

## **ZF Friedrichshafen AG to set up a R&D unit in India**

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Germany-headquartered ZF Friedrichshafen AG plans a bigger play in India with a renewed focus on the auto components business. It also plans to set up a full-fledged research and development (R&D) operation.

ZF, one of the earliest entrants into the Indian parts industry, consolidated its commercial vehicle, passenger car, off-highway sales, after-market and engineering operations under its wholly-owned subsidiary ZF India at a new plant in Pune last year. Consequent to ZF's acquisition of TRW acquisition in 2015, the new entity will have greater clout, diverse market opportunities and the ability to focus on future mobility.

The company's immediate focus is to restore its reputation in India as a key global auto parts maker both for passenger cars and CVs. Another high priority is to identify and develop the R&D presence in the country. It is in the midst of populating its global R&D operations with a presence in India. The company is in the process of finalising the location in India.

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