Syllabus subtopic: Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.

Prelims and Mains focus: About FAME India scheme; its features and significance

News: The Centre has approved setting up of 2,636 charging stations in 62 cities across the country under the FAME India scheme, which will encourage original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to launch new electric vehicle models, Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said on Friday.

- Of the 2,636 stations, **1,633 will be fast charging stations**. About 14,000 chargers will be installed across the selected cities.

About FAME India scheme

- FAME India is a part of the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP). Main thrust of FAME is to encourage electric vehicles by providing subsidies.
- Vehicles in most segments – two wheelers, three wheelers, electric and hybrid cars and electric buses obtained the subsidy benefit of the scheme.
- FAME focuses on 4 areas i.e. Technology development, Demand Creation, Pilot Projects and Charging Infrastructure.