

## ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India reaffirms its commitment to sustainable manufacturing: certified as 'Zero Waste to Landfill' operation

- › SAVWIPL's manufacturing facilities at Pune and Aurangabad get certified as 'Zero Waste to Landfill sites by TUV Nord
- › Both these two facilities are also Zero Liquid Discharge sites
- › ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India (SAVWIPL) achieves certification a year before ahead of an internal target
- › The company has also confirmed its ambition to be carbon neutral by year 2025 under its 'GoToZero' initiative

Pune, 10 September, 2020: ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited (SAVWIPL) achieves yet another sustainability milestone with 'Zero Waste to Landfill' certification by TUV Nord, a global inspection, certification and testing leader. The company that represents the passenger vehicle brands of Volkswagen Group in India including ŠKODA, Volkswagen, Audi, Porsche and Lamborghini, accomplished the feat a year early ahead of its initial target by achieving a 98.42% diversion rate and a wastage of less than 1.10 kg per vehicle. Furthermore, SAVWIPL aims at being a carbon neutral firm by 2025 under the Volkswagen Group's 'GoToZero' initiative.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Gurpratap Boparai, Managing Director, SAVWIPL said, "Zero Waste to Landfill is just a beginning and compliments our ambition of a sustainable manufacturing footprint with net zero environmental impact. We are working to minimize environmental impacts along the entire lifecycle for all our products and mobility solutions – from raw material usage to finished products - in order to keep ecological balance and to create positive impacts in our daily life, while offering customers advanced mobility solutions through our 5 passenger vehicle brands."

Zero waste to Landfill means zero manufacturing waste is disposed directly to landfill or to Incineration without energy recovery by the site, except where local legal requirements specify that regulated wastes must be disposed in a landfill. The hazardous waste data, its process of recycle, reuse, and reduce without landfill process at the company's manufacturing operation at Aurangabad and Pune achieved overall 98.42% diversion rate (platinum category) as per TUV India's Zero Waste to Landfill' (ZWL) methodology and certification guideline. TUV Nord is one of the world's largest inspection, certification and testing organisations for industrial self-control, providing independent, neutral, third party certification.

### Some of the key sustainable manufacturing practises adopted by SAVWIPL

**Water Conservation:** Considering water to be one of the most natural resource, SAVWIPL has put a lot of efforts in order to avoid the wastage of water in any form. With these efforts, group's Pune & Aurangabad facilities are now Zero Liquid Discharge sites where water conservation projects to reduce evaporative losses are being implemented. Along with that, SAVWIPL is working with International Association for Human Values (IAHV) for a Water Shed Management Project in Latur, Nippad, Gulani villages conserving 220,000 m3 of water.

**Green Energy:** In 2018, the company inaugurated its first major Solar PV installation with a capacity of 980 KW, at its manufacturing facility in Aurangabad followed by an 8.5 MWh plant at its Pune Facility in December 2019. The combined technical capacity of installations at Aurangabad and Pune stands at 9.4 MWp, saving close to 10,000 tons of CO2 emissions annually. The company aims to increase the capacity of solar power plant to 30% of total energy consumed by 2021 and work towards net zero carbon production by 2025 by re review our energy mix and the option to derive non electrical energy through Bio Gas, waste heat recovery and further reduction in Specific Energy Consumption to achieve Carbon Neutrality in our production network by 2025.

**Tree Plantations:** ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Pvt Ltd, at its Pune plant, planted around 23,000 trees. Further, the group had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Mangrove and Marine Biodiversity Conservation Foundation (MMBCF), to plant over 450,000 mangrove facilities towards restoration of degraded mangrove forests in Alibaug, coastal town of Raigad, Maharashtra.

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The group also opened Aurangabad's first Oxygen Park in Shendra in December 2019. The strategically located park has over 15,000 densely planted facilities and trees, with potential to sink high levels of CO2 emission emerging from the industrial belt in the region.

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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 the passenger vehicle brands 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 Indian operations of five brands – ŠKODA AUTO, Volkswagen, Audi, Porsche and Lamborghini.
- › SAVWIPL operates two manufacturing facilities - at Chakan, Pune and Shendra, Aurangabad
- › 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
- › SAVWIPL's division, ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab India is one of the 4 agile business innovation hubs for ŠKODA AUTO globally joining those based in Prague, Tel Aviv and Beijing. The division functions as a start-up collaborator in the IT industry, allowing ŠAVWIPL to sustainably strengthen its expertise in both innovation and digital development.
- › Read and know more about SAVWIPL at <https://skoda-vw.co.in/>