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Daimler India Commercial Vehicles starts series production of BS VI powertrain ahead of schedule

- **DICV began series production of its BS VI-compliant heavy-duty powertrain well ahead of the government's April 2020 deadline for registering pre-BS VI vehicles**
- **Over 16 lakh km of reliability testing conducted worldwide, including Germany, South Africa, Brazil and India**
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Chennai– Daimler India Commercial Vehicles rolled out its first Bharat Stage VI (BS VI) heavy-duty powertrain from its manufacturing facility at Oragadam. Having already received certification for BS VI back in July 2019, DICV's latest milestone comes just two and half years after the introduction of BS IV.

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DICV's start of production comes not only before the government's April 2020 BS VI transition deadline, but also ahead of their own internal schedule. In 2017, DICV joined a global partnership with Daimler entities in Brazil, Germany and the US with the goal of upgrading key components to BS VI standards by January 2020.

Three months ahead of schedule, DICV is now beginning series production of its BS VI-compliant OM 926 engines and MD 2 Box After Treatment Systems right here in India. The engine will be offered with two power options (230 HP and 280HP), allowing customers to benefit from the outstanding combination of robustness, parts localization and fuel efficiency provided by the six-cylinder classic series engines used in the BS VI range.

About Daimler India Commercial Vehicles

Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV), a wholly owned subsidiary of Daimler AG, Germany, is a full-fledged commercial vehicle player in the Indian market and the only Daimler entity worldwide with a brand dedicated to its home market: BharatBenz. DICV produces and sells in India above 9 to 55 tons trucks as well as BharatBenz buses, Mercedes-Benz coaches and bus chassis. DICV's state-of-the-art manufacturing plant at Oragadam near Chennai spreads over 400 acres (160 hectares) including a highly modern test track and is home to the company's headquarters, R&D and training operations. With one global quality standard, it also produces for Daimler Trucks' brands of FUSO, Mercedes-Benz and Freightliner. Products and parts are exported to more than 50 markets in the Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. DICV represents an overall investment of more than INR 5,500 crores.

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