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## **Suzlon Foundation announces program to upgrade Government Polytechnics in Gujarat**

**Ahmedabad:** The Suzlon Foundation today announced its first project undertaken in the state. The initiative aims to improve the quality of infrastructure and facilities at government-run polytechnic institutes in Gujarat, with the ultimate goal of providing higher standards of education for students.

The project has been envisioned to meet the huge need of diploma engineers trained to suit the specific needs of industries. Additionally, with increasing employment opportunities, and the required skill-sets – students' needs and expectations from the polytechnics/institution have also undergone change. The obvious benefits will be timely availability of adequate human capital with the right skills and education – creating a win-win situation for students' and the industry.

The first step of the project is to study current infrastructure, soft skills, teaching methodologies and industry needs, leading to the development of action plans to take each polytechnic to the desired bench mark through a time bound program.

A specially constituted team will study infrastructure available to polytechnics, and gather inputs from principals to create the report. To gauge the extent of training and skill development needed among teachers, the team will gather input from the industry and factor in students' expectations from the institutions and the curriculum. The program, with the approval of the Government of Gujarat, is expected to be complete in 18 to 24 months.

With this project the Suzlon Foundation will move a step towards its objective of empowering people with better livelihood opportunities by enhancing employability of the students.

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### **About Suzlon Foundation:**

The Suzlon Foundation is a not-for-profit company formed under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. This company aims to expressly undertake CSR projects. Currently, the company undertakes projects on behalf of the Suzlon group of companies, Tanti Holdings and the Tanti family. The foundation is engaged in implementing initiatives mainly focused on education, health and hygiene, livelihood options, providing civic amenities and land use.