

Toyota to set up third plant in India, launch SUV by '26

Toyota Motor plans to build a third car plant in India, expanding production capacity in the country for the first time in over a decade as its partnership with Suzuki Motor boosts domestic volumes, two sources said.

The world's biggest car maker wants the plant to start with capacity of 80,000-120,000 vehicles a year, which could grow to around 200,000 over time, said one of the people who has direct knowledge of the plans.

The plant's proposed initial capacity would expand Toyota's existing manufacturing capacity in India by as much as 30 per cent from 400,000 units currently.

Toyota has also begun

development of a new sport utility vehicle (SUV) for the Indian market that would be launched in early 2026 and be an anchor product for the new factory, said the person and a third source briefed on the company's plans.

The sources declined to be identified as the automaker has not disclosed the expansion plans. A representative for Toyota's India unit declined to comment.

Toyota's India sales have soared due to a global partnership with Suzuki under which the two car makers take some vehicles originally developed by their partner, then tweak and sell under their own brands to fill out their product line-up.

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