



A STEP TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT OF SKILLED MANPOWER IN THE MARATHWADA: ŠKODAAUTO INDIA PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL TO ITI AURANGABAD

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Aurangabad, 11th Jan 2011 – ŠkodaAuto India, a fully owned subsidiary of ŠkodaAuto a.s., Czech Republic and part of Group Volkswagen India proudly continues its activities aimed towards development of the region; today the company moved a step forward in the traditionally supported field of technical education in India. It is ŠkodaAuto India's aim to develop and support local education and knowhow and provide opportunities to young student in becoming professionals in the automotive field.

ŠkodaAuto India has already joined hands with government run training organizations, Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), Aurangabad, by providing 5 Škoda Fabia cars for practical technical training purpose on 3rd Nov 2010. Now the company has provided a cut engine and diagnostic equipment to ITI Aurangabad in order to allow for better insight of technical details and develop the knowledge of Vehicle Technology among the students.

Speaking about the association Mr. Povsik - President-Trade Union KOVO, ŠkodaAuto – said: “ŠkodaAuto India understands the importance of technical knowledge among the students and it helps to develop a skilled manpower in a competitive market. This step will further on strengthen the association with educational institute and will help to create larger talent pool in this region”.

ŠkodaAuto India has been actively involved in CSR activities in the past in this region. Recently ŠkodaAuto India has helped a nearby school by solving their drinking water problem by providing the facility and also has donated computers to improve students' computer knowledge.





Mr. Makarand Deshpande, Director of HR & Admin ŠkodaAuto India, said “We wish that students gain advanced technical knowledge at an early stage which will boost their confidence towards vehicle technology in this fast growing market. This activity with the ITIs is one of the CSR activities initiated by ŠkodaAuto India in the region in order to support the growth of skilled manpower and is aimed towards improving the technical knowledge of students.”

Shri R V Kakade Jt Director Vocational Education & Training Govt of Maharashtra graced this occasion. Mr. Datta of HR and Administrative Dept delivered vote of thanks. On this occasion Dr. Oliver Gruenberg Managing Director Technical Affairs, Mr. Sanjay Mundade Director Commercial Affairs & CFO, Mr. Chobe of HR Dept and Mr. Ved Jahagirdar of Public Relations and senior members of the management and members of union were also present.

About ŠkodaAuto India: Škoda has been operating in India since November 2001 as a subsidiary of ŠkodaAuto a.s. Czech Republic (Volkswagen Group), one of the fastest growing car manufacturers worldwide. It has set up a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Shendra, near Aurangabad, Maharashtra. The facility is spread across 300,000 m². ŠkodaAuto India has four models on sale in India – the Škoda Superb, Škoda Laura, Škoda Fabia and Škoda Yeti. ŠkodaAuto India has a network of 66 dealerships and 7 boutique showrooms across the country and has sold almost 100,000 units since November 2001.

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