

ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited

ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India resumes production at its Aurangabad facility; continues work on the INDIA 2.0 Project at the Pune Facility

- › Production at its Pune facility to resume production on 1st June
- › Health and safety of employees continue to remain priority
- › A 60-point SoP (standard operating procedure) prepared in consultation with Medical experts
- › Includes protective measures for employees as well as process changes within the organization and production area
- › Resumes work on the INDIA 2.0 project

Pune, 21 May, 2020: ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited (ŠAVWIPL) resumed production at its Aurangabad production facility and commenced work as a part of the India 2.0 project activities at its Pune facility. All necessary permissions were received from local authorities and the State Government of Maharashtra and a comprehensive set of safety measures have been initiated before resuming manufacturing activities at these facilities. Both facilities are following a well-defined safety protocol, listing 60 points to ensure the safety of its employees. The 'Start Safe' SoP prepared in close collaboration with Medical Practitioners includes a set of comprehensive measures for all areas of ŠAVWIPL's operations.

Mr. Gurpratap Boparai, Managing Director, ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited said, "The post Covid-19 era will have challenges new and old, however, we need to look ahead with optimism once more. By resuming production we will be in a better position to react to market demands and consumer needs. Over the past few weeks, we have been working closely with the Government, local administration and our medical team to develop a 'Safe Production and Safe Office concept' and implemented the same in our operations."

The Aurangabad facility has resumed production with reduced man-power in a single shift . The facility will produce the new Superb ahead of its launch scheduled next week and gradually ramp up production to include other models and brands.. As port-operations and man-power availability continues to improve, operational efficiency of inbound logistics and parts availability will aid gradual ramp-up to full production capacity and resumption of normal daily operations.

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ŠAVWIPL has resumed preparation of the INDIA 2.0 project with developments towards the Start of Production (SoP) of its SUVs based on the MQB A0 IN platform. With a focus on India, ŠKODA Auto has developed the MQB-A0-IN platform variant on which models for ŠKODA AUTO India and Volkswagen India are being built. The ŠKODA VISION IN and the Volkswagen Taigun concept study showcased at the Delhi Auto EXPO are the first vehicles to be built on this platform.

60 point Start Safe SoP - Safety Measures at ŠAVWIPL

ŠAVWIPL has implemented a thorough 60 point SoP to sustain a safe restart of operations. These SoPs includes specific rules on distances and hygiene. For example, employees are called on to measure their temperature at home every morning and go through a 6 point health checklist before they leave for work. Wearing of facemask during travel and at work has been made mandatory. Numerous distance markers on floors act as guides for walking and for keeping distances during entry and exit.

Other provisions have been made for production staff to work in smaller teams, undertake virtual trainings, restrictions on sharing of tools and mandatory usage of gloves are some of the measures enforced to keep personal contact and the risk of infection to a minimum.

Wherever possible, employees are encouraged to continue to work from home. Pregnant women or colleagues with comorbidities are being allowed to work from home for an extended period.

Alongside these precautions, general precautionary measures and hygiene recommendations – such as increase frequency of sanitization, touch-free sanitization stations, and rigorous employee awareness sessions to undertake protective measures like refraining from shaking hands, maintaining safe distances, regularly washing or disinfecting hands, and emergency contact information is being circulated. Along with safety measures, employees are encouraged to download the contact tracing 'Aarogya Setu' app to help containing the spread of the disease.

ŠAVWIPL at the forefront of the Covid-19 battle

ŠAVWIPL have contributed a sum of INR 1 crore towards the setting-up of an 1100-bed dedicated COVID-19 facility at Sassoon General Hospital in Pune. The company followed up with the contribution of essential medicines worth INR 22.34 lac. 12,000 reusable face shields were manufactured and distributed amongst healthcare providers in Aurangabad, Beed, Latur and Pune. Additionally the company's engineers developed intubation boxes, filtered oxygen mask and automatic AMBU bags in preparation for request from the healthcare community. The company also donated over 35,000 sanitizers to hospitals in Pune, Aurangabad and Mumbai, 21 tons of dry ration to needy families in Khed and Bhosari villages and distributed over 50,000 food packets in the Aurangabad region.

ŠAVWIPL's employees supported by the labor unions in Pune and Aurangabad pitched in a day's salary to raise over INR 1.2 crore. The collected amount will fund 15 full featured ventilators, 15 monitors and 3750 PPE kits for Covid-19 hospitals in Mumbai, Pune and Aurangabad.

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ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited:

- Headquartered in Pune, ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited (SAVWIPL) is the new company that represents passenger vehicle entities of Volkswagen Group in India
- SAVWIPL has been formed following the merger of Volkswagen India Private Limited (VWIPL), ŠKODA AUTO India Private Limited (SAIPL), and Volkswagen Group Sales India Private Limited (NSC).
- The combined entity oversees the business operations of five brands – ŠKODA, Volkswagen, Audi, Porsche and Lamborghini – in India
- SAVWIPL operates two manufacturing facilities - at Chakan, Pune and Shendra, Aurangabad
- SAVWIPL employs over 4,400 people across functions and locations in India.
- The launch of the ŠKODA brand in India in 2001 heralded the entry of the Volkswagen Group into the country
- Volkswagen and Audi made their India debut in 2007 while Porsche and Lamborghini followed in 2012
- SAVWIPL is committed to India and will continue to serve Indian customers with an array of desirable, high-quality automobiles that reflect the needs of the Indian customer and their aspirations
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