

## Press Release



### **Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi inaugurates India's first automobile in-plant railway siding at Suzuki Motor Gujarat**

- *This initiative is a part of Prime Minister's flagship Gati Shakti programme*
- *Aligned with India's carbon net zero emissions target*
- *Significant initiative to cut down fossil fuel consumption and reduce congestion on roads*

**Becharaji, Gujarat, March 12, 2024:** Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first automobile in-plant railway siding at Suzuki Motor Gujarat Private Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) via video conferencing today. As part of Prime Minister's flagship Gati Shakti programme, this in-plant railway siding aims to reduce carbon footprint in logistics, bring down fossil fuel consumption, and reduce road congestion.

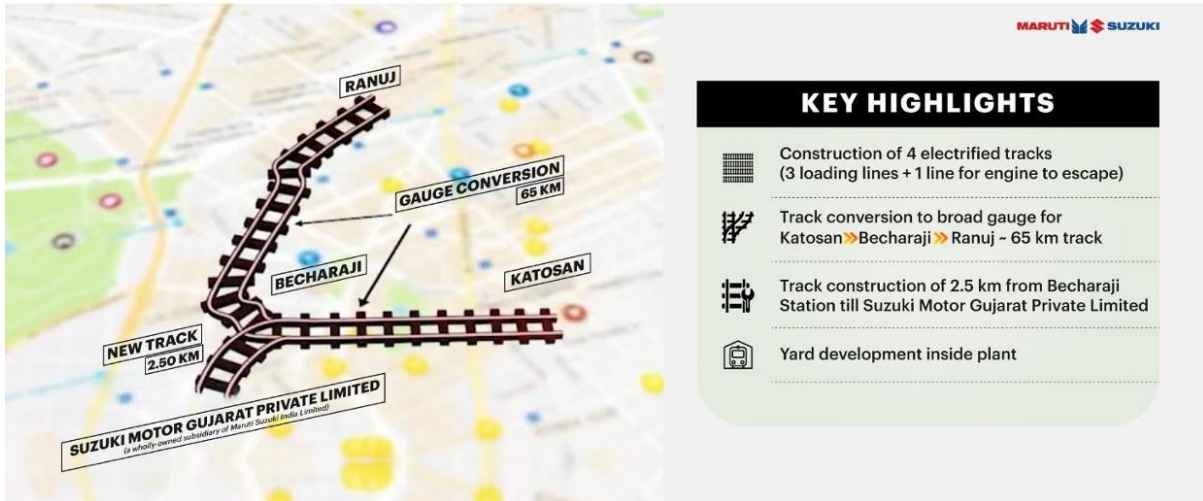
Once fully operational, the Gujarat railway siding facility can dispatch 300,000 cars annually to 15 destinations across India.



Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurates India's first automobile in-plant railway siding at Suzuki Motor Gujarat plant, via video-conferencing. The ceremonial train was flagged off in presence of Shri Sukhajee Thakor Ji, MLA Becharaji, Mr. Santosh Kumar, Director G-RIDE /CEO BRCL, Mr. Rahul Bharti, Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, MSIL, Mr. S D Chhabra, Executive Officer, Parts, Accessories & Logistics, and other senior members of MSIL and Railways.

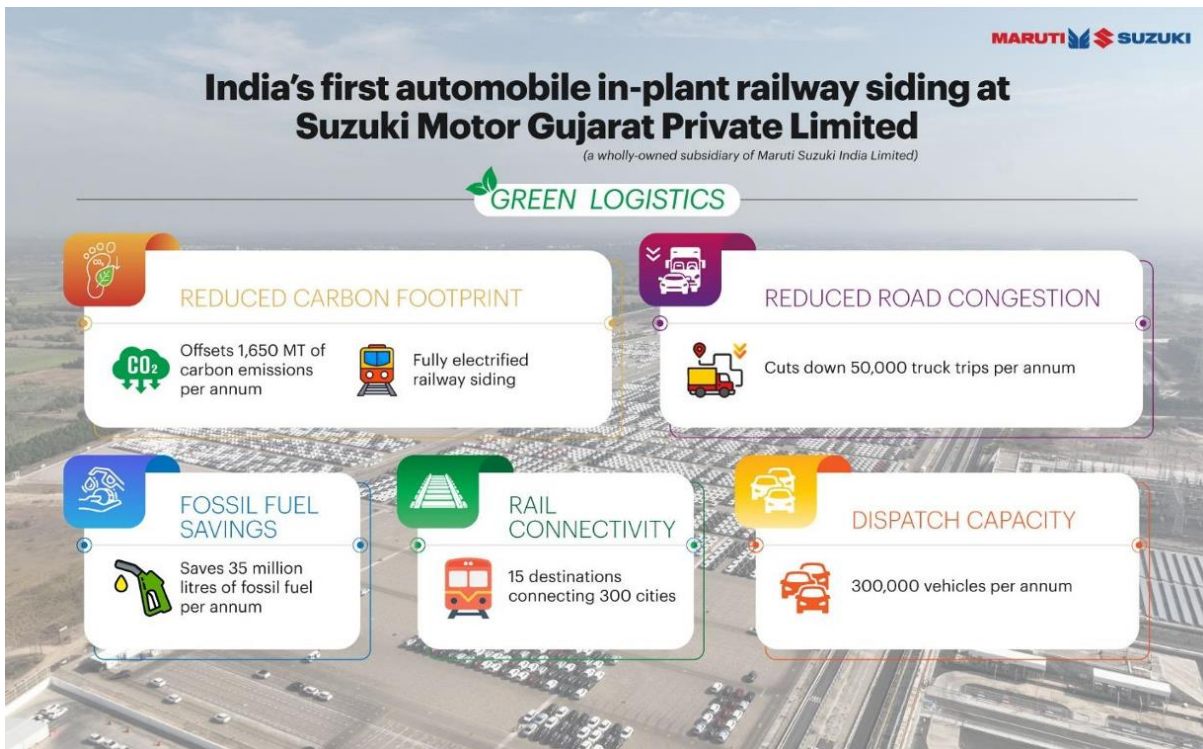
#### **About the project:**

The project is a collaboration between Gujarat Rail Infrastructure Development (G-RIDE), a Government of Gujarat and Indian Railways partnership along with Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC), and MSIL.



Dedicating the project to green logistics, Mr. Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited said, “We are honoured to be part of the Prime Minister’s ambitious Gati Shakti programme that fosters efficiencies in logistics. Today marks a significant milestone as we become India’s first automobile company to have a railway siding facility within its manufacturing plant.”

Mr. Takeuchi added, “As we gear to double our production capacity from present 2 million units per annum to 4 million units per annum by 2030-31, the dispatches of vehicles from railways too will increase multifold. This in-plant railway facility reinforces our commitment towards sustainable mobility.”



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