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## ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited commissions one of India's largest solar-power rooftop installations

- › 25,770 photovoltaic panels covering 63,000 m<sup>2</sup> of available roof space produce 12.2 million kWh of energy annually
- › Up to 15 per cent of the plant's total energy consumption is covered by 'green', renewable energy
- › Carbon dioxide emissions reduced by 9,000 tonnes per year

Mladá Boleslav / Pune, 12 December 2019 – ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited has commissioned one of the largest solar-power rooftop systems in India at its plant in Chakan, Pune. Together with its partner Amp Energy, the car manufacturer has installed a total of 25,770 photovoltaic panels. Amp Energy is a global company that develops flexible and clean energy infrastructure. The installation will cover up to 15 per cent of the site's annual electricity requirements, and the panels have a maximum output of 8.5 megawatts. By putting the system into operation, the company is reducing its dependence on non-renewable energy at its Pune site and creating an important prerequisite for the plant's carbon neutrality.

At its Pune factory, ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited has created a basic prerequisite to be carbon-neutral by 2030. The company's own photovoltaic system consists of 25,770 highly efficient polycrystalline panels covering the 63,000 m<sup>2</sup> of roof space on the body shop complex. The installation will generate a total of 12.2 million kWh of energy per year and thus reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from car production at the site by more than 9,000 tonnes per year. Direct heat radiation in the workshop is also reduced.

Gurpratap Boparai, Managing Director of ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited, stressed, "By putting the solar-power system into operation at our plant in Pune, we are reinforcing our commitment and making an important contribution to the sustainable ecological future of our company. We plan to implement further environmentally friendly projects in the future, actively ensuring that India contributes to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions worldwide."

Michael Oeljeklaus, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Production and Logistics, added, "We are pushing ahead with our target of achieving carbon-neutral production worldwide by 2030. By commissioning the new solar-power rooftop system at the Pune site, we are also setting an example for sustainability and a sense of responsibility in India."

In addition to consistently improving its carbon footprint, ŠKODA AUTO Volkswagen India Private Limited is focusing on sustainable development, the conservation of resources and efficient cost optimisation. For example, the plant in Pune is working towards eliminating the need for waste to be disposed of in landfills. Furthermore, numerous other projects are being implemented with the aim of making production even more sustainable.

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## ŠKODA AUTO

- › was founded during the pioneering days of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established car companies in the world.
- › currently offers its customers nine passenger-car series: the CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA, KAROQ, KODIAQ, as well as the KAMIQ and the SUPERB.
- › delivered more than 1.25 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2018.
- › has been part of Volkswagen Group since 1991. Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world. In association with the Group, ŠKODA AUTO independently develops and manufactures vehicles, as well as components such as engines and transmissions.
- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia, Algeria and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs over 39,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.
- › is pressing ahead with the transformation from a traditional car manufacturer to the 'Simply Clever company for the best mobility solutions' as part of the ŠKODA 2025 Strategy.

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