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# Foundation Stone-Laying Ceremonies Held for Two New Biogas Plants in India

– Further promoting the biogas business through the use of rural resources –




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On 30 October 2026, foundation stone-laying ceremonies were held in Gujarat, India, for biogas plants planned for constructed in Tharad and Radhanpur by Suzuki Motor Corporation (hereinafter, "Suzuki") and its wholly owned Indian subsidiary, Suzuki R&D Center India Private Limited (hereinafter, "SRDI").

Suzuki is promoting the biogas business through SRDI in collaboration with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), the dairy cooperative Banas Dairy and other partners. Suzuki plans to construct nine biogas plants in Gujarat and has already commenced operations at three plants in Agusara, Bhukhara and Vinchhivadi in the Banaskantha region. The two new plants for which the foundation stone-laying ceremonies were held are scheduled to commence operations in or after 2027.

The ceremonies were attended by the Honourable Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India; the Honourable Shri Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat; the Honourable Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat; the Honourable Shri Shankar Chaudhary, Chairman of Banas Dairy and Speaker of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly; and Kenichiro Toyofuku, Managing Officer of Suzuki and Director of SRDI, among others.

The construction of these plants forms part of the Japan-India CBG (Cooperative Biogas for Growth) Initiative, which the governments of Japan and India agreed to launch during Prime Minister Takaichi's visit to India in July 2026. The initiative supports the Indian government's target of establishing 1,000 biogas plants by promoting production of biogas and organic fertiliser from rural resources such as cattle dung in cooperation with existing cooperatives across India.

Suzuki aims to contribute to reducing fossil fuel consumption by using the biogas produced at the plants as fuel for CNG vehicles, which account for approximately 40% of Suzuki's automobile sales in India. Suzuki also aims to help realise a self-sustaining circular economy in rural India by promoting the use of by-products as organic fertiliser to improve agricultural soil.

- **Comment by Toshihiro Suzuki, Representative Director and President, Suzuki Motor Corporation**

"We are pleased to have taken another step towards the construction of our two new biogas plants in India. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Prime Minister Modi, Chief Minister Patel, Deputy Chief Minister Sanghavi and all other government officials, as well as to Shri Shankar Chaudhary, Speaker of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly and Chairman of Banas Dairy, and all other parties concernedfor their cooperation. Suzuki will contribute, in a manner unique to Suzuki, to the wider adoption of biogas plants in India promoted by the governments of Japan and India."

- **History of Suzuki's Biogas Business in India**

| Date | Key development |
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| September 2023 | Suzuki, NDDB and Banas Dairy agreed to conduct a biogas demonstration project in India |
| December 2025 | Opened the first biogas plant in Agusara in the Banaskantha region |
| January 2026 | Opened the biogas plant in Bhukhara |
| July 2026 | Prime Minister Takaichi visited India; the governments of Japan and India agreed to launch the Japan-India CBG Initiative |
| August 2026 | Opened the biogas plant in Vinchhivadi |
| October 2026 | Foundation stone-laying ceremonies held for the plants to be constructed in Tharad and Radhanpur |
| 2027 onwards | Commencement of operations at the plantsin Tharad and Radhanpur (planned) |

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