobs may be impacted
- Time is of essence
  - Several industries and start-ups have worked hard over the last few years
    - They need to be encouraged and see a continuous forward movement
  - More focus on Make in India and start-ups and R&D institutions
    - With attempts to preserve India's GDP and grow jobs
- Can we do it by 2030: Certainly
- EV article in latest IEEE Electrification Magazine: <u>https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8546812</u>

For deeper understanding, look at the blog "understanding the EV Elephant": <u>https://electric-vehicles-in-india.blogspot.in/2017/12/</u>

- Vehicles: Ashok Leyland, Tata Motors, Mahindra, Eicher, Bajaj, Kinetic, Lohia, Electrotherm, Goenka, Hero-Eco, Okinawa, Ather, Avon Cycles, TVS Motors
- Li Ion Battery and recycling: Exide, Amar Raja, Exicom, ACME, Grintech, Greenfuel, Ion Batteries, Attero, Sun-mobility
- Energy Operators: Essel Infra, Sun-mobility, BPCL, NTPC, PGCIL, Kerala DISCOM, Goldstone
- Chargers, Motors and Monitoring: Delta, ACME, Exicom, TVS Motors, Esmito
- Most State Governments, STUs